

BROADBEACH GALLERY

Royal Qld Art Society

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Members to 2023!

I hope you had a very peaceful and happy time with loved ones these holidays and are returning feeling refreshed and relaxed.

On the 20th of September 2023 to be exact, we will turn 60. What will we do? How will we celebrate this? We would love your ideas and thoughts and if you'd like to join a little working party to help us make it a fantastic event. I am also hoping to collate our history, but I need your memories. Anything at all is helpful – please email or put it in the office door so we can start to piece the puzzle together.

This year the Committee has a LONG list of things to do, and we will start the New Year with a clean-out of the upstairs and early in the year repaint the space. As a working gallery, it is never perfect, and I think it must have been repainted over 10 times in different places since I joined so it is just a part of the cycle of keeping it fresh.

We are progressing with attempting to simplify the processes and forms and one day who knows it might all be online but given the nature of what we do it's complex.

The café and Art in the Park will be another highlight of the year to come, and we look forward to seeing many more come through the gallery as a result. Nula and Martin have a great group of regulars and I cannot thank you all enough for supporting them too. Lyn Melson was just telling me yesterday at Cat Swingers what a great coffee it is too! And doesn't the Gallery look wonderful – so good to see the mix of new works and different media and some outstanding books from some of our artists too?

The gift shop is proving very popular and thanks to those who take care of those spaces. So don't forget September – put it in your diary and get ready for a big RQAS celebration. We look forward to seeing you all at the next changeover & if you don't know the date you might like to buy a RQAS calendar – we have a few still available!

**Professor Ruth McPhail,
Ph.D., M.Ed, B.Ed, PFHEA, GAICD**

TIME TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023

\$80 for single renewal

\$90 for family

Pay now for membership to Dec 2023



RQAS Christmas Farewell 2022 Hello 2023



Cat Swingers farewell 2022



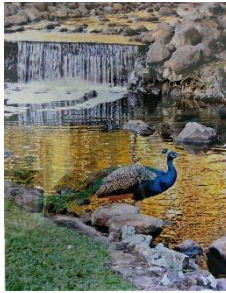
RQAS Christmas at Broadbeach Bowls Club



DECEMBER/JANUARY WINNERS



Theme and Overall Winner Vicky White 'Sand Pumping Jetty'



Nov visitors' choice winner David Ladley 'Kimberley Cliff' >

< Artists' Choice non theme winner Dianna Hall 'Dusk at MacIntosh Park'



Sunday 8 JANUARY 2023 was January's Art in the Park event (second Sunday of the month)



Stored away paintings displayed to passers-by were well received and some purchased.

Art in the Park is a chance to demonstrate our artistic skills on the spot and to sell art that has accumulated throughout the year.

The success of this kind of monthly event depends on all of us. The more gazebos and market umbrellas in the park the better. People are attracted to people doing interesting things in public spaces.

NOTICE weekly & term classes resume dates

Weekly and Term Classes January 2023. Please CHECK stop and start dates at the end of the newsletter in the respective class listings AS THERE HAVE CHANGES MADE.

Annual Escape Artists Art Exhibition January 2023

30 December 2022 to 26 January 2023

This exhibition showcases **RQAS ESCAPE ARTISTS** plein air work completed during 2022 by attendees of any of the group's eleven paint out locations. Pieces for each meeting location by all exhibiting artists are on display in separate areas in the Peter Abraham Studio with an information sheet about points of interest for each place visited by escape artists.

There is no entry fee and the normal RQAS commission will apply to any art sales. All paintings were judged by an independent party for the RQAS Escape Artist of 2022 Award.

For further information please contact convenor:

Bob Murphy 0411 244 846 bmurphygc@gmail.com

ESCAPE ARTISTS

The Escape Artists are a group of RQAS artists that meet every second Wednesday of the month to paint outdoors. They escape their studio environment to paint en plein air (outdoors), initially done by the Impressionist painters who sought to capture effects of light and atmosphere by completing their work outside in natural light.

As the Convener of the Escape Artists group for the past seven years, I have enjoyed the opportunity of planning many of the monthly paint out venues where the group members have met to paint "en plein air" in places all over the Gold Coast and beyond. Any member of the RQAS is welcome to join the Escape Artists and paint the Gold Coast and environs. There is no cost but every opportunity to paint outdoors and share experiences and knowledge. This art form by the Impressionists changed and contributed greatly to the history of modern art. It is much more than "just painting outdoors" and is only understood when one has experienced the difficulties, the rewards and the sheer enjoyment in painting the environment you are standing in.

I have planned and organised annual displays at RQAS of the works created by Escape Artists during each year at the different venues. I have also arranged two exhibitions of art works created during the 4-day visits by the Escape Artists to the Boonah area. One such exhibition was held in the Boonah Regional Art Gallery and the other was at the Peter Abraham Gallery at Broadbeach in conjunction with our annual exhibition. These displays allowed all active painters to display for free their art created on the organised paint out days. The Escape Artists 2022 Exhibition at the Gallery opened on 30 December 2022 and will continue through until 26 January 2023 showing painting venues in 2022 and some of the art by Escape Artists on those days.

We start 2023 paint outs on Wednesday 8 February 2023 at a location on the Gold Coast yet to be decided, so watch this newsletter. But if you wish to participate on our regular paint out days or are interested in receiving any information about the en plein air painting, please contact me through the details shown below.

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Join Us on 26th January to paint the gallery walls!

There will be a BBQ lunch. Come dressed to prepare the walls for painting and to paint. This is an ongoing gallery maintenance task that freshens our exhibition spaces to display our work in the best possible manner.

Next change-over of artworks: Sat 28th January 2023 from 9am;
also Fri 27th January 11am-2pm.

OPENING Sunday 29th January 1.30PM for 2PM Awards, drinks, and nibble.

February: **ABSTRACT**

NEW HANGING FEES \$10 ONE PAINTING \$15 TWO PAINTINGS; ALSO 1 DUTY ROSTER SHIFT FOR THE MONTH.

Please ensure all paintings are ready to be hung with cord or wire attached. Also ensure canvas sides and frames are clean and tidy - professional standard always.

2023 Themes

March: Celebrating Women

April: Where I want to Be

May: Australian Flora and Fauna



WAYS OF SEEING 3 MODERNISM SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 9.30am – 3pm



The purpose of this workshop is to create an individual painting of a contemporary nature. In art, whether drawing or painting, mark making is a term that describes the lines, areas, patterns and textures you use.

They are the gestural language of the painter. They possess the individual characteristics of the artist. Every time your brush touches the canvas or your pencil, the paper, you are authentically expressing yourself.

Emerging artists find their own voice by building and refining the vocabulary they use. By this practice one becomes comfortable, over time, with the language one creates, the marks feel natural and lead to individual expression in the images we paint. They evolve into your individual style. This is the true aim.

One of the main shifts from illustration, where the subject dictates and you follow, to an authentic style of painting, where the subject is used as a springboard for your expression, is the language you develop in this activity.

Cost \$100. Pay the Tutor on the day. To book & for more information and materials list please phone or email Tutor, **John McConnochie: ph 0411279600** or **www.johnliverbird53@gmail.com**

Bernadette Lack – Artist and Tutor



Bernadette Lack worked as a commercial artist for five years before embarking on extensive overseas travel through the UK, Europe and North Africa, returning to Australia via Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, India and South East Asia. She diversified professionally working in the fashion industry as an event coordinator, choreographer and fashion consultant.



Now residing in the Tallebudgera Valley, SE Qld Bernadette paints in oils and acrylics continuing to explore her long passion for fine arts. Her subject matter includes graceful rendition of the human form and the beauty of scapes which are given painterly interpretation of photo realism venturing into impressionism. Her work is a fusion of cultural experiences gained from her travels, these days primarily into central Australia through the South Pacific, Asia and South America. Her ongoing love of the performing arts, fashion and travel experiences inform her artistic repertoire. Bernadette's work is exhibited on the Gold Coast.



On Wed mornings Bernadette Lack tutors a class 9.30 – 12.30 in which a diverse group of artists explore contemporary portraits, figurative subjects and land and sea scapes, in oils and acrylics. Class restarts 18 Jan 2023



Musgrave art offers a 10% discount to RQAS GC Members. Show your card or receipt for this.

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YOUR NEWSLETTER

All helpful ideas are welcomed. Please contact the office rqasgc@rqasgoldcoast.com or Editor, Eli Sky (eli.sky@elisky.com) with your suggestions. Many thanks to those who have contributed.

RQAS GC acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which we are located. We pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging and we extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait members and guests.

DATE & TIME	EVENT – WHAT'S ON		
JAN 2 MON Restarted 9am – 12pm	Life Drawing Melissa Bates	MONDAY 9am – 12pm	LIFE DRAWING With model (no tutor): Contact: Melissa Bates 0420 615 489 \$20
JAN 4 WED Restarted 6.30pm – 9pm	Life Drawing Deb McLachlan	4.30pm – 6.30pm	CHILDREN'S ART CLASS Contact Tutor: Ursula Kelly ph 0418 886 057 \$20
JANUARY 8 (second Sunday of month) – EARLY MORNING	ART IN THE PARK -	Restarts 6 Feb	
FEB 2 THURS RESTARTS 9.30AM – 12.30PM	Oil & Acrylic class Phil Middleton	TUESDAY 9.30 am – 12pm	OIL & ACRYLIC CLASS To be advised \$20
TERM COURSE CONTINUES RESTARTS FEB 2 THURS 1 – 4pm	PAINTING PRINCIPLES & FUNDAMENTALS Contact Tutor: Jacqueline Mather 0417009912 or email jlmthr@gmail.com	1pm – 4pm 6pm – 9pm Restart 17 Jan	TUESDAY AFTERNOON STUDIO TUESDAY EVENING STUDIO Contact Tutor: John McConnochie ph 0411 279 600 \$30
FEB 8 DETAILS TO BE ADVISED 2 ND Wed of month	ESCAPE ARTISTS Bob Murphy convener ph 0411 244 846 free	WEDNESDAY 9.30am – 12.30pm	PUT SOME ART INTO YOUR LIFE Contact Tutor: Bernadette Lack ph 0411 376 777 \$25
FEB 6 MON RESTARTS 4.30 – 6.30 PM	CHILDRENS ART CLASS Ursula Kelly	1pm – 4pm Restarts 18 Jan	WATERCOLOUR Contact Tutor: Annette Raff ph 0419 637 452 \$35
FEBRUARY 26 ONE DAY WORKSHOP Sunday 9.30am – 3pm	WAYS OF SEEING 3 MODERNISM Cost \$100. Pay the Tutor on the day. To book contact Tutor John McConnochie: ph 0411279600 www.johnliverbird53@gmail.com	6.30pm – 9pm Restarted 4 Jan	LIFE DRAWING With model (no tutor) Contact: Deb McLachlan ph 0407 760 077 \$20
JANUARY 28 SAT 9 am	CHANGE OVER in JANUARY for February	THURSDAY 9.30am – 12.30pm...	OIL & ACRYLIC CLASS Contact Tutor: Phil Middelton Ph 0437 626 222 \$25
Also Fri Jan 27 11am-2pm	FEB THEME: ABSTRACT	THURSDAY 1- 4pm Term 2 starts Thurs 2 FEB	PAINTING PRINCIPLES & FUNDAMENTALS Contact Tutor: Jacqueline Mather 0417 009 912 or email jlmthr@gmail.com
		FRIDAY 9am – 4pm	Catswingers – no tutor; open to all members Just turn up! \$5



White polo shirts &
Maroon aprons with
RQAS emblem \$30 ea

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office or people on
Roster for purchase
details.