



Ku-ring-gai Art Society

PO Box 229 TURRAMURRA 2074

Next **General Meeting**

Tuesday 6 June, 2023 at 7:30pm

Masonic Hall, Turramurra

Cnr Pacific Hwy & Turramurra Ave

Next **Committee Meeting**

Monday 29 May, 2023 at 7:30pm

Via Zoom

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Guest Speaker to our last General Meeting

Kate Nielsen – Still life Interior/Exterior works in oils

We enjoyed the colourful patterns and light filled landscapes of Kate Nielsen's paintings as our guest speaker in May. Kate holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts majoring in painting from the National Art School in Sydney and a Diploma in Art from Hornsby TAFE.

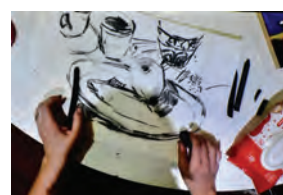
Kate grew up in Beecroft with an artist mother, a father who stretched the canvases and a house full of paintings, including works by Arthur Boyd and her favourite Australian artist William Robinson. Her childhood holidays were spent sketching with her mother and her artist friend in Goulburn and led to her lifelong passion for houses and their personal connections to the objects in them. Whilst William Robinson is considered a figurative expressionist painter, he once did a whole series of his mother's dressing tables, being similar to the subjects which inspire Kate.

Kate basically paints her life, meaning that she paints her house, her parent's house, piecing memories together and abstracting images. Her art practice involves making sketches and taking hundreds of photos of domestic scenes, then upturning the domestic scale and the picture plane. She loves patterns and you can see the influence of Cressida Campbell in her work. Sketching is a very important part of the artistic practice and Kate regards drawing as research for what makes sense to you. There can be nothing right or wrong in drawing and helps you ensure that your painting talks to all sides of the paper.

We would not have a complete picture of Kate's story without mentioning her extremely busy and messy life. Her husband is also an artist who has been studying architecture part time whilst together they raise two small children aged 4 and 6 years. Kate is Early Childhood trained and is now doing a Masters in Primary School Education, whilst working two days per week at the John Colet School which focuses on creativity. She had an eight-year break in her artistic journey before starting again and launching into the Artistic scene. Her first success was being accepted into the Mosman Art Prize in 2018 and was awarded the Hornsby Art Prize Emerging Artist of the Year in 2019.

As an emerging artist, you need to enter as many Art prizes as possible, including the Archibald, Sulman and Wynne until your name is known in the small art world. Kate is now represented by several galleries including Purple Noon, Nanda Hobbs in Sydney, and a Gallery in San Francisco. The US gallery is very good for her resume, but the reality is that shipping large canvases overseas is very expensive, especially during Covid times.

We are very grateful to Kate for making the time in her busy life, to share her artistic journey with us.



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OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING – 6 JUNE 2023

GUEST SPEAKER – PETER STUDLEY

Marine Art in Oils

Peter is inspired by the way light interacts with the landscape. His paintings reveal something about a unique time and place.

Peter studied at the Julian Ashton Art School and received the School's Diploma of Fine Art and the Philip Muscatt prize for landscape painting. He has been selected for exhibition in the Australian Watercolour Institute Art Prize, the Outback Art Prize and many others. He has received awards and commendations at many shows including the winning the figurative art prize at the Royal Agricultural Society. He is an exhibiting member of the Royal Art Society of NSW and the Australia Marine Art Society.



FUTURE SPEAKERS 2023

- July 4** Jacqueline Payne – Palette knife beach paintings, landscapes
- Aug 1** Ros Gervy – Social Media and Art
- Sept 5** Scott Swinson – Watercolours
- Oct 3** King McCotter – Pastels

COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY

Dates to Remember in 2023

Art in the Mountains 29 June to 17 July
Royal Art Society Exhibition 9 to 27 August

Art in the Country

Weekend Workshops 30 September to 2 October
Weekend Workshops 7 to 9 October
Weekend Workshops 14 to 16 October

CASS Cottage

Capertee Valley, Kandos
3 hours drive from Sydney
Accommodation for up to 9 people and Garage Art Studio
20% Discount for CASS members
Book through website
combinedartsocieties@yahoo.com.au

EXHIBITIONS

NEXT EXHIBITION

KAS Awards Exhibition 17 to 30 July 2023

Judges: John Perkins and Rachel Carroll
Location: St Ives Village Shopping Centre,
Cowan Level outside Post Office

Bump in 16 July

Entries open 9 June online

Book your roster time with Kathy Smoker before submitting your entries. Tel 9660 4879. Mob 0439 653 763.
Email: kathysmoker174@gmail.com

As this is the awards exhibition, all paintings must not have been exhibited anywhere before including online.

FUTURE EXHIBITIONS

KAS Spring Exhibition 9 to 22 October 2023

Bump in 8 October

En Plein Air Sketch Clubs

Monday Group

Our En Plein Air Sketch Club is open to all KAS members. The group meets on Mondays, from 10am to 12.30pm.

(Bring a sandwich)

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the companionship of painting/sketching outdoors in our beautiful city. If you are interested please contact Caroline Oesterheld on 0407 487 391. Caroline has set up a What's App Group to keep in touch.

Wet weather – St Ives Wildflower Garden

WHATS APP – please check Monday morning

Below is the Schedule for next month which will be updated each month in Newsletter.

May 29 NARRABEEN – Narrabeen Park Pde – near Narrabeen Ocean Pool. Paid parking in car park or park along local roads. Toilets near Ocean Pool.

June 5 BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS – Tania Park – Bareena Drive to Dobroyd Drive to Scenic Drive – Toilets at beginning of Tania Park.

June 12 GEORGES HEIGHTS – Georges Head Park (next to Gunners Barracks) Suakin Drive off Middle Head Rd. Drive to last car park for 5 hr parking (FREE). Closer parking in Gun Shot Alley, 1 Hour only or for Drop Off. Walk down left side of Gunners Barracks 200m – Toilets at beginning of Suakin Dr in the Oval.

June 19 GREENWICH – O'Connell St – Sailing Club.

June 26 RIVERVIEW / LANE COVE – Burns Bay Reserve – Kooyong Rd – park end road.

Weekend Group

On April 15, a small group of us enjoyed a lovely autumn morning at Davidson Park, painting and sketching in the sunny weather. There was lots of activity going on for us to sketch: colourful kayakers, paddleboarders, families picnicking and wonderful reflections on the river. This group will meet about four times a year. Future dates will be published in the Newsletter or contact Caroline Oesterheld.



Weekend Plein Air Painting on Saturday Morning 3 June.

We are planning another Plein Air Painting morning on Saturday 3 June from 10am till about 1pm at Eryldene Historic House and Garden, 17 McIntosh Street, Gordon. There are many beautiful features in the garden including Dove Cote, Japanese Fountain and Tea House as well as the magnificent camellias which will be in bloom. Bring your lunch and we can have a chat before we head home. Please let Caroline Oesterheld know if you are coming on 0407 487 391.

Friday Group

This group of very friendly artists is keen to boost their numbers. They have been going for more than 20 years and would love to welcome new members. They start about 9.30am and stop for lunch about 12. They all take a sandwich and a thermos so time for painting and socialising. If you would like more information contact Jeanette Agnew – jeanette.agnew@gmail.com

EVERYONE WELCOME!

Below is their schedule for next few months which will be updated in the Newsletter.

26 May West Head Lookout

2 June West Head Lookout

9 June Waverton Peninsular Reserve

16 June Waverton Peninsular Reserve

23 June Warriewood Beach SLSC

30 June Warriewood Beach SLSC

WORKSHOPS 2023

Next Workshop

John Perkins (Oils) – 10 June

Seascapes, Contemporary, Acrylic

John Perkins is a widely recognised traditional oil artist who has pursued various subjects, yet is most renowned for his marine, streetscapes & still life paintings.

Sought after as a demonstrator and art judge for exhibitions, he has been a tutor for over 35 years and is a regular at the Mitchell School of Arts Bathurst, Grafton ArtsFest & Combined Art Societies Art in Action. John conducted weekly classes for Drummoyn & Parramatta Art Societies over many years, now working on request.

John is a Fellow and President of the Royal Art Society of NSW, former President and Life Member of Drummoyn Art Society, Honorary Member of Lane Cove Art Society and Inaugural President of the Combined Art Societies of Sydney. He has been awarded over 70 first prizes and many highly commended awards throughout his career, continuing to exhibit and gain accolades such as the Lloyd Rees, Waterford and Joshua Smith Awards.



FUTURE WORKSHOPS

The following workshops have been arranged for this year.

Members are encouraged to book in on the website:

www.ourkas.com

Or phone Prue Finlay 0412 983 034

12 August: **Georgia Mansur**, Watercolour

16 September: **Judith White**, Mixed Media

18 November: To be advised

A visit by Society members to the Derivan Matisse premises is proposed for later in the year and will be announced closer to the time.

NEW EXHIBITING MEMBERS

The last selection date for social members to become Exhibiting members was held on Friday 5 May.

Congratulations to the following successful applicants:

Harini Rajan Dorothy Davis

Fereshreh Przeshki Claire Stack

Ku Wijeratne Belinda Chui

NEXT EXHIBITING MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

Friday 4 August, 2023 at Turramurra Masonic Hall

Delivery of Artworks from 9am to 9.30am.

Further details are on the KAS website.

Social members can make application to become Exhibiting

Members through the KAS website www.ourkas.com.au

NEW SOCIAL MEMBERS

We welcome the following new social member into our society:

Karen Hick.

Members News

GALLIPOLI ART PRIZE 2023

Nora Hosking's painting, Two Creeks – Past to Present was selected as a finalist.



“The Two Creeks area of Middle Harbour was used as an Engineer Officers Training School in World War 1 where the men practised building bridges and other battle skills. This important work enabled this department to send forward highly trained Engineer Officers to the front. The Guringai people once lived along these foreshores until the British arrived leaving archaeological remains as middens, shelters and engravings and art. Today this area is along a popular walking track.”

JUDI MACLAREN – FRAGMENTS

Bather's Pavilion Upstairs Gallery – Opening Night 9 May.
Exhibition open May and June.



The Bathers' Pavilion Upstairs Gallery
invites you to the opening of

Judi Maclaren
FRAGMENTS

Tuesday 9 May, 2023 6-8pm
rsvp – message Judi on 0477 001 787 or email
judimaclaren@bigpond.com by Monday 1 May

on show May and June 2023

Gallery Hours: Open 7 days, 8am – late
All enquiries Rob Davis 9969 5050

4 The Esplanade, Balmoral Beach
www.batherspavilion.com.au

NINA PAINE – CREATIVE CONNECT OPENING EVENT SAT. 27 MAY, 2-4PM

Nina Paine (watercolour artist), Karina Vallins (glass artist),
Nicole Miranda (visual artist and ceramicist), Amanda Morters
(resin jewellery artist), Wendy Walker (multi-media jeweller),
Lisa Shepherd (floral cyanotype artist) and Anna Lloyd (illustrator)

The Cottage, 10 Dangar Road, Brooklyn

Open Saturdays and Sundays (as well as Monday 12 June)
from 10am to 3pm



Creatives Connect
from Saturday 27 May to Sunday 2 July

at The Cottage
10 Dangar Road, Brooklyn

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(as well as Monday 12 June)
10am to 3pm

Come along to
our opening
Saturday 27 May, 2 - 4pm

The Cottage is an initiative between the Brooklyn Community Association and the Hornsby Council

VALE – BRENDA CHAD

Brenda Chad sadly passed away last month. Our condolences go to her family and friends. Her daughter, Nina writes –
“Her membership of the KAS brought her much joy, especially while she was living with cancer over the last 12 months. She was an accomplished pastel artist, who had never exhibited before joining KAS and had never dreamed of selling her work. Although I am not an artist, I can see that her skill and the techniques she used to capture the colours, textures and shapes she saw in the natural world were extraordinary. I have always marvelled at the way She could use sticks of chalk to create photo-realistic images that incorporated depth and movement I have only ever seen achieved with liquid media.”

Treasurer's Report

As at 22 April, 2023

Assets

Term Deposits	\$169,400
Cash on Hand – Bendigo Bank	\$18,371

Receipts and Expenses

Receipts	\$34,165
Expenses	(\$25,399)
Net Receipts	\$8,766

Newsletter News

Please send all news to be included in the next newsletter to Jenny Hatfield at jennyhatfield@bigpond.com

Deadline for the next newsletter is
12 June 2023

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