

OATLEY 101 SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.

NEWSLETTER

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Thank you to everyone who attended the Society's Annual General Meeting on Friday 21st November. There was some good discussion, which continued on after the meeting and into morning tea. I would also like to thank the members for re-electing the 2024 -25 office bearers and committee members. The Society's Office Bearers for 2025 – 2026 are President – Peter Cook, Vice President – Shirley Hagarty, Treasurer - Pat Middlemas, Secretary – Robyn Fague, Committee Members are Sue Lowe, Ann McIntyre, Michael Dunn, Robyn Reid. We also get to welcome two new Committee Members - Louise Murray and Lyn McDonald.

The preparation for The December Exhibition is well underway and I'm sure many of you are feverishly preparing. Below is the link to the online Entry Form and Conditions of Entry; [Entry Form December Christmas Exhibition 2025 - Oatley 101](#). Note that entries close Friday 28th November. We look forward to another great weekend together. Committee members would also appreciate your help if possible and don't forget the Members Christmas Party will start around 2.30 pm Saturday.

Congratulations and well done to Diana Garth who won second prize in the small painting section of the Harden/Murrumburra Arts council art awards for her painting entitled Storm Clouds, shown here below and with her fellow artists.



Congratulations also to Jane Wray who has been included in the International Association of Pastel Societies latest exhibition. This is a world wide online exhibition held in the USA which is very prestigious in the pastel world and highly contested. This is the second time Jane has been selected.

A reminder, entries for the Combined Art Societies of Sydney's 2026 Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition close Monday 24th November, 2025. Venue is St. George Motorboat Club, Sans Souci on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th February 2026. (Refer Shirley's CASS Report).

Check out Robyn's Plein Air report for November which was held at Barangaroo. The December Plein Air Expedition will be held at Bundeena on 11th December. This should be a lovely day out I hope the weather is good.

The much awaited Drawing Workshop with Guy Troughton held 26th of October was well received. I'm sure we all learned something and had a very enjoyable day.

Have a wonderful time at all the groups with your fellow artists and happy painting!.....Peter Cook

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En Plein Air Adventure

Barangaroo

En Plein Air Thursday 13/11/25

Another fabulous day with glorious weather. Most of the thirteen artists Carol, Gloria, Katherine, Louise, Manu, Michael, Mina, Raquel, Robyn, Steven, Tanner, Trish, Valerie, wandered off around the walking path of Barangaroo's Reserve. There was plenty of views of the harbour including Goat Island, East Balmain, sandstone boulders, etc. It was pretty warm though and essential to find some nicely shaded spots.



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En Plein Air Adventure

Bundeena by ferry from Cronulla.

11 December 2025

Ferry 8.30 from Cronulla. Fares are adult \$9.10 and concession \$4.55 each way (or drive if you prefer). Meet near the wharf around 9am. Facilities are available. We will meet up at noon for group pictures, then lunch. There are plenty of options for lunch, either BYO, local shops/cafes or the RSL is also good.



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COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY – REPORT

.... www.combinedartsocieties.com

The Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition – 2nd to 5th February 2026 – may seem a little way off at this time, but the closing of entries is a lot closer – Monday 24th November 2025! YES! It's next week!

Well-known artist John Perkins will be the Judge, and you can enter 'online', which would be an advantage at this time – and don't forget to fill in the Roster Form. The venue – St. George Motorboat Club – certainly makes it easy for our local artists to get to! And the parking at the Club is really good.

If you are wondering why the entries have to be in so early, just stop for a minute and think of all the things you have to do between now, Christmas and the New Year!! There is certainly plenty to do!

"Thank goodness it does not involve doing all the work involved in the preparation for organising the Art of Sydney Exhibition!"

Those words are the real reason why our Entries are required so early. It is to assist our hard-working volunteers to enjoy a Christmas and New Year break without the constant work involved in the preparation for the Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition. Note: Late entries will not be accepted. Better get a move on!

CASS 'Art in the Country' – Better hurry if you want to join watercolour artist Jenny Macnaughton whose workshops at Kandos will run from the 20th to 23rd November 2025. Please note – bookings can also be made for one day only. Check the CASS website (See top of the page) – under 'Regular Events'.

Painting will be outdoors if weather permits, or in the well set-up studio. Jenny will guide you through many watercolour techniques enabling you to capture the beautiful surroundings in Central Tablelands of New South Wales. Bookings are still available for this workshop. But hurry!

A reminder – If you are a financial member of Oatley 101 Society of Artists you are also a member of the Combined Art Societies of Sydney, and welcome to be part of the Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition.

CASS Oatley 101 Delegates
Shirley Hagarty and Diana Garth

Oatley 101 - Art of Sydney Awards Winners from 2024 – with the NSW Governor



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