



NEWSLETTER

Patron

*Her Excellency, Professor, the
Honourable Kate Warner AC,
Governor of Tasmania*

Australian Society of Miniature Art Tasmania Inc.
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January, February, March 2021



Dear Members,

I am writing to you all after a very happy painting day at the Colour Circle in Hobart. We experienced a lovely feeling of companionship, having the same goal of working on what we hope will be our next masterpiece! At times we had complete silence, and you could feel the concentration in the room.

It was an added joy for me when Bernadette Connor OAM arrived to present me with the Founder's Award. I had the opportunity to thank her, not only for the award she has created, but also for all she has done for the Society over the years. She recounted many stories and many happenings of when we had our home and start at the Hibiscus Gallery. Bernadette has certainly been a big influence on my career, not only exhibiting my work but encouraging me to send my miniatures overseas to Florida, which led to further exposure in America and then the Royal Miniature Society in London. Bernadette had to convince me that I could do it. Isn't that the way with all of us? We just have to tell ourselves that we can do it. That is why our next exhibition at the Lady Franklin Gallery, is going to be our best ever with your help. It's a privilege to be able to see our work hung in this superb Gallery and have Belinda Jefferies, President of The Rotary Club of Hobart, to open it for us.

Your Committee continues to work hard to organise our Annual Exhibition, painting days and Annual Workshop. We need more Committee members to join us, so could you all please seriously think about if you could help us to keep making our Society a vibrant organisation. We have to especially thank Ruth Bosveld, who has been a king pin on the

Committee. She is regretfully having to step down at the next AGM because of increasing family commitments. Our love and thoughts are with you Ruth after the recent death of your mother.

Keep enjoying your painting, and it would be wonderful if you could encourage more people to share our ongoing adventure.

Joan

2020 Founder's Award

The Founder's Award is presented each year in association with our Annual National Awards Exhibition. It is for a person who has had a consistently high standard of work and has worked to make a difference in the Society. The Award was initiated and is funded by the Society's Founder, Bernadette Connor OAM. Since our 2020 exhibition, *Small and Precious*, was online, we held the presentation at our first painting day of the year. Bernadette was able to attend in person and was thrilled to find that the recipient of the award was none other than our Society's President, Joan Humble OAM.

Joan and Bernadette chatted about old times, including the beginnings of the Society and its then home in the Hibiscus Gallery, which belonged to Bernadette.

Bernadette Connor OAM, the Society's Founder, presenting the 2020 Founder's Award to Joan Humble OAM



Annual Workshop

As mentioned in a previous Newsletter, the Committee has been planning to hold our annual workshop in Hobart to make things easier if there is a lockdown situation in the state as a result of the current pandemic.

It has been decided to hold the workshop at the Taroona Community Hall, since there is plenty of space, parking is readily available and there is some scope for billeting with members in the south.

The details are as follows:

Tutor: Joan Humble OAM

Title: Seascapes and Water in all its Forms

Medium: While Joan will demonstrate in oils, participants may choose their own medium.

Dates: Friday, 8th and Saturday, 9th October, 2021

Venue: the Taroona Community Hall
6 Batchelor Way, Taroona TAS 7053

Times: 10:30am - 3:30pm each day.

Numbers are limited to 20.

To **secure your place**, phone Joan on
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Price: is \$100 total for the two days.

Payment to be made prior to the workshop, before the end of September. Contact Julie, the Society Treasurer, on xxxxxxxxxxxx or by email on xxxxxxxxxxxx.

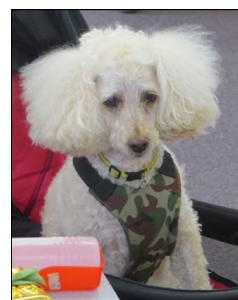
An example of Joan's ability to paint a turbulent sea



Joan will produce a list of the supplies she would use, which may be modified by participants to suit the medium they employ. Reference images may be requested from Joan or artists may use their own.

Vale Jen Bottle by Glenda Addison

Sadly, our longstanding ASMA Tas member, Jen Bottle, passed away on the 4th February 2021. Jen will be remembered as a very talented artist in both very large and miniature formats. Throughout her life, she attended a variety of art workshops, continuing to learn and enjoy the social aspects of these gatherings. She was always cheerful, energetic and helpful at the ASMA Tas Bicheno weekend workshops. Her artwork was voted as the People's Choice award winner several years ago at the ASMA Tas Rosny exhibition. She will be greatly missed.



Jen and her dog, Benji, who also attended some ASMA (Tas) events

Old Trapper's Hut, which won the People's Choice Award in 2017



Reminders

Friday, 19th March

Exhibition entry forms and payment must be in to Julie.

Friday, 26th March

All paintings must have been received by collection centres

Sunday, 28th March immediately after 4:30pm

Hand-in of work at Lady Franklin Gallery - by Committee Members.

Wednesday, 31st March at 6pm

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME!

Opening of *Inspiration in Miniature* at the Lady Franklin Gallery.

Be prepared to help out as **members will need to sit for the exhibition** along with members of the Art Society of Tasmania. We also plan to self-cater for the event, **so please bring along a plate of food to share and a soft drink or wine.**

Sunday, 25th April at 4pm

Collection of unsold work (committee)- many will be able to collect their pieces at the following painting day.

Saturday, 1st May

Painting Day at Briar Lane, Evandale

Saturday, 14th August

AGM at Colour Circle, Mt Nelson - Followed by a **time of painting.**

Friday/Saturday, 8th/9th October

This is also a change of date.

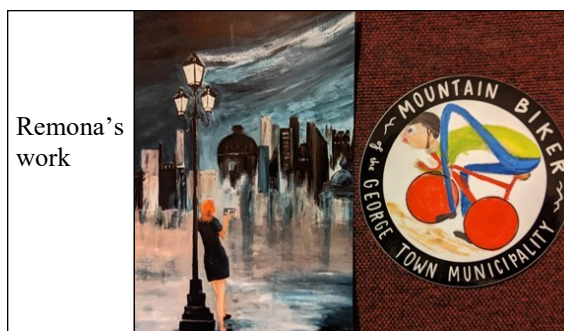
Annual Workshop in Hobart (See earlier)

Saturday, 20th November

Painting Day at Briar Lane, Evandale

Please notify a committee member about your intention to attend events, due to Covid regulations limiting attendance numbers. Due to the cost of hiring the venues for painting days, a fee of \$10 will be required. Attendance at the AGM will be free. Nibbles are always appreciated!

Congratulations to our northern member, **Remona Hayes**, who recently won the People's Choice Award in the Lighthouse Regional Arts Award and also the Mountain Bike Award in the George Town Bumper Sticker Competition.



Remona's work

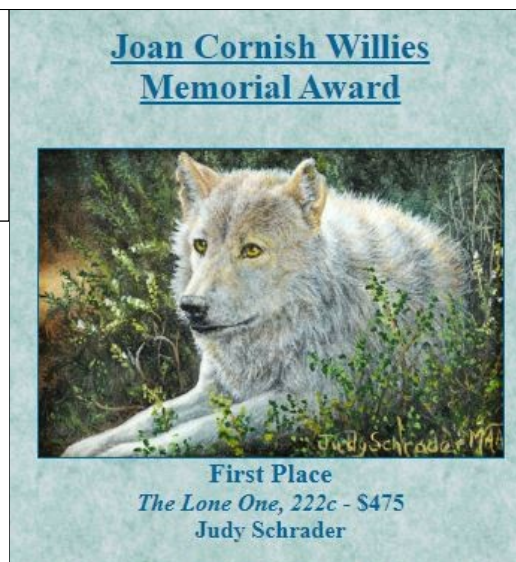
CONTACT DETAILS

The online nature of our last exhibition attracted a number of new international members. They did very well in *Small and Precious*, and continue to win awards internationally. Here are some examples.

The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society of Washington, D.C. (MPSGS) 2020 Exhibition



Judy Schrader won the Joan Cornish Willies Memorial Award for an oil painting.



Mary Serfass received first place in Collage/ Mixed Media

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Miniature Artists of America 2008-2012 Traveling Exhibition on display at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center

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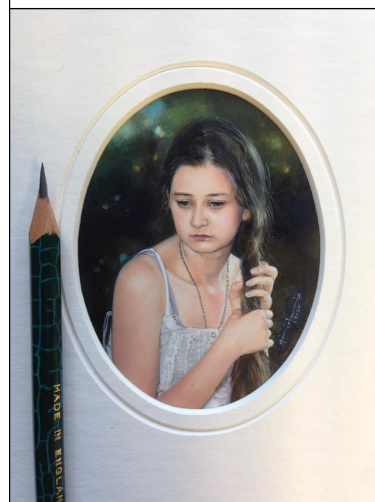
NEWLY ELECTED SIGNATURE MEMBERS – CLASS OF 2021

- Aja, Douglas - VT 2021
- Antoine, Morgane - France 2021
- Avelar, Lonetta - WA 2021
- Harris, Gini - South Africa 2021
- Holloway, June - TX 2021
- Roberts, Genevieve - MD 2021

The Miniature Artists of America was founded in 1985 in Clearwater, FL, USA to recognize outstanding professional miniature artists exhibiting within the United States. The Society's Signature Members represent a broad international constituency and a variety of artistic mediums and styles of 'Fine Art in little'.

Gini Harris, the South African artist who generously judged our online exhibition, has recently been honoured with signature status of the Miniature Artists of America.

Indigo Girl - one of Gini's miniature oil paintings (of her daughter)



Painting Day and Presentation of the Founder's Award Colour Circle, 13th February, 2021



Sandra Cumming, Bernadette Connor OAM and Joan Humble together for the presentation of the Founder's Award to Joan



Judith worked in coloured pencil.

Barbara was striving for scientific accuracy.



Sue and Robyn



Hard at work at Colour Circle, Mt Nelson



Painting days aren't always serious!



The Exhibition will opened by Belinda Jefferies, President of the Rotary Club of Hobart, with an Awards Ceremony to follow, on Wednesday, 31st March at 6pm and will continue until 25th April.

The Gallery is open weekends, 11am-4pm.

Members and Friends
are
Invited to Visit the
**2021 Annual National
Awards Exhibition**
of the
Australian Society of Miniature Art
(Tas) Inc



Inspiration in Miniature

Judged by Lindy Whitton and Elizabeth Hunn.
To be held at the Lady Franklin Gallery,
268 Lenah Valley Road,
Lenah Valley

