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Photos Above from Left – Artworks by N Lewis & M Kime

PRESIDENT'S REPORT
September 2020

Randwick Art Society continues to face many challenges. We are still not able to open on Mondays at RLI due to COVID 19 restrictions but your committee continues to run zoom meetings and plan activities for you. We have added "Spring" to the Sketch-a-day online activity, and more is planned over the coming months. The Emergence Exhibition at the Lionel Bowen Library has been successful with many compliments and enquiries about purchases. Shelley Jackson has retired as our website coordinator and moved to Port Macquarie. We wish her well and thank Niki Koepl for taking on that role. Katie Anderson from Randwick City Council has approached us about Christmas face masks where all monies raised will go towards a local Charity, to be decided. Thank you to those members who have offered to take on this project. Lastly, sad news received from Jim Kime that his wife and RAS treasurer, Marilyn passed away on 2nd September. She has touched so many and will be very greatly missed. Her funeral was on Friday 11th September at Maroubra Baptist Church at 1.30pm. Due to restrictions on funeral gatherings 11 members of the Art Society were able to attend. Others were able to watch online.

Maria Kapodistrias
President



In Loving Memory

VALE

NORMA LEWIS
& MARILYN KIME.

We were all very saddened by the news of the passing of these two inaugural members. Norma passed away in late June after a long illness. Although in a lot of pain Norma would make the effort to attend our Monday morning classes. Her beautiful paintings of flowers were inspired by the blooms growing in her own garden. She was the featured Artist in our 2017 Annual Exhibition.

Marilyn died suddenly on 2nd September. She was a Committee member at our first Annual General Meeting and was on Committee every year since. This year she held the position of Treasurer. Eleven members of RAS attended her funeral and several family members and long time friends reflected on Marilyn's life as a Nurse who with her Husband, Jim, a Minister of the Baptist Church, travelled to remote places working as missionaries ministering to people in need. Both these ladies will be greatly missed.



RAS Calendar

September – December 2020

Every Monday: Due to Covid 19, the Monday Art Studio at the RLI has been closed temporarily.

Demonstrations & Workshops: All planned demos and workshops have been suspended. Members will be advised when the RLI reopens and our group activities are permitted to start up again.

RAS Website Online Activities: A number of ongoing art and craft activities have been organised for members via the RAS website. Details are outlined in 'Activities' section of the Newsletter.

Monday 28rd September: The scheduled RAS General Meeting has been cancelled due to the Covid 19 restrictions at the RLI. As a way for members to participate in RAS activities, in lieu of attending, Committee would like to invite members to send their comments via the RAS Gmail by 25th September 2020. Committee will then attend to member emails/feedback at their September monthly meeting.

Monday 12th October 10am: Join us for our Spring Plein Air art outing. Meet @ Clovelly Surf Club 10am. Bring your painting, drawing and camera gear, food, drink, seat etc.



Photos Right – M, Kapodistria, M Kime, N Lewis



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RAS Exhibitions

In June our Society was approached by Council's Lionel Bowen Library at Maroubra Junction about the possibility of installing a display of member works in the Library. Our Committee saw this as an excellent opportunity to 'step out' and 'step up' in the face of the restrictions we have all faced with the virus.

Not having used the Library's main display space before, we set about to better understand what was involved, the size of the area, options to present works etc. The Library staff and in particular Christine Brennan, were very helpful in this regard. Once we had done our homework we decided that the works we presented needed to be limited in max. size to about A2 to ensure the display would work. We could also see that the number of works displayed would need to be capped at around 40.

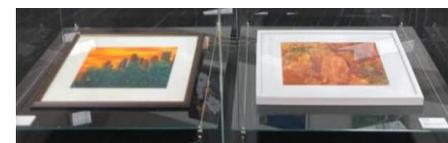
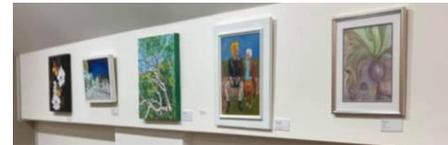
The display area offers 2 different wall hanging options, 3 glass cabinets as well as a TV screen.

Bringing all this together we considered that a good title for the display would be 'Emergence and Beyond'. What's more, it would be possible to prepare and display on a rolling TV slideshow the many and varied works undertaken by members as part of the Sketch-a-day exhibition on the RAS web site. At the same time it was recognised that there was an opportunity to prepare and install a vertical banner as part of the exhibition. As a result, Committee members joined with Heidi Hereth to formulate an appropriate design for the banner. This was completed and then printed by Minuteman Press in Randwick.

Entry forms were issued to all members and the timeframe set. A total of 38 works were submitted. To streamline and better resolve the set up of the exhibition and address social distancing, works were delivered to a Committee member's home and then taken to the Library. Several Committee members then curated the exhibition and this included individual titling of the works and a catalogue.

Overall we are very pleased with the exhibition and want to thank members for their involvement. We also want to thank Council and the Library for the opportunity to display members works at a time when our community needs encouragement.

We have also been encouraged by enquiries from the community as a result of the exhibition seeking to know about RAS membership as well as potential purchase of some member works.



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EMERGENCE & BEYOND

Works by members of the Randwick Art Society
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Randwick City Library
 a sense of community

Photos Above Bowen Library Exhibition Artworks. Committee Members; M Kapodistrias, R Bardsley-Smith, H Egan

Activities

Plein Air outing

We all know the virus restrictions have been hard. For members who have enjoyed meeting each Monday morning, that's not been possible. We've tried hard to do what we can to help members with things like the online Sketch-a-day facility and the Exhibition at Bowen Library. Well, here's another opportunity. Lock down has coincided with the winter months – but now we can get out and enjoy Spring ! So grab your gear, some tucker and a fold-up seat and make a bee line for Clovelly Surf Club. We're meeting there at 10am on Monday Oct 12th Plein air means getting out into good old outdoors and getting your sketching, painting, photography all happening. Make a plan to join us!

RAS Online activities

Mask making for Council:

At the time of writing we have been approached by Council to see if we may be able to assist in the making of face masks. The masks are required for mid December when Council intends to sell the masks with funds raised going to a local charity. Any of our material costs associated with the making of the masks will be covered by Council. Any members who would like to assist in this activity should advise Maria Kapodistrias in the first instance. Subsequently we anticipate a working group will be formed to undertake the task.

"Spring" Sketch-a-Day

The "Spring" Sketch-a-Day artworks can be seen on our website by accessing from the front page button "Spring". To participate in any of the Sketch-a-Day activities from all (3) - **Out and About**, **Assortments** and **Spring** send your artwork as a jpeg file to randwickartsocietyinc@gmail.com Contributing Members/Artists so far for Spring are: H Egan, M McIntosh, R Simmons, H Hereth, A McGhie.

Members News

In the last Newsletter it was reported that Drummoyne Art Society held an online exhibition in June.

Works by RAS members Julia Hasselmann and Heidi Hereth were selected as Finalists. However, following the close of the exhibition Julia's work was also selected as the People's Choice award. Congratulations to Julia.



Photo Above: 'Abaracadabra1' M McIntosh

In the last newsletter it was noted that Kurt Koepl had planned a pop up exhibition at Balgowlah in July. This was very successful and various members and the public were able to get along to see his work. Kurt reports that he was very pleased to be able to undertake this at a difficult time and he was encouraged by visitation and good sales. 23 artworks sold in total.

It was also noted that Rick Bardsley-Smith had work exhibited in Taiwan as part of the Australian Watercolour Institute's (AWI) link with the Taiwanese. It was also reported that the Australian leg of this joint exhibition had been cancelled. However, this has now been reinstated and is likely to occur in mid January 2021. This will be a good opportunity for members to get along and see works by Taiwanese and other overseas painters.

Our June Newsletter noted that a long time RAS member, Shelley Jackson, was moving to Port Macquarie to live. Shelley successfully made her transition and has settled in Port. Members will be aware that Shelley has also been a key RAS person in the managing of our web page. Since moving Shelley decided to resign as an RAS member and is seeking to become further involved in her local community. We wish Shelley all the best as she makes a new home. For the time being Niki Koepl has stepped up to the plate and is working on our web page (with a bit of background help from Shelley as necessary). In the longer term we are looking at just how best to manage our web site. In the meantime, we'd love to hear from any members with interests and skills in the area of web management and who may be able to assist as we move forward.

RAS Website Online Exhibition

RAS Online Exhibition was launched in February 2020. This is a way for members to present and potentially sell their works using the internet. This initiative was managed by Shelley Jackson, however since Shelley has now retired her position at RAS as website coordinator, this project is currently under construction. RAS Committee hope to get the Online Gallery up and running soon. Please contact RAS Gmail for any interest in participating in the RAS website Online Gallery. randwickartsocietyinc@gmail.com

Logo Comp

Earlier in the year a decision was taken to prepare a new logo by way of a competition through RAS members. In the last Newsletter a short list of 3 logo designs were displayed and members were encouraged to vote. The result of that process was that design No 1 was selected and is now in use, as seen on this Newsletter.