



LIGHT & SHADE

Monthly Newsletter of the Macquarie Towns Arts Society Inc.

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THE SOCIETY MEETS ON
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

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from the President

Dear Members,

We are coming to the midpoint of 2022 but 'normal' life still feels somewhat unsettled to me and there are still lessons to be learned perhaps in dealing with change and the unexpected. Plans can still be disrupted at the last minute, our work, family and relationships change and we pivot to meet new challenges trying to remain hopeful and learn something along the way. James Dean once said, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." That resonates with me this week as I have been ruminating about the next stage in my life and in my art practice. I have been, during COVID, doing online courses - watercolour, urban sketching, more watercolour (not nearly there yet!), encaustic, abstract painting and I veer from wanting to focus and excel in one direction - but so enjoying the variety! I've been thinking about outcomes and processes - the relative importance of a finished work or an experiment that might (and does) fail to meet my expectations. Where are you at in your art journey? Do you prefer the process or the outcome? Is there something you would like an opportunity to demonstrate, to workshop or to share about you and your creative practice for the MTAS newsletter?

A somewhat philosophical start to the second half of the year but it also leads into a discussion about MTAS - our future, our mode of operation, what we as a committee and an organization can do to help our members reach their creative goals, to serve our community. Macquarie Towns Art Society was founded in 1962 - this year marks our 60th birthday - what should we as an organisation look like in this next stage of our journey?

We tell the world our objectives are:

To promote and encourage the advancement of the arts and crafts in the Hawkesbury region and support any project that has as its aim the furtherance of this ideal.

To encourage an open mind to all forms of artistic expression with no precedence ever being given to any one school of thought.

How do we live these aspirations? We would love to hear from you, your thoughts and ideas for MTAS going forward, email us at info@mtas.org.au

Cheers
Kym

Carol Gill Workshop



From left: Satya Morrison, Deidre Morrison, Carol Gill, Judy Panter, Peta Smith, Front Row: Elizabeth Teo, Yvonne West & Anne Chilman.



DEMONSTRATION

Tuesday 12th July 2022 7.30pm

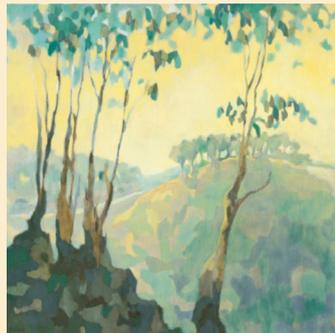
Stan Stevens Studio, Deerubbin Centre,
Hawkesbury Cultural Precinct, George St, Windsor
The basement carpark closes at 7.45pm

Kristine Ballard Acrylics

Kristine Ballard's work is driven by colour. Selective colour palettes and disintegrated shapes define the unique style she calls 'Fragmatism' where images float, dissolve and fragment across the canvas, and beauty is often camouflaged.

Deconstructed shape and reconstructed colour is always the focus of her work.

Specialising in still life and landscape paintings, Ballard works at creating the atmospheric colour harmonies inspired by real life experiences.



She has exhibited both nationally and internationally and has completed art residencies at the world renowned Art Students League of New York and also in Venice. In Australia, at Monsalvat and at the Mornington's historic Police Point Residency.

Kristine's artwork has also been licensed for fabric collections art cards. She is also an experienced art facilitator, having run an Art School for twelve years and been the Arts presenter of EdTV Australia.

She creates and directs many art functions, workshops, art mentoring programs and art retreats.

She specialises in demystifying the art process and helping students develop their own unique style.

To see more of her work, visit:

www.kristineballard.com

www.instagram.com/kristinekb Ballard

www.facebook.com/kristineballardartist

CovidSafe practices will be in place or you can attend via Zoom. If you wish to attend via Zoom please let us know at info@mtas.com.au and we will pass you the link. Please register your attendance for in person or on Zoom by email to info@mtas.com.au.



MARKETPLACE EXHIBITION

Your entry form is now available.

This is your chance to sell some works that have already been seen elsewhere. Strings (rather than D rings) are OK since we are hanging on the screens with S hooks.

We require you to volunteer for 2 duties, and not just Thursday am and Sunday pm., leaving these times for people travelling a distance.

We will write the sales tickets for you.



Musson Lane Gallery

Gallery open every Saturday

The recent beautiful winter days have seen an increase in the number of visitors to the Gallery on Saturdays. Handing out flyers at the local market & down the main street appears to help with this too.

Cathy Laws, our June Feature Artist's showing of mainly graphite and water-colour, graphite, graphite and polychromos, watercolour, and a more recent venture into acrylic was an insight into some very detailed illustrative works.

Jeff Eyles, who is our Feature Artist for July, is exhibiting a selection of more traditional watercolour and oils. Most of our members would be very familiar with his work. Please come in and view his recent paintings.

We are due for another changeover on Friday 15th July between 9am-12 noon. If you cannot make it on the Friday, please arrange to bring your work in earlier and not on the Saturday after, as we intend to finalise the hanging on Friday. If you wish to leave works in the exhibition, please advise me beforehand on 0428 441 437. This will make the process smoother and save last minute phone calls.

A gentle reminder that we need D rings on the back of all works for ease of hanging, and that your list of works needs to have the dimensions in centimetres H x W too. Also, make sure that you bring your diaries so that we can fill the 3 month roster as quickly as possible. One duty per month is required as a minimum for all exhibitors.

We intend to ramp up our advertising shortly, across different media in an effort to attract greater visitor numbers to Musson Lane and our other exhibitions. When visitors come into the Gallery we will need to ask them how they became aware of our exhibitions to gauge how effective our advertising is being.

Maryanne Jones



To reassure everyone, we have opened up adhering to COVID practices. Mask wearing is optional. Please sign the visitors book.

CASS REPORT

The Art at the Top booking forms are now available on the CASS website at <https://combinedartsocieties.com/art-at-the-top/> it's a wonderful opportunity to try something new, brush up on your artistic skills with a variety of well-known artists, catch up with folk you may not have seen (in person!) for the past few years. Get in early, accommodation is limited on site but there are nearby options, and the early bird gets the classes they want!

CASS are also promoting the Art in the Mountains exhibition to be held at the ONE88 Gallery in Katoomba from 7 - 25 July with the opening afternoon tea on July 9 from 2 - 4pm. For details see <https://combinedartsocieties.com/art-in-the-mountains/>

Cheers,
Kym

FIELD DAY

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>

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FOHacRG Inc.

AGM 4th August 7.30pm at 526 George St, Sth. Windsor, contact Margaret 4577 4440 for details.

Resin Art Workshop - Sunday 7th August
Fohacarg members - \$120; non-members \$130
everything supplied. Held at Richmond Art Supplies.
Bookings essential ph: 0412979731

Cash & Carry Art & Craft Fair - 17th & 18th September,
Stan Stevens Studio, Deerubbin Centre, Windsor.
Hire a table or wall space.

Entries close 2nd September. ph: 4577 4440

Exhibition - "Different Perspectives" 28th - 30th October,
Stan Stevens Studio, Deeubbin Centre, Windsor.
Contact Margaret 4577 4440 for entry details.

We wish to acknowledge the passing of Paul Rasmussen, President of FOHACARG, after a long illness. He was a great supporter of the Arts. He will be missed very much.

CLASSES

MTAS CHILDREN'S AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES

Teacher *Marcella Pyke*

Term 2 2022

Begins 2nd & 4th May

Term fees of \$96 paid via direct deposit to MTAS,
Cash or by Creative Kids Vouchers.

ENROLMENTS ESSENTIAL

Richmond Art Supplies
328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynorms)
Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

LIFE DRAWING GROUP

MTAS Life Drawing Group meets

3rd Tuesday each month

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

BYO drawing materials.

Tuesday 19th July

Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynorms)

Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

PORTRAIT GROUP

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

BYO Painting/Drawing materials.

Saturday 9th July

Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynorms)

Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

MTAS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART & CRAFT WORKSHOPS

for kids 5 - 15yrs

4th - 15th July, 2022

Include Drawing, Painting, Pottery, Decorating
Treasure Boxes, Tie Dyed T-shirts, Polymer Clay
Dragons, Jewellery and more. Cost: \$15. Limit of 12
per class with COVID safe hygiene practices.

at Richmond Art Supplies

328 Windsor St, Richmond (next to Brynorms)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Ph: Deidre 0412 979 731

**Renewals are due on 1st July 2022.
Please go to the website and download a
Membership Form and post it off today!**

RICHMOND ART SUPPLIES

5% DISCOUNT FOR MTAS MEMBERS

QUALITY FINE ART MATERIALS
CLASSES & GALLERY

Weekly Classes

- Oils, Drawing, Acrylics Watercolours & Pastels 2hrs \$20
- Friday All media Class 3hrs \$25
- Monthly Art Groups \$10
- Portraits - 2nd Saturday \$12
- Local Artists Gallery \$2 for 4 months 20% commission on painting sales

Deidre Morrison 0412 979 731
Satya Morrison 0405 337 652

328 Windsor St, Richmond
(Next to Brynorms) 4578 3555



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HAAT

An Open Studio is planned for
the last weekend in August.

"The position of the artist is humble.
He is essentially a channel."

Piet Mondrian

EXHIBITIONS

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery & Museum

Ph 4560 4441, closed Tuesday

'Artistic Endeavour & Tracey Deep'

Artistic Endeavour marks the 250th anniversary of the HMB Endeavour's voyage along the east coast of Australia.

Scientists Joseph Banks and Daniel Solander, together with illustrator Sydney Parkinson, gathered and recorded many '... curious plants [they] met with on shore' Showcasing new works by members of the Botanical Society of Queensland.

With nature as her muse artist Tracey Deep creates sublime sculpture and installation using materials provided by the earth. In Tracey's adept hands materials are worked and reworked, de-constructed then reconstructed, utilising, pattern and texture, shadow and light, resulting in shape and form that intensify the innate natural beauty of each element.

10th June - 31st July

'Drawn Together' David Fairbairn, in his new series, explores the 'double portrait' and the relationship between one or two sitters and the artist.

5 August - 18 September

Art Gallery NSW

Open with Covid conditions.

23rd Biennale of Sydney - rīvus. Opens 12 March.

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2022.

Opens 14 May 2022

Purple Noon

606 Terrace Rd, Freemans Reach

Ph: 4579 6579

CLOSED: Monday/Tuesday/
Wednesday (by appointment)

OPEN 10:00am - 5:00pm:

Thursday/Friday

OPEN 11:00am - 4:00pm:

Saturday/Sunday

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on Instagram

'From Within' Kate Nielsen

Kate's interiors evoke the relaxed

and comforting atmosphere of contemporary living.

Large windows have been thrown open to reveal gum trees, fruit trees and gardens of the sunny backyard.

Within the interior, Kate explores a range of rich colours and decorative patterns around everyday



PATONGA BAKEHOUSE GALLERY

THE ART OF JOCELYN MAUGHAN OAM

0417 441 938 - Free help and advice

Email: jocelyn.maughan@yahoo.com.au

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

Social gathering being held the first Saturday of the month. A social group, people from all disciplines working, sharing from 1pm to 4pm. Join in, watch - potters, printmakers, painters..... The building has a QR code and COVID safe procedures will be followed.

Enquiries - hcaworkshop@yahoo.com

Hawkesbury Community Arts Workshop

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EXHIBITIONS

objects, souvenirs from travels, gifts from family and friends, and also other domestic delights. The artist has painted variants of savvy interior views with differing colouristic effects, always exploring colour, line and space. Often graphic, bold, and always colourful.



Kindly Note Our New Winter Exhibition Opening Time
Daylight - Warmer - Sydneysider
Friendly drinks with the Artist
Saturday July 9, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Please join us.

The Village Kitchen Kurrajong

83 Old Bells Line of Road Kurrajong Village

Ph:4573 0988

Nicolee Paine 10th June - 15th July

Marcia Rea 15th July - 19th August

Macquarie Towns Arts Society Inc. is entering a new phase of community involvement by providing support to **cART wheels**, at St John of God national initiative taking art and craft activities inside hospitals to patients. One of our members, Tammy Porter, who is based at Hawkesbury Hospital in Windsor, is heavily involved in this project with a view to using art for improving personal wellbeing for those recuperating in hospital.

The Society has supplied a variety of art materials in support of this worthy initiative and aims to supply further supplies on a regular basis. Our donation was received with much gratitude and excitement for the future of the project, which will help all ages of patients in hospital from children to adults.



CALL FOR DONATIONS

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As an individual you may be able to assist as well, either by donating any surplus pencils, (coloured or for sketching), small tubes of poster paint, brushes or reasonable quality paper that could be used. All that we ask is you ensure that they are all “sanitized” or cleaned well before doing so. Please don’t waste our time by passing on items that are “well used”.

Feel free to drop these in to Musson Lane on Saturdays or on our Open Wednesdays. We are calling out to our members to submit sketches that we can use to compile an MTAS colouring in book, to be used for patients during their stay at the Hawkesbury Hospital.

We are looking for simple outline sketches, for both adults and children. Subjects such as landscapes, figures, still life, animals, etc. You can submit your entries either by mailing to: MTAS PO BOX 1058, Richmond, NSW, 2753, or you can scan and email your entry to info@mtas.com.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The Committee would like to remind all members that they are welcome to attend the monthly Committee Meetings, which are held at 6pm before the monthly Demonstration Meetings in either the John Tebbutt Room or Stan Stevens Room.

Notice of your wish to attend needs to be registered with the Secretary prior to the meeting to ensure that Covid-19 safety requirements, regarding the number of people gathering, are adhered to. Naturally, members attending do not have voting rights.

Should any member have a matter to raise, a question to ask or a suggestion to make, they should come along and speak to the Committee. You will be warmly welcomed. If you would like a copy of Agenda and Minutes, please contact the Secretary.

There will be an Annual General Meeting in September this year. Members are urged to consider taking on a Committee or Sub Committee position or being of some assistance to the Committee in the management of the Art Society.

Please call the Secretary, Pat Bakarich on 0415 200 446, if you have any questions or would like to record your interest to attend a Committee Meeting.



FOR SALE: Horse Manikin, about 26cm tall at shoulder, dark brown varnished wood.

All leg joints articulate and neck is somewhat flexible, in good condition. \$50 or offer; and about 20 small-to-medium pieces of glass from picture frames, \$5 the lot.

Contact:
Margaret Mackisack 45732565.

Feature Artist of the Month

JULY



JEFF EYLES

be sure to visit the Musson Lane Gallery
to view his outstanding work