



LIGHT & SHADE

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THE SOCIETY MEETS ON
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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from the President

Hello Everyone,

Well, I don't know quite what to write about in this time of isolation - apart from asking that you all stay safe, keep in touch with your family, friends and fellow artists. There are many suggestions, if you are using social media, for online activities that you might find of interest. Not only are there courses, but many museums and galleries have developed virtual tours of their collections - there's a lot to see and a bit of fun to be had.

The NSW Art Gallery has a new Together in Art program available at <https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/artboards/together-in-art/item/05z8md/> The National Gallery of Victoria has some interactive tours at <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/virtual-tours/> and if you simply search online there are many more.

For these of course you need access to the internet and a computer. But to sit down, draw or paint, you only need access to simple tools. Leith School of Art in Edinburgh has been

hosting a daily wake and draw challenge. Today's challenge I thought might be something MTAS members could try at home. The challenge is quite simple. Look around you and pick a spot - in the house or garden and look at it with your artist's eye. Focus on the changing light at dawn and at dusk. Look at the tonal differences, the effect of light and the shadows. Spend 15 minutes drawing what you see - in the morning and in the evening. The same spot.

If you do have access to email, send images of your 2 drawings to info@mtas.com.au in the next few weeks and we will share them on the MTAS social media.

A number of art societies are also trying online exhibitions - Drummoyne is one I know of. MTAS may look at something similar if our Spring Affair exhibition is impacted by social distancing.

In the meantime, stay safe, keep well and I hope to see you at an MTAS demo - when we are back in social mode,

Cheers,
Kym

Using photos with a Photoshop charcoal filter as an example, far left image was taken at 9:30am and left image at 5pm.



"Art washes away
from the soul the dust
of everyday life."

Pablo Picasso

"To stay motivated & overcome inertia, turn off the TV,
step over the laundry, & get back to the work you love.

Take one step at a time.

Choose a medium, set a goal, choose a subject,

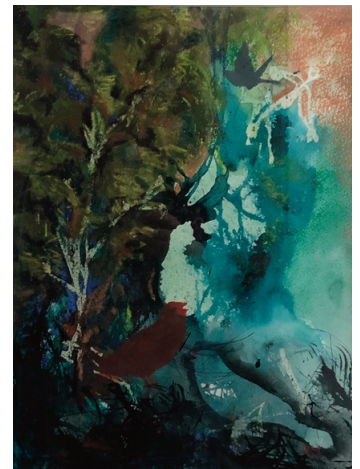
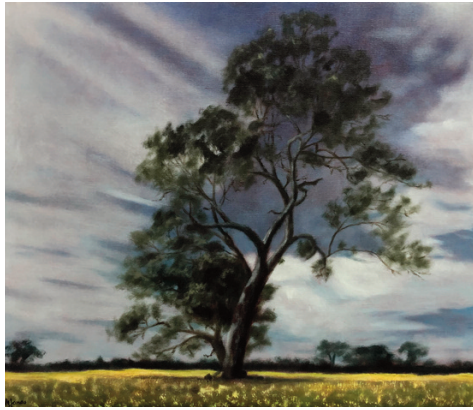
or just let it flow."

Christine Swann

"It is good to love many things, for therein lies the
true strength, and whosoever loves much performs
much, and can accomplish much, and what is done in
love is well done."

Vincent Van Gogh

Musson Lane Gallery



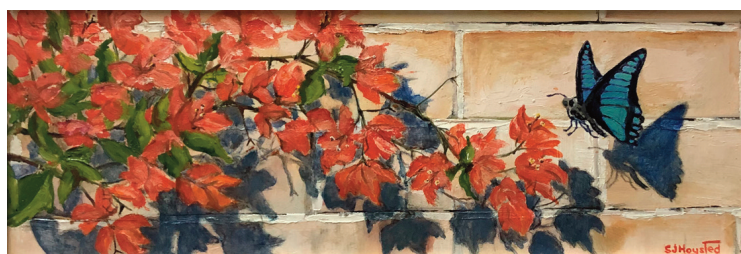
We thought we would show some works from our Musson Lane gallery that is currently closed due to COVID19 restrictions. If you would like to see further works we will be posting more on our website, Facebook and Instagram with more works to be shown in our next monthly newsletter also.



FIELD DAY

Cancelled until restrictions are lifted.

For venue or information, please ring Tony White 0410 624 918 or NAS website for further information <http://nepeanartsociety.wildapricot.org/plein-air-painting-group>



**WELCOME TO
NEW MEMBER
Marie Spindler**

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

Hi all,

We are now somewhat into our second month with life with a difference, a strangeness, a foreignness, a sense of not quite knowing what lies ahead. But some precious time seemingly regained. Most days for me feel a bit like a Saturday, with most of the weekday commitments now deleted, and some new things sliding into the space. I'm now making phone calls to friends rather than visiting, doing FaceTime with my small grand boys rather than inviting a sleepover, growing veges rather than buying at \$14 a kilo. Bill and I are also embarking on a part-time career as amateur puppeteers to make Facetime more fun several times a week. I did on-line grocery shopping for the first time so I saw that as a milestone too. And I'm painting pottery for longer splashes of time on any number of days with some lovely results.

So I'm curious about the transition for the many other members of our Workshop? ... the real life concerns maybe daily, the art enjoyed, the sense of time reclaimed perhaps? How are you going managing the vast shift that has taken place? Are there maybe good things to report and share ... stories which might encourage and lift one another up ... maybe a funny story even, among all the restraints and news reports. I am for starters, so grateful for the country I live in!! If you have anything you would like to share in words or pictures please send & I will forward on to the members. If you have a lovely new painting, print or piece of ceramics, perhaps you would like to send that onto me to forward to Lesley to up-load on our Facebook page.

So, I wish you well & safety. I trust we will join with others by whatever means we still have at our disposal to meet this present challenge & ... and hopefully to show care & support. May we sense we are in this together!

Warmest regards Vicki

FRIDAY ART CLASS

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TBA

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CLASSES

PORTRAIT GROUP

MTAS Portrait Group meets 2nd Saturday each month,
1- 4pm, \$12. Model, easels & afternoon tea provided,

BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

Next session TBA

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LIFE DRAWING GROUP

MTAS Life Drawing Group meets

3rd Tuesday each month

7pm - 9pm \$12. Model, easels & supper.

BYO drawing materials.

Next session, TBA at

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Teacher Marcella Pyke

Term begins

TBA

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEMONSTRATION

Cancelled until further
notice.

FOHacRG Inc.

All planned events are now
cancelled until further
notice.

EXHIBITIONS

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Ph 4560 4441, closed Tuesday

Temporarily closed see website

ART ONLINE

New Gallery videos and activities are now online. Check in each Thursday for new activities, videos, downloads, inspiration and more.



Art Gallery NSW

Temporarily closed see website

Purple Noon

606 Terrace Rd,

Freemans Reach

Ph:4579 6579

puplenoon@bigpond.com

Temporarily closed see website

'Flight Of Fancy'

Mellissa Read-Devine

Opens at Purple Noon

Gallery on Saturday May

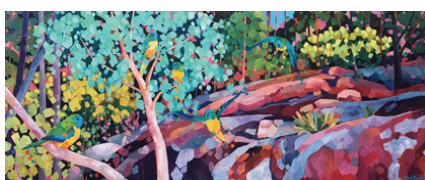
2nd, 2020 at 6pm.

Please join us online www.purplenoonongallery.com.au

This opening event will be another online extravaganza streamed live on IGTV, Instagram and Facebook. Plus gallery tour and Opening Interview with Mellissa - all loaded

to the website for everyone to view! Oh, the technology !!! Imagine if we didn't have it

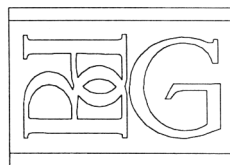
This exhibition showcases the versatility of Mellissa's arts practice with exquisite printmaking weaving its way through the whole exhibition. In her unique multi-coloured style Mellissa animates our natural environment by merging pixelated explosions of paint with a constantly changing pattern or sequence of elements. Colours of the light spectrum appear interrupted by delicate daubs that flicker across the canvas with grace and harmony.



The Village Kitchen Kurrajong

83 Old Bells Line of Road Kurrajong Village 4573 0988

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COVID19 restrictions apply.

No classes at present.

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- Local Artists Gallery \$2 for 4 months 20% commission on painting sales

Deidre Morrison 0412 979 731
Satya Morrison 0405 337 652

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Stay safe & well,
Deidre & Satya

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