



ADELAIDE Art Society

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<http://www.adelaideartsociety.com.au>

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

Since our last newsletter we have enjoyed one wonderful social night art demonstration, sadly the October one was cancelled at the last minute due to illness, the August one was also cancelled due to illness but one of our members, who was to be part of the audience stepped in as a replacement demonstrator. Alan Ramachandran, who had his equipment in his car enthralled those present with his skill at watercolour painting.

Also, last weekend we hosted a two-day linocut workshop.



This was presented by Gail Kellett who guided the participants through the processes of cutting and printing black and white prints. Day two saw them producing multi colour prints; both day one and two prints were very presentable artworks and a group of very pleased artists.

We will be presenting new social night art demonstrations in the new year along with some workshops. We are considering having some workshops for those, like me, who would like to learn the basics of portrait drawing and painting. This type of program could include other areas such as still life and drawing from the nude, etc. If you would be interested in a two day workshop to begin a new discipline or refresh what you have done before perhaps express your interest by using our email adelaideartsociety@gmail.com.

In October our Spring member's exhibition broke all sales records for our seasonal exhibitions, with 22 sales.

There were a little over one hundred entries which, in the hands of our very capable "hanging team" looked absolutely fabulous. Many thanks to Marg Lynch for organising and co-ordinating the exhibition and to everyone who formed the teams of helpers and "sitters" when the exhibition was open.

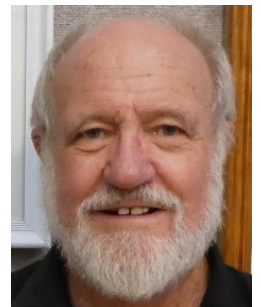
Our four new committee members, elected at the AGM, are settling in very well and helping out where needed with day to day running of the society. Also, providing valuable contributions at our monthly committee meetings.

Although we are sorry that several members decided to discontinue their membership this year, we are buoyed by having a number of new artists becoming members over the last few weeks. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to them all.

Our website, <https://www.adelaideartsocietyinc.com.au/> attracts a lot of visitors seeking information about an array of subjects, with many contacting us by phone or email for further information.

The seven sketch groups we host are very popular with members and non-members alike. Each one is held weekly all run by our volunteers who do a fantastic job arranging sets, models, times and money. Many thanks to them all and their helpers. Examples of the work produced are often posted on our Facebook page, along with other art related information. <https://www.facebook.com/AdelaideArtSociety>

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Adelaide Art Society Studio

PRE-CHRISTMAS ART SALE

Saturday and Sunday 23/24th November

10am to 5pm

Nothing priced over \$300

SOCIETY NEWS

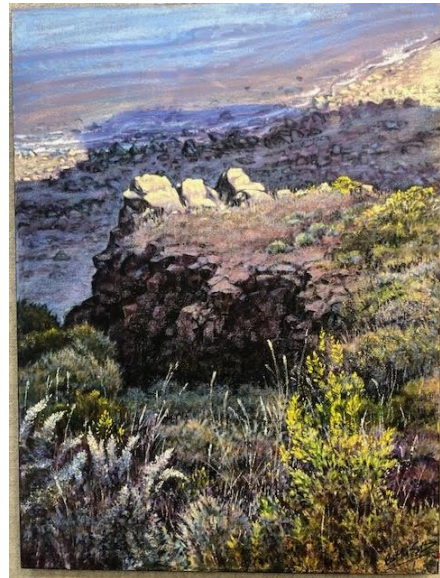
New members Marika Schmidhofer, Stephen Bramleigh, David Stewart, Claude Demir, Christine Beasley, Irma Denk and Kathryn Ordway.

CONGRATULATIONS to:



Helen Taylor, our Treasurer, won the Royal Adelaide Show Encouragement Award for 2024.

Also **Selina Laskowski** won the Encouragement Award sponsored by the Adelaide Art Society with her work below.



Cathi Steer won the People's Choice Award in our Spring Exhibition with her painting "Sun on the Rocks".

NEXT EXHIBITION DATE

Autumn Exhibition 2025

Receiving Saturday 15th March

Opening Saturday 22nd March

UP AND COMING SOCIAL NIGHTS

Janette Humble—Pastel artist

Friday 28th February, 2025 7.30pm

Mike Barr—Oil, Acrylic, Watercolour artist

Friday 28th March, 2024 7.30pm

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH -

TO BE HELD AT THE AAS

GRAINSTORE STUDIO, NORTH ADELAIDE

ON SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

12.30pm for 1pm

Please bring savoury or sweet dishes to share with chicken supplied.

Bring your own drinks.

Partners, families welcome!

There maybe a quiz, there maybe a prize for the best decorated person!



Mike Barr and his prize winning painting at the Gawler Art Show, with the Lord Mayor of Gawler, Karen Redman. The painting now goes into the Town of Gawler collection.



Social Night Friday 28th February at 7.30pm

With Janette Humble, pastel artist

Following an eminent career as a classical musician, Janette Humble discovered the joy of soft pastels ten years ago. Whilst largely self taught she has attended workshops with renowned artists including Everet Ploeg, and master pastelists Tony Alain , Desmond O'Hagen and Grace Paleg.

"I simplify the complexity of my observations into blocks of shapes and values and create depth with multiple layers of colours and textures alongside delicate glazes.



With the bold application of colour, expressive mark making and a deliberate exploration of composition, I aim to create dynamic paintings infused with movement and energy."

Janette's artistic journey has been recognised with numerous prizes and awards and she is regularly sought after as a solo exhibiting artist with works on permanent display at Art Innovations Gallery, Atelier Crafers gallery, Artworkx and Kruse

Legal. Her work has featured prominently including appearances as a showcased artist in Blue Thumb, Ozart Finder and her own episode in the TV series, 'Put Some Colour In Your Life'.



For our Social Night Janette will talk about her art background, inspiration and process and give a demonstration using pastels to create a landscape. As usual, after the presentation, there will be a chance to socialise with fellow art enthusiasts over supper so bring a small something to share.



Chris Braham

Social Night Friday 28th March at 7.30pm

With Mike Barr, oil, acrylic, water-colour artist specializing in beachscapes and rainy streetscapes.

Mike's motto in painting is, "It's not what you see - but what you feel." His rainy cityscapes and expansive beachscapes are designed so viewers can enter, not merely look. He believes that paintings are meant to catch the essence of time and place.

Mike's paintings have featured in a number of books:- Complete Watercolour by David Webb.

What an honour to be in the same book as artists like Dusan Djukaric, Chein Chung Wei, John Lovett, Thomas W. Schaller and many more. I have a four-page spread in chapter 5, Approaches to Watercolour - keeping it simple.

Also The Art of Being Melbourne by Maree Coote - 2012. A history of Melbourne as seen through its artists. My six-page spread of rainy Melbourne streets stands alongside other Australian greats such as Streeton, Roberts, Smart, Beckett, Blackman, Brack, Tucker, Amor and many others.

www.melbournestyle.com.au/TheARTofBEINGMELBOURNEbook.html



Mike is also a contributor to a variety of art publications including, The Artist magazine, UK, the Australian Artist magazine, The Artist, UK, Acrylic Artist and Plein Air Magazine, USA.

He has also had a TV segment on Discover – Channel 7 July 2008

Mike is a fellow of the Royal South Australian Society of Arts FRSA. He has also received over 80 awards in Australia and overseas in the last 19 years.

He was also asked to demonstrate by the Art Gallery of SA during the Clarice Beckett Exhibition in 2021.

For our Social Night, Mike will demonstrate painting a landscape with figures in acrylics with commentary about the process.

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One-day portrait sketch group

A while ago **Ignacio Rojas** suggested hosting a one-day portrait sketch group. Our committee approved this and yesterday the 17th of November was the first time, and from the images I've seen, it was a great success. From the quality of the portraits painted the extra time provided by a full day sketch group, certainly paid dividends. These will be held again, the next one will be held early next year.



Spring Exhibition Pics



Barb McGuire delivered a very interesting speech about Mike Barr who was the featured member for the Spring Exhibition.



GAIL KELLETT WORKSHOP pics



Please contact me if you have any news or information which would be interesting for our members at marglynch25@gmail.com