

SASA NEWSLETTER - March 2011



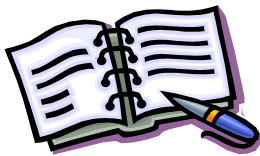
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■Forthcoming events in brief



MARCH	Saturday 26	Painting Outing to Flamingo Vlei
	Thursday 31	Monthly Meeting - Gus Kennedy Talk
	Thursday 31	Painting Outing to Kalk Bay Harbour
APRIL	Thursday 30	Monthly Meeting - Wyn Rossouw Demo
MAY	Saturday 28	Hanging day and Opening of Members' Exhibition 6.30pm
	Saturday 28	SASA Members' Exhibition - ends on Monday 06 June

"The only time I feel alive is when I'm painting." – Vincent van Gogh

■President's Letter

Dear Members

It was with great sadness that SASA Council and members said farewell to both our brave president Lynn Brown and her lovely daughter Jessica at the AGM on 24 Feb. Lynn completed her 3 years of presidency and stepped down in accordance with our constitution - no 30 year reign by a despotic dictator for us even though we are in Africa! - while Jessica is returning to UCT to study for her Masters in Art.

What an inspirational leader Lynn has been! Her goal has been to raise the standard of the Society and to elevate its standing in the art world; in her own words *"My personal crusade during my term, ably taken up by the council, has been to raise the professional image of the society and for SASA to be seen as one of the leading art groups in the country"*.

We are going to miss Lynn's strong yet gentle leadership, her humour and her joyful enthusiasm; we'll miss Jessica's delightful laugh and her endless patience at the Checking Forms table on Selection day, but ... most of all ... we'll miss their chocolate Brownies!

Dear Lynn, we salute you. Every one of us in this Society is going to miss you but we hope you will now have the time to get back to your art as we've also missed your exquisite, delicate paintings in our exhibitions.

But, as the seasons move, so too do they bring change and opportunities for new members to step up and bring their particular skills to the table.

It was good to welcome Cherry Nichols and Lawrie Leve onto the Council and heartfelt thanks must go to the 10 remaining Council members who are prepared to stay on for another year of hard work and dedication – and all for the sheer love of it! We have a wonderful energetic team ready to tackle the challenges of the coming year and although being on Council is indeed hard work, it should also be rewarding and fun - else why are we doing it?

I am deeply honoured to have been elected President and I hope to do my part in keeping SASA heading in the right direction. Congratulations too to Linda Howe-Ely who is our new Vice President, Liz Pearson our new Secretary and of course Mike Daubermann who remains as Treasurer and without whom we could not manage. Lynn Brown did a wonderful job in moving our Society toward higher levels of professionalism - we will strive to continue working toward those goals whilst at the same time forging new initiatives, relationships and services to our members whilst also seeking to reflect SASA's vibrancy by modernising and updating our image.

I am certainly looking forward to this coming year and hope everyone else is too.

Lorna Jakins

■ Member News

A warm welcome to this month's new members!

Lyndy Ovenstone

Harriet Pellizzari

Emma Appels-Riley

Lana Venner

David Chapman

Loni Drager

Kim Kloppers

Welcome back to Dawn Bruyns!



■ SASA Programme - What's On

MONTHLY MEETINGS

SASA Monthly Meetings are held at the Athenaeum, Boundary Terraces, off Campground Road, Newlands, on the last Thursday of every month at 19h00. Entry is R10 for members and R20 for guests, including refreshments. The library will be open to members from 18h00 to 18h45, before meetings.

Thursday 31 March at 19h00

Talk by GUS KENNEDY

Gus Kennedy, owner of The Italian Artshop in Rondebosch and a keen painter himself, will give us a most enlightening talk and one not to be missed, entitled *Paint - What is it?* Some practical advice and insights explaining why *knowing more about the materials* you use will help you *produce better paintings ...*

Geared mainly towards oil painters but with relevance for all mediums, this talk will explain:

- what makes a good paint and what grade of paint you should buy
- what different brushes are made of and how they should be used
- how to prepare your own canvasses and boards and why some bought canvas types are so much better than others

- how and when to varnish your paintings
- many other topics that will enable you to make better choices about what materials to use for better paintings.

Thursday 30 April at 19h00

Oil Demonstration by WYN ROSSOUW

Wyn describes herself as an ordinary suburban housewife and mom who happens to be passionate about painting. Her demo will be a simple still life such as a jug and garlic bulb, done in oil on canvas and entitled *Exploring the Still Life*.

"I will be giving a demo of one of the ways in which I attempt to render a very simple still life subject in a painterly way. This will take the form of dried layers of oil paint on small canvases, in 3 to 4 stages. As such I will prepare painted canvases of each stage beforehand and then during the demo, work into them accordingly, using my favourite big flat brushes and loads of paint."

■ Library News



Library attendance started off very slowly last month, but with the new additions being added, hopefully we will see more and more of you taking out books, DVDs and magazines.

Please remember that the library fines have gone up to – magazines and books R5, videos R10 and DVDs R15 each per month overdue. These new costs are on the back of your library cards. For library queries or renewals please contact Liz Pearson (021) 671 8941, e-mail lizp@iafrica.com.

■ Web Site and Blog

A reminder that there is a wealth of information that you can get, just by logging onto the web site at www.sasa-artists.co.za or by going to the blog <http://sasartists.blogspot.com>. The blog also has information on Art Teachers, Models and Exhibitions, so if you have information you want included, please email lizp@iafrica.com.

■ Exhibitions

SASA Members' Exhibition 2011

The Members' Exhibition will be taking place from 28 May to 6 June. All members are permitted to show their single best work, of their own selection, on this exhibition. This is the *only* Exhibition held by SASA which allows for work to be submitted which may have been accomplished in a classroom or teaching situation, (provided that the artist has that teacher's permission to do so). This is to encourage new, as well as established, artists to show their work, and thereby stand a chance at selling, often their first, artwork. With the wonderful success of the Merit Exhibition to go on, we encourage *all* members to start painting and be sure to enter!

In addition, you will be able to exhibit a second work, done on paper or canvas board to a maximum measurement on the longest side of 60cms. This work will be placed in the portfolio stand. Once either one of your works have been sold, they can be replaced.

EXHIBITIONS INVOLVING SASA MEMBERS

The Tank Art Gallery Mandy McKay and Helen van Stolk are exhibiting at The Tank, a converted old wine tank at Stellenbosch Hills, from 20 December to 31 March. Stellenbosch Hills Winery is situated on the R310, near Stellenbosch. The Gallery is open daily, from Monday to Friday: 8am - 5pm, and from 10am - 3pm on Saturdays and Public Holidays. (Closed on Sundays) For more information, please call Annelize Vermeulen on 021 881 3828 or e-mail info@stellenbosch-hills.co.za.

The Simon's Town Art Group (STAG) invites you to attend their annual art exhibition from Saturday 19 to Sunday 27 March in the Simon's Town Library Hall on the Main Road opposite the Simon's Town Police Station. David Biggs, the Cape Argus columnist, will be opening the exhibition at 12 noon on Saturday 19 March. There will be live music, wine and snacks, and you will be able to watch the artists at work. For more information, please call Janet Spurr on 021 782 0339.

Prince Albert Gallery SASA Fellow, Christine Thomas, is holding an exhibition in the Karoo town of Prince Albert, opening on 1 April. You are invited to the opening at 6pm if you are in the area. Email karooart@gmail.com for more info.

Cape Gallery Margot Hattingh will be showing her work from 27 February until 26 March. Visit www.capegallery.co.za for more information or call 021 4235309.

Original Cape Art, many of whom are SASA members, will be hosting an exhibition of works by 22 established, local artists at the Sanlam Hall in the beautiful grounds of Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. Art works in a wide range of mediums will be available to view and purchase. Combine a visit to this wonderful venue with the opportunity to experience a first class exhibition of landscapes, still life's, floral art, and innovative abstract paintings. Entrance to the exhibition is free after entry to Kirstenbosch Gardens. The exhibition will open on Friday 25 March and is open daily from 10am to 5pm until Thursday 7 April.

Ryno Swart and friends. You are invited to attend an exhibition of recent works, on Friday, 18th March, at 6:30 p.m at the new Ryno Swart Art Gallery, 136 St Georges Street, Simon's Town. Two of our members, Linda Weaver and Helene Swart will be exhibiting.

Sasol Art Museum, Stellenbosch Barry Gibb will be giving a talk entitled "Rodin Supreme" which will be held on Wednesday 4 May in Stellenbosch at 5.30pm. Phone Barry on 072 597 6272 for further information.

■ Outings

Saturday 26 March from 9am onwards: Flamingo Vlei

From this spot there are views of the vlei, with its bird life and watersports, on one side, and the classic view of Table Mountain on the other side. Umbrellas or big sunhats recommended! Be warned - there is no loo!

Directions Follow Otto du Plessis Drive from Milnerton. Meet at the parking area between Sunset Beach and Dolphin Beach. **Convenor** Liz Kantor, tel 021 555 0870 or mobile 083 703 3759.

Please bring your own lunch, tea, easel, chair, sunhat, etc. No dogs, please!



Thursday 31 March from 9.30am to 1pm: Kalk Bay Harbour

Direction: Parking in the general public parking area. Meet on the pier.
Convenor: Helen van Stolk helenvstolk@gmail.com or 082 785 7288

■ Requests/Opportunities

We are constantly receiving requests from the public, as well as our members, looking for art teachers in various mediums. If you can recommend a teacher to others, please let us know - send an email to lizp@iafrica.com. Please specify the level at which they teach (Beginner, Moderate, Advanced) as well as the medium, where applicable. If you are looking for a teacher, there are a number of experienced teachers listed on our blog <http://sasartists.blogspot.com>, click on the "Teacher" heading and voila!

A request for a Teacher

We received the following request from a mother in Mitchell's Plain - "I am looking for an art centre or artist who teaches beginner water colours in Claremont area preferably between 4pm and 5pm

Monday - Thursday, Fridays after 2pm or Saturday mornings". If you can help, please contact Gertrude at conrad.gertrude@gmail.com.

Can you help?

Liz Kramer is still looking for a volunteer to help her teach art at The Dominican School for Deaf Children, in Wynberg.

She can be contacted at 082 728 6632 or e-mail seeztheday@iafrica.com. This could be your opportunity to give something back to the community.

The Tank Art Gallery, Stellenbosch Hills

The Tank Art Gallery, at Stellenbosch Hills Winery is looking for artists interested in exhibiting at the gallery. A minimal commission is charged, but artists need to organise their own publicity, and ideally, an opening event. The space is well set up for hanging (hooks / cords) and the staff from the tasting room will handle any sales. Please contact Annelize Vermeulen on 021 881 3828 or email: info@stellenbosch-hills.co.za Web: www.stellenbosch-hills.co.za.

Life Drawing Group

Liz Kantor runs a life drawing group at the Frank Joubert Art Centre every Thursday during the school term, from 10am to 1pm. Email lizkantor@mweb.co.za or call 021 5550870, 083 7033759.

Display opportunity

The Lacomia Coffee Shops in Builders' Warehouses (branches at Tableview, Northgate and Tokai) are looking for artists to display their paintings.

1. They are looking for art which will suit their coffee shops and wish to choose the paintings to display. Works must be framed or on deep-edge

■Renewal of Subscriptions

Many thanks to those members who renewed their subscription timeously. For those who have forgotten or who will not be renewing their membership, this will be the last newsletter that you will be receiving. So, to keep up to date with what is happening, please get your payment in to Mike Daubermann as soon as possible. Cheques must be made to the SA Society of Artists and posted to Mike Daubermann, 30 Princess Vlei Rd, Plumstead. Prefer to pay by direct deposit? - Deposit the amount into the S A Society of Artists Cheque A/C, Nedbank Constantia Branch 1088006981 – Branch code 108809. Please fax or post a copy of the deposit slip, or email the date and amount to Mike (Tel 021 761 2060) E-mail: hoags@mweb.co.za. Please notify Mike of your name, phone number and the nature of your payment.

"At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since." - Salvador Dali

canvas, prices should be in the R600 – R4000 range, but occasionally they may accept higher.

2. Works will be taken on consignment and they will take 30% commission. Artists must be prepared to leave work on display for up to 3 months.
3. Artists must supply their own labels which should clearly state: Artist's name, Title of painting, Medium and Price.
4. Preferably, artists should email photographs of their work to: lacomiasunningdale@neomail.co.za
5. Or phone to make an appointment to show your work - call Rio 021 5543381 or Mike Currie 076 5638990.

Art Fellowship: (from the Cape Times 8th March 2011)

- The Vermont Studio Center in the US is offering five mid-career artists from Africa the chance to be part of the eight-week Robert Sterling Clark Fellowship. Successful candidates will have airfare, accommodation, studio space and art supplies allowance provided.

See www.vermontstudiocenter.org/robert-sterling-clark-fellowships

10th Lessedra World Art Print Annual - Mini Print

2011 <http://www.lessedra.com/annual.php> Please

have a look at the conditions for participation at

<http://www.lessedra.com/entry.php?d=conditions>

and send your works from January until end of March.

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