



# Ku-ring-gai Art Society

PO Box 229 TURRAMURRA 2074

## Next **General Meeting**

**Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 7:30pm**  
Masonic Hall, Turramurra  
Cnr Pacific Hwy & Turramurra Ave

## Next **Committee Meeting**

**Monday 30 October 2023 at 7:30pm**  
via Zoom

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## Kas Spring Exhibition

**9 - 22 OCTOBER 2023**

St Ives Village Shopping Centre Gallery.  
177 entries have been received from  
63 artists.

### COLLECTION OF UNSOLD PAINTINGS:

**Sunday, 22 October 2023 from 4.30pm  
to 5.30pm.**

## ROSTER DUTY

It would be appreciated if you can keep to your Roster duty times. If you do have to change, please contact other artists to take over your duty. Then call and advise the Roster Manager, Kathy Smoker, as it takes a lot of extra work for her to re-arrange the times and dates and find artists to sit on your duty times.

## GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR LAST GENERAL MEETING

### Paul McCarthy – Pastels

Paul works plein-air, he very rarely works from photographs, preferring the mood and movement painting in nature. He brought along with him two large boxes of Sennelier pastels and his favourite Unison pastels and at home, he has a full toolbox of pastels. For plein-air painting, Paul uses Unison pastels and Schmincke pastels. He freely admits that you can never find the right colour and it becomes addictive buying more and more pastels. Hard pastels are square, for example Conte create hard lines, he will only use them in his initial sketches. Schmincke a very soft pastel will fill the pastel paper too quickly, so he uses them in his final layer to add light.

Paul began his demonstration with a scene of mountains through the trees at Wentworth Falls. He worked on a Sanders board in black, although he also uses red, blue, or mauve boards, black does give immediacy of colour. He also draws on Mi-Tientes paper which come in pads and recommends when using Mi-Tientes, layer a half dozen pieces of newsprint to soften the surface for the pastel application.

Once he has scribbled his layout, his advice is to keep it loose and not colouring in. Paul started with dark blues, browns and green representing what is in his reference image. He stated that Sanders board chews into your pastels and it will probably only take 3 layers.

He added lighter colours olive greens, tans, mauve and light blue, soft orange bringing the light moving through the trees. He added lighter pastels to indicate light direction through the trees.

Paul has been scribbling in pastels for 40 years and firmly believes 'Linus interruptus is your friend, because there is always something interrupting a shape in nature.'

Paul's favourite colour is turquoise which



he added in small areas. He worked into the base of the painting with darks and glazed over his previous marks using colours to create a focal point to take your eye through to a layer behind. These under-tones create perspective.

Paul always stepped back from his work, readjusting lines, pushing, and pulling colours, adding cool colours to push the layers backwards to create perspective. He said 'I like pastels to look like it is a drawing. There is no right or wrong way to paint or draw with pastels.'

He added green to the sky, saying 'There is no logic in it, just do it.' Bringing light onto the trees with orange and adding turquoise and mauve to the background and pinks onto the Gums wood. Adding darks to the trunks with navy and black in the shadows. Touching up leaves with slashes of olive green.

Paul said it is very hard to find a dark pastel, he has found a box of darks by Unison. He does not seal the pastels preferring not to flatten the pastel. He ensures that he frames the pastels with the correct frame, which has a drop area and also advised us not to clean the glass

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## LAST GENERAL MEETING GUEST SPEAKER *continued*

### Paul McCarthy – Pastels

too vigorously as the pastel will cling to the glass. He stated it was important to 'Feel the place and try to keep the movement and light.' He added his final touches of red and orange to the trees.

Thanks to Paul McCarthy he is a wonderful artist and very entertaining.



## GUEST SPEAKER AT OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING – 7 NOV. 2023

### Scott Swinson – Watercolourist

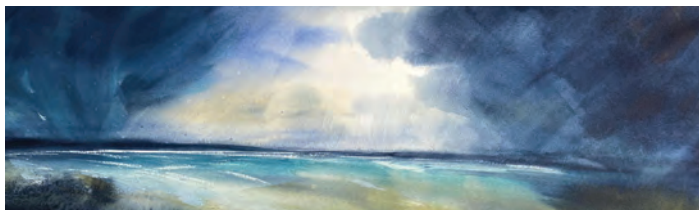
Scott Swinson is a landscape artist painting predominately in watercolours. He studied under Tony Smibert from a young age and also lived in London for many years studying JMW Turners watercolours in the Prints and Drawings Room at the Tate Britain. He currently teaches people watercolour on YouTube, Patreon and through his own Online Courses. He is inspired by the works of Kurt Jackson, Mao Lizi and Geoffrey Dyer. He can be found at:

**Website:** [www.scottswinson.com](http://www.scottswinson.com)

**Youtube:** [www.youtube.com/c/ScottSwinson](http://www.youtube.com/c/ScottSwinson)

**Online Classes:** [www.scottswinsonclasses.com/watercolour-landscapes-for-beginners-1-AUS](http://www.scottswinsonclasses.com/watercolour-landscapes-for-beginners-1-AUS)

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/scottswinson](http://www.instagram.com/scottswinson)



## KAS Christmas Party

**5 December 2023** – No Guest Speaker.  
Bring \$10 gift for a Kris Kringle arrangement.

## 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 in 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.

**Oct 30 CLAREVILLE BEACH RESERVE** – off Delecta Ave.

**Nov 6 BAYVIEW** – Pittwater Rd – Between Tennis Courts and Sea Scouts. Park in Pittwater Rd. In front of tennis courts or paid parking in car park. Toilets nearby in Rowland Reserve or at Gibson Marina.

**Nov 13 HUNTERS HILL** – Alexander St – Near Ferry Wharf – paint near wharf or houses in the street – Toilets 24 Alexander St next to Hunters Hill Council.

**Nov 20 CLONTARF RESERVE** – Paint in reserve – Paid parking in reserve off Sandy Bay Rd or Free parking at end of Holmes Ave and walk around via beach end to reserve.

**Nov 27 DAVIDSON PARK** – boat ramp and picnic area off Warringah Rd. Enter via north side of Roseville Bridge in the southbound lane. Exit back to Warringah RD head to northbound lane – Paid parking flat rate \$8 per day.

### 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](mailto:jeanette.agnew@gmail.com)

### EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

**27 Oct** Bella Vista Café, North Head

**3 Nov** Bella Vista Café, North Head.

**10 Nov** Clareville Beach, Delecta Ave

**17 Nov** Clareville Beach, Delecta Ave

**24 Nov** Deep Creek Reserve via Wakehurst Parkway

### Weekend Group

This group will meet about four times a year. Future dates will be published in the Newsletter or contact Caroline Oesterheld.

## WORKSHOPS

### LAST WORKSHOP – 16 September

**Judith White**

– Contemporary Still Life, the dynamics of interior space

Known for her richly textured abstract paintings, Judith White took us on a journey of colour and texture. We were encouraged to react to positive and negative space equally in the still life we arranged. Judith used a process emphasizing pigment and collage, concentrating on colour value.

We worked at a fast and furious pace, drawing, pouring paint, rubbing textures, cutting collage, and thoroughly enjoying the process.



### OUR NEXT WORKSHOP (last for the year) – 13 November

**Kate Nielsen – Oils on Linen**

Kate is a Sydney based Australian painter who primarily works with oil paint on linen. She is interested in interior, still life painting that explores a relationship with an exterior view.

In this workshop we will be looking at painting a still life in context. A still life will be set up in the middle of the room containing familiar, everyday objects. Painting from life, the students will explore various concepts of still life painting within an interior. Discussions about still life and painting techniques will be put into context by looking at various contemporary and historical artists both Australian and international. There is no right or wrong way of executing the painting exercise and guidance will be made by Kate that will support individual ideas and strengths.



Members are encouraged to book in on the website:  
[www.ourkas.com.au](http://www.ourkas.com.au) or phone Prue Finlay 0412 983 034.

## MEMBERS NEWS

### OPEN STUDIO

**Nina Paine, Kanak Kirin, Dee Jackson**

Sat 25 to Sun 26 November 2023 – 10am to 3pm  
1 Bundabah Ave (cnr Mona Vale Rd) St Ives

### OPEN STUDIO

SATURDAY 25 AND SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

1 BUNDABAH AVE (CNR MONA VALE RD), ST IVES  
10AM TO 3PM



DEE JACKSON

PORTRAIT ARTIST



Watercolour is Dee's great love; it is the fluid spontaneity that attracts her. Dee is an experienced artist and teacher. **Watercolour, as a medium, lends itself to the softness and curves of the human form. It allows the artist great freedom.**

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KANAK KIRAN

CONTEMPORARY ARTIST



Kanak is a contemporary artist who works with acrylics and mixed media. The kookaburra is her all-time favourite subject to paint.

**Nature is my Muse and my paintings are a song in its praise.**

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NINA PAINE

WATERCOLOUR ARTIST



Nina's watercolour paintings are generally memories inspired by her travels.

**What I most love about painting is that it takes me away.**

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## COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY

**ART IN THE COUNTRY** in Kandos over 3 weekends in October has been reduced. Check CASS website for information on tutors and dates.

**ART OF SYDNEY 2024** The Maritime Museum venue used in previous years is unavailable. The Royal Art Society has offered 7-27 October 2024 for a smaller exhibition.

**CASS COTTAGE** is situated in the beautiful Capertee Valley within the historic town of Kandos. The cottage provides accommodation for up to 9 people and is only 3 hours from

Sydney. The sister townships and surrounding areas of Kandos and Rylstone provide an abundance of interesting activities – golf, bowls, fishing, canoeing, bird watching, photography and is an ideal location for artists to paint.

**Members of CASS art societies receive a discount of 20%**

For booking enquiries and more information go to  
[combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au](mailto:combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au)

CASS Cottage has just received an award by Airbnb and is now listed as a **Super Host**.

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

## Ku-ring-gai Art Society will celebrate 60 years in 2025!

Without the continuing support from our Wonderful Team of Volunteer Committee Members, KAS would not have thrived – or even come within reach of this Milestone.

In our Newsletters we will be CELEBRATING some of our dedicated Committee Members.

Liz Harriott began this process when she was KAS President by highlighting Committee members at General Meetings.

MEMBERSHIP DOES MATTER! Without our volunteers KAS would not be the successful Art Society that it has become.

## NORA HOSKING



I joined KAS Society just prior to Covid 2019 and am now volunteering doing the Supper Roster and the Workshops where I enjoy meeting other members of the society.

Born Sydney, now retired, I spent most of my working life in the Television and Film industry.

Art education 1962-63 now called National Art School, Miss Shillito's Art School 1964, and completed Art Cert. Hornsby 1986.

I am interested in all aspects of art making and currently spend most of my time painting plein air and working in the studio.

## SUSAN SMART – KAS Minute Secretary

Susan Smart was born and raised in England. She achieved artistic success while at school with paintings accepted into a children's art exhibition which toured England and Russia.

Susan joined KAS in 2003 and has received 2 prizes for pastel works.

Susan joined the KAS Committee as Minute Secretary in 2008, as well as taking on responsibility for Name Badges which was previously part of the membership secretary's job.

Susan lives on her own, and has three children and five grown-up grandchildren in NSW and Queensland. She is a member of a church in Pymble and often makes marmalade and jam to sell for Christian charity, available to KAS members at meetings!



## NEW SOCIAL MEMBERS

Keith Newcombe and Roger McCarthy. We welcome them into the society.

## EXHIBITING MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

The next date for selection will be announced soon and would be in May 2024.

Check the website [www.ourkas.com](http://www.ourkas.com) for application procedure, apply on line and work on a portfolio for consideration.

## POSITIONS VACANT– CAN YOU HELP?

### SUPPER ROSTER

Help prepare supper at monthly meetings.

### GUEST SPEAKER REPORTER

Write a report of monthly Guest Speaker (10 per year).

See one of the committee for more details.

Both these positions are not onerous.  
Just attend and enjoy the monthly meetings.

## LIBRARY

The library is available for members to borrow books, videos and CDs.

Could members please return outstanding books etc. before the end of the year as it was hoped to have all items back before the summer break. (December 5th)

## Treasurer's Report

As of 27/09/2023

### Assets

Term Deposits	\$164,400
Cash on Hand – Bendigo Bank	\$6,733

### Receipts and Expenses

Receipts	\$78,925
Expenses	(\$86,797)
Net Revenue	(\$7,872)

## Newsletter News

Please send all news to be included in the next newsletter to Jenny Hatfield at [jennyhatfield@bigpond.com](mailto:jennyhatfield@bigpond.com)

Deadline for the next newsletter is: **10 November**

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