

## Newsletter – September 2026

### President's message.



I am glad to be back from my overseas jaunt. I have attended a few activities since my return including Noel Carrigg's tutorial on shapes in paintings. The attendees used pencils to define numerous shapes with the objective of

improving our painting's story telling.

On 20 September, your art group will be holding a workshop at AMRA, 48 Barry Avenue, Mortdale from 9.30am to 4pm. The tutor for this event is Dr Anna Voytsekhovich, A Sydney based artist, scientist, scientific illustrator, botanic artist and wildlife illustrator. This workshop will focus on the fascinating world of the butterfly using watercolour techniques. Attendees should not be afraid of using watercolour techniques as Anna's techniques will support first time users of this medium. I have seen Anna's works, and I highly recommend it to you. For registering or further details contact Maureen Lembke or [scagsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:scagsecretary@gmail.com). The fee for this tutorial will be \$60 for members and \$70 for non members.

Again, I remind members that our next exhibition will be held at the Menai Marketplace during October of this year. There is plenty of time to

complete your next masterpiece and possible entry into this show.

*Peter Thorn*  
**President**

### August's events.

#### Tuesday 4th August 2026 – 7pm – AGM & Critique – with Tanner Tan.

Our resident Critic, Tanner Tan reviewed the presented paintings and assisted by the audience provided valuable feedback to the artist. A judging panel was formed who awarded Popi



latrou **Best on Show** for her painting of a “Bush mermaid and

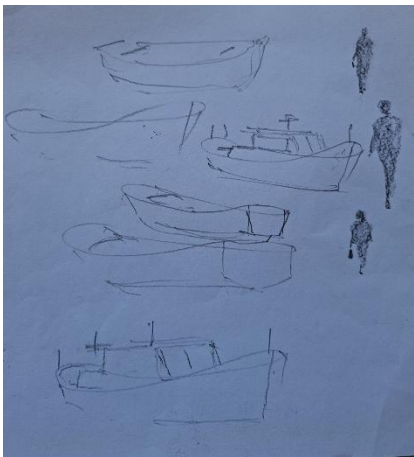


friends” and Isabelle Kwiatkowski was awarded **Highly Commended** for her painting of “Scylla Bay.” Congratulations to you both.

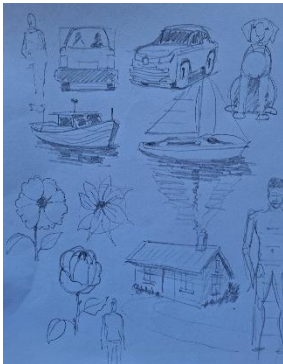
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2026, Tutorial – Noel Carrigg – Drawing/ painting shapes.**



This tutorial focused on basic shapes that may be used in art. The attendees used pencil and paper to draw various shapes that could provide realism to a painting. Noel explained that many shapes are loosely termed “man made” and based on geometrical shape (s). The geometric shapes like, circles, squares, triangles and rectangles, can be used as the basis for the ultimate shape, although these shapes can be altered by “perspective”. So circles could become “a disc”



etc. The attendees concentrated on using this “geometry” to get the overall shape of the subject, like a dog, a boat, a flower, a person, a house and so on.



**Thursdays 6, 13, 20 & 27 August – Social Painting at Sylvania.**



This daytime activity provided members the opportunity to socialise whilst attending to their current painting project. The photo depicts some of the attendees

**September’s Activities.**

| Tues |                                                                                            | Thurs |                             |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1    | Critique – Tanner Tan – 7pm.                                                               | 3     | Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm |
| 8    |                                                                                            | 10    | Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm |
| 15   | Demonstration – Maureen Lembke – Panting with pastels – 7pm - \$10 members, \$15 visitors. | 17    | Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm |
| 22   |                                                                                            | 24    | Social Painting- 1pm to 4pm |
| 29   |                                                                                            |       |                             |

**Tuesday 1st September 2026 – 7pm – Critique – Tanner Tan - \$5 members and \$10 for non-members.** This activity is to subject paintings to review by our resident Critic, Tanner Tan aided by the attending audience. A judging panel will be formed, and they will award paintings for **Best On Show** and **Highly Commended**. Up to 3 paintings

can be presented for review ensuring that no wet works are presented. Light refreshments are available.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2026 – 7pm – Demonstration – Maureen Lembke – Painting with pastels – \$10 members and \$15 for visitors.**

Maureen a long-time member of this art group was introduced to this medium when working with



local artists Robyn Gosbell and Margarette Looney. This medium has been used since the 15C. This demonstration will concentrate on how pastels can be used especially over watercolours to enhance paintings. Some



of the techniques explained will include blending, scumbling, cross hatching, layering and feathering. Explanation will also be given concerning the types of pastels such as “soft”, “hard” and “oil pastels”.

**Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 September – 1pm to 4pm – Social Painting - \$10 members.** This daytime activity is an opportunity for members to attend to their current or older project whilst socially reacting with other members and getting some

feedback on their progression. Light refreshment is available. A reminder that Menai Marketplace Exhibition is coming up in October of this year. So, here is the opportunity to get cracking on your next entry into the exhibition.

**October's Activities briefly.**

| <b>Tues</b> |                                                                        | <b>Thurs</b> |                                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|             |                                                                        | <b>1</b>     | No Painting – School Holidays                      |
| <b>6</b>    | Critique-7pm with Tanner Tan - \$5 for members, \$10 for visitors      | <b>8</b>     | No Painting - School Holidays                      |
| <b>13</b>   |                                                                        | <b>15</b>    | Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members |
| <b>20</b>   | Tutorial – Maureen Lembke - Pastels – 7pm – \$10 members \$15 Visitors | <b>22</b>    | Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members |
| <b>27</b>   |                                                                        | <b>29</b>    | Social Painting - Sylvania, 1pm - \$10 for members |

**Other news.**

**Southern Cross Art Group Inc Workshop**

**Butterflies in Watercolour**

**Tutor Dr. Anna Voytsekhovich**

**Date/Time** 20 September 2026 / 9.30 - 4:00 (with lunch break 30 min)

**Venue:** AMRA, 48 Barry Avenue, Mortdale

**COST:** \$60 MEMBERS \$70 NON-MEMBERS

**CONTACT:** Maureen Lembke to register or for more information

scagsecretary@gmail.com or Mob: 0409 030 049

**Materials:** a materials list will be provided on registration (some material may be available on the day)

### Workshop Description

During this workshop, participants will discover the fascinating world of butterflies—exploring their anatomy, ecology, and delicate



morphology in an engaging and accessible way.

The workshop requires no

previous

experience and Anna

uses step-by-step

guidance to demonstrate a range of watercolour techniques, including how to capture iridescence and render wings with subtle colour shifts and intricate textures. Whether you're new to art or looking to build confidence, this workshop is designed to

help you slow

down, observe

closely, and

enjoy the

process of

bringing nature

to life in

watercolour.



### Next Committee Meeting:

12md at Sylvania Hall on Thursday 3rd September 2026.

**Menai Marketplace exhibition – 26 to 31 October 2026.** This notice is just a reminder of our

exhibition later in the year.

### What's on.

**Hazelhurst, GyMEA –**

[Sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Hazelhurst](http://Sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Hazelhurst)

**Art Gallery NSW –**

[Artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://Artgallery.nsw.gov.au)

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prize finalists and winners.

**National Gallery, Canberra -**

[nga.gov.au](http://nga.gov.au)

### ACTIVITIES BY MEMBERS:

Joe Green, Richard, Astrid, Annabelle & Julia Green, Janette Rigby Sammut, Michael Rogers, and Noel Carrigg, all members, are exhibitors at The Kurnell Gallery, 6 Prince Charles Pde. Opening hours 10am to 3pm on each Saturday and Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome.

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**BANK DETAILS:** Southern Cross Art Group Inc.

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*Cheers until the next time*

*Noel Carrigg* - Editor

