



MOSMAN ART SOCIETY

Fostering the development, practice and love of art throughout the community

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Small but stunning

Yes, it was a challenge for some. No work larger than 40 by 40cm, but Mosman Art Society's **The Small Work Art Show** (6–16 August) opened at Mosman Rowers with 57 absolute little gems just itching to be admired.

The Rowers is superbly located on Mosman Bay, embraced by the Harbour with its boats and ferries and woody shoreline. You can eat and drink in the popular Archie Bear cafe while taking in the art.

A big thank you to Gill Burke of Mosman Rowers for her support. Gill initiated the hugely successful program of Winter Art Exhibitions at the Rowers and we're thrilled to have our second show here.



A visual feast for artists and guests



Margaret Crane with Jill Swart (right) snaps Robyn Coleman and her pastel artwork, Mosman Rowers, (top) at the opening party



From left: Lindie Treleaven, Linda Gold, Sandra Schaeffer, Bryan Besly and Annie Woodham

Cheers, Howard!

Congratulations to MAS member Howard Arthur Tweedie, finalist in the prestigious **Mosman Art Prize** at Mosman Art Gallery. His painting, *Wirra Birra 2024* (top right below), is one of 88 works selected from 1,617 entries from across Australia.

Mosman Art Society sponsors the Viewers' Choice Award, worth \$1,000.



SPRING WORKSHOPS

En Plein Air with Rob Dujin

Indulge in two days of plein air oil painting with local artist Rob Dujin, known for his sensitive landscapes that capture the ever-changing moods and varied views of our headlands, beach and bush (below).

Over two consecutive Saturdays, **7 and 14 September**, from 10am to 1pm, at Rosherville Reserve, Chinaman's Beach (venue to be confirmed), Rob will give short demonstrations and provide individual assistance throughout.

Participants are limited to six, so don't delay in booking. Cost is \$140 for the two days.



Jessica Ashton's Life Drawing

"For the artist, drawing is discovery." (John Berger)

After her inspirational life drawing workshop last year (pictured below), Jessica returns on **Sunday 13 October**, 9am to 3.30pm, at the **Melody Room, Mosman Art Gallery**.

Jessica teaches illustration and life drawing at the University of Technology, Sydney. She was an Archibald Prize finalist in 2017 and 2019 and several times a Mosman Art Prize finalist.

Artists of every level can enjoy the day. Participants start with quick one-minute sketches of the live model, building up to half-hour poses.

Numbers are limited so book early. Cost is \$120 for members, \$140 for non-members.



In Streeton's footsteps

Capture the scenes that Arthur Streeton, Tom Roberts and the Australian Impressionists immortalised in Sirius Cove.



Arthur Streeton, *From my camp (Sirius Cove)* 1896 AGNSW

In this unique opportunity, distinguished contemporary impressionist artist **Kasey Sealy** will lead an *en plein air* oil painting workshop day at **Sirius Cove, Mosman**, on **Sunday 27 October**.

Kasey (pictured below) has enjoyed solo shows across Australia and the UK and exhibited in France, Italy and the USA. He has produced a number of educational painting videos, and is a popular workshop and tutorial leader in oil and watercolour in this country as well as running regular painting holidays in Tuscany and other overseas locations.

"My work is a direct influence of the impressionist style of painting," he says, "with a direct hand eye coordination in front of the subject trying to capture the subtleties of mood, light and atmosphere..."



The day will begin at 9am with a technical demonstration by Kasey, followed by individual supervision until 4.30pm. Again, numbers are limited so register early. Cost is \$125.

For more information and to book workshops, contact secretary@mosmanartsociety.org.au

Marvellous Mucha



"I thought I'd never heard of Alphonse Mucha," was one comment. "And then I saw his posters and realised I'd known him all the time."

Mosman Art Society members and friends were treated to a 'fabulous' tour of **Alphonse Mucha – the Spirit of Art Nouveau** at the Art Gallery of New South Wales on 24 July, led by knowledgeable volunteer guide (and Mosman resident) Robyn Bathurst (above).

Hailed as 'the greatest decorative artist in the world' at the turn of the 20th century, Mucha rocketed to fame with his posters for Sarah Bernhardt's theatrical productions, his seductive advertisements and his designs for Georges Fouquet's jewellery.

But in the last half of his life he returned to his native Czechoslovakia where, as a fierce patriot, he devoted his art to the celebration of Slav independence, history and culture.

If you haven't seen the show yet, check it out before it closes on September 22.



Alphonse Mucha, Job (poster for cigarette papers), 1898, Art Gallery of New South Wales

Amazing Archie

To have the Archibald Prize all to ourselves, up close (well, not *too* close) and personal with the finalists' and winners' works, was very special.

MAS members and friends enjoyed an early 9.30am entry to the exhibition at the Art Gallery of New South Wales on 2 July, and a private tour with experienced Archie guide Annabel Baxter.

The Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes are on display until 8 September.



An introduction in the Sulman Prize gallery



Admiring Jill at Bill's by Zoe Young, her portrait of food writer and restaurant critic, Jill Dupleix



A well-deserved coffee afterwards in the Members' Lounge

Dates to save



Sunday 1 December

Mosman Art Society Christmas Party

6pm to 8.30pm

Grand Hall, Mosman Art Gallery



Sunday 16 March, 2025

Gala Birthday Party and AGM

Celebrate 30 years of Mosman Art Society!

Grand Hall, Mosman Art Gallery

Frenchy's Second Tuesdays

Coffee, arty conversation, show and tell and maybe some sketching, every second Tuesday of the month, 10am at Frenchy's Café, Headland Park, Mosman.

Look for the table with the pot plant. Upcoming dates: 10 September, 8 October, 12 November

Social Media

Add your artwork and bio info to the Artists' Gallery on the MAS website

www.mosmanartsociety.org.au

Visit us on Instagram @mosmanartsocietyinc.

Contact secretary@mosmanartsociety.org.au to come on board.

En Plein Air

Led by Jonathan Falk, the group meets twice a month from 10am to around 12pm. Just turn up!

Thursday 22 August

Cllifton Gardens, Chowder Bay (below)

Tuesday 3 and Thursday 19 September

Bradley's Head

Tuesday 1 and Thursday 17 October

Little Sirius Point (via Little Sirius Cove)

Tuesday 12 and Thursday 28 November

Harnett Park, Mosman Bay



Shows to see

Sydney Contemporary 2024

Australasia's premier art fair – leading galleries showcase cutting edge artwork

5 – 8 September, Carriageworks (ticketed)

Gauguin's World: Tona Iho, Tona Ao

National Gallery of Australia, Canberra

Until 7 October (ticketed)

Drawing Prizes

2025 Perry Prize for Drawing

20th anniversary of Presbyterian Ladies' College Sydney's Adelaide Perry Prize for Drawing.

Entries close 15 January 2025

www.apg.plc.nsw.edu.au

Dobell Drawing Prize 2024

Australia's leading prize for drawing, presented biennially by the National Art School in partnership with the Sir William Dobell Foundation.

Entries close: 5pm, 16 September 2024

www.nas.edu.au

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

Lynda McKay

Jeanette Sheridan

Heather Cole

Linda Seve

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