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studio and schoolhouse gallery  
173 ashmore road/carrara st  
benowa q 4217  
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po box 8950  
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# SCULPTORS' SOCIETY GOLD COAST INC

NEXT MEETING ON: MON 28TH MARCH 2011 @ 6.45pm (OR all welcome at 6pm for reports/minutes etc)

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# newsletter

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# president's REPORT

Dear Members

As you are aware in February we had our first general meeting with a good membership turnout. The meeting was held in our newly renovated Benowa Gallery, which was resplendent in white, and adorned with new light fittings, screen projector and new tables. Not forgetting the great work done by Marcus and Eric on restructuring the Gallery layout, providing the Society with invaluable screened storage space.

After the normal course of business items, we then gave the floor to our newest honorary member and well known guest speaker, Natasha Edwards, founder and director of SWELL. Natasha provided us with a superb overview of SWELL, complimented by an excellent DVD presentation of the 2010 exhibition. Afterwards there ensued a lively discussion on how both entities could work closer together. Natasha recognises the history and significance of our Society within the community and indeed stated that she was a past member a few years back.

It was agreed that the Sculptors' Society would assist SWELL by actively participating in the proposed Street Swell project, which will enlist the creative involvement of our members to work with local retailers with the aim of extending the festivity aspect of the Swell Sculpture Festival to the Tugun business area. Sculptors will work with business owners to create a sculpture using items from the retailer's own products. This project will be promoted through the Swell Sculpture Festival to encourage a broader perspective on the creative aspect of the sculpture process and to encourage spending in the local business area. This opportunity to engage with the successful Swell Sculpture Festival will provide exceptional exposure for the Sculptors' Society Gold Coast and will generate new creative and professional opportunities for our members and encourage new memberships.

We also have the exciting International Women's Day exhibitions organised by Midge and Corinne and with collaboration from members of the Potters Assoc. Over 100 artists applied and there is a great collection of women's art in all media including sculpture, pottery, painting, textile art, photography and film between the 2 exhibitions - as well as the ephemeral performance art of wreaths by Corinne (Forget Me Knots) to be filmed at the Broadwater - all

... our NEW website ...

# AND DOESN'T IT SPEAK VOLUMES

## Sculptors' Society Gold Coast

HOME MISSION STATEMENT SCULPTING CLASSES MEMBERS NEWS GALLERY CALENDAR LOCATION



Welcome to Sculptor's Society Gold Coast Inc.

### OBJECTIVES:

Established over 37 years ago, The Sculptor's Society Gold Coast inc; is a thriving and vibrant Non-profit sculptors' organisation, based on the Gold Coast, QLD. Teaching and showcasing traditional and contemporary sculpture in all media - ceramic, bronze, metal, stone, wood.

### Quick Contact Form

Name:\*

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of which opened on 8th March. Virginia Rigney from the GCCC Art Gallery is opening FEMME at Robina Community Art Gallery and Natasha Edwards from SWELL is opening THE WOMEN'S PROJECT at 19 Karen Contemporary Artspace. We hope you attended the opening on March 8th, and joined with the artists for some wine and cheese. There was some wonderful art "made by women ... about women". Well done Midge and Corinne - that's the can-do attitude that gets things done! Don't forget to send in your photos for inclusion in our new website, also to send in your thoughts on a slogan for the Society as we will be voting for it during our next meeting. So come along and get involved, tis is your Society and it needs your input !!!

**AND LAST but CERTAINLY NOT LEAST just a reminder that this year's SWELL entries close on March 15th 2011**

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:  
MONDAY 28TH MARCH AT 6.45PM**

*If you would like to attend the "Society Pre-Meeting" where minutes and treasurers report etc are discussed, then you are welcome to attend at 6pm.*

**followed by "Guest Speaker"  
BRAD from "PICASSO CERAMICS"**

*BRAD will present a talk about his work and business on the Gold Coast, during which time he will discuss the variety of finishes that can be used to enhance your sculptures. BRAD can also instruct you on how to colour and glaze your work at higher temperatures than we can do at Benowa.*

*Brad has worked in many different fields over the years, all with an artistic base. He says he has loaded and unloaded his kilns over 14,000 times !!!*

*BRAD is a qualified Ceramics Teacher and Judge of local Ceramics Competitions.*

*His business is the largest distributor of ceramic and pottery supplies on the Gold Coast with a 33 year reputation at his West Burleigh Studio which was established in 1978.*

*He has a wide range of clients who have many needs and he has been at the forefront of supplying them with the newest and best products.*

*PICASSO STUDIO is appointed distributor for CESCO glazes. BRAD's studio is often a hive of activity, with people working on various stages of their projects: sanding, sponging, carving, painting or glazing.*

*You really should take advantage of this opportunity to further your artistic knowledge.*

**NB**

**Please note that monthly meetings have now been moved from a Thursday to a Monday with a change in meeting structure to enable us to have specific time set aside for "Think-Tank" brainstorming.**

**a word from your VICE-PRESIDENT : Midge Johansen**

Thanks so much to the volunteers who responded to the callout for a working bee and turned up on 21st Feb to paint all the 60 or so plinths for the new year's exhibitions programs - such volunteers who give their valuable time for free to the Society NEED thanking and a pat on the back! HENRY REIL-WENNER was a champion! HENRY purchased the paint at trade, supplied all his own drop-sheets and provided rollers and trays. Thanks to HENRY, MIDGE, MARCUS, TONY, OLLIE, JO and CORINNE for coming along to help.

PRESIDENT IAN has worked hard with an application for a grant through Council Divisional Funding program for the purposes of renovations to the Gallery and the kitchen - let's keep our fingers crossed for some success!

Wall Planner calendars are now situated in the workrooms and in the Gallery with all coming dates, events, meetings and exhibitions for all to see.

Councillor Jan Grew spoke to MIDGE about offering the 3 glass cabinets situated in the Robina Community Centre where the Gallery is (currently exhibiting FEMME EXHIBITION FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY) for the Sculptors' Society to use to display smaller sculpture works and Society promotional material on a rotating basis - perhaps to be changed every 2 months. This is a wonderful opportunity to display and promote the Society to visitors to the Centre. MIDGE will organize a sub-committee to oversee this and to select exhibitors.

The First exhibition in the Society's annual exhibitions program is the **CHARITY EXHIBITION** - the charity chosen this year is for **FLOOD RELIEF FUND**. The exhibition is open to all artists in all mediums - **ENTRY FORM ATTACHED**. Thanks to JO who asked the GCCC mailout to waive their fee to insert our flyer into their mailout, and thanks to JOHN BROOKS for personally printing and cutting 3000 of the Advert Flyers I drew up last night to deliver urgently to the GCCC Gallery - once again, great voluntary effort!

I am asking ALL members to contribute to donating goods to be auctioned on Opening Night of this Charity Exhibition - get all that stuff out of your cupboards and around the home! Drop these donations into the Society rooms at the next meeting or on delivery day for the artworks for the exhibition. Perhaps some members know a business they can approach for a service or a product to be auctioned for this charity event? We need ALL members to contribute something to make this a success.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**WELL IT'S BACK INTO A BRAND NEW YEAR WITH VIGOR.**

**We look forward to new associations throughout the next 12 months with excitement.**

**More news and detailed info on all new members shortly, as we ask them to present talks about their art practice at future meetings**

**NEWSLETTER:**

**DEADLINE** for copy is one week after our committee meeting. ALL copy for **APRIL NEWSLETTER** is to be sent to **MIDGE JOHANSEN** (including captions with all pics).

# OPPORTUNITY

SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL  
(NOOSA)

**STONE SCULPTURE BEQUEST**

**Closing date 3 1st March**

GO TO: [www.noosastonebequest.org.au](http://www.noosastonebequest.org.au)

# FOR SALE

Hexagonal 20" x 20" electric kiln approx.  
Top loader, automatic.

**TELEPHONE: 5539 8040**

or EMAIL: [artspark2001@yahoo.com](mailto:artspark2001@yahoo.com)

## SCULPTORS' SOCIETY GOLD COAST INC.

**ANNUAL CHARITY EXHIBITION 2011  
FOR FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

Sculptors' Society Annual Charity Exhibition  
of sculpture and art in all media -  
together with an auction of goods.  
Our chosen charity this year is in aid of  
**FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

**PREVIEW WINE & CHEESE  
OPENING NIGHT and CHARITY AUCTION**

Friday 15th April at 6.30 pm

Come and have some fun -  
grab a bargain at the auction!  
Entry by gold coin donation.  
Buffet and refreshments.

**Exhibition Hours: 10am – 4pm  
Sat 16th and Sun 17th April 2011**

Schoolhouse Gallery  
Cnr. Ashmore Rd & Carrara Street,  
Benowa, Gold Coast City

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**SCULPTORS' SOCIETY GOLD COAST INC.**  
**ANNUAL CHARITY EXHIBITION 2011**  
**Art Exhibition to Benefit FLOOD RELIEF FUND.**

**Schoolhouse Gallery:** \_\_\_\_\_

173 Ashmore Rd - cnr Carrara St, Benowa - Gold Coast City

**Official Opening:** Fri 15th April 2011 at 6.30pm

**Auction of Donated Goods:** Fri 15th April 2011 during Opening Night - 7.30pm.

**Exhibition Open to the public:** Sat 16th April, Sun 17th April, 10am - 4 pm

**CONDITIONS:**

1. **Open to all artists in all mediums. Also asking exhibitors to donate goods or services of all kinds for the charity auction on Opening Night. We encourage all entrants to approach local Businesses to donate services or goods for the charity auction to please help make the event a success.**
2. **All exhibits are to be for sale** with artist's name and selling price labeled clearly. Prices should reflect reasonable value to attract sales for the purpose of raising funds for charity. The Society will charge a 25% commission on sales to go towards the FLOOD RELIEF FUND. Selling price to be GST inclusive if the artist is registered for GST.
3. **ENTRY FORM** is due by Friday 8th April, to be posted **with all fees to: The Secretary, Sculptors' Society Charity Exhibition, PO Box 8950, GCMC 9726.**
4. **ENTRY FEES: Sculptors' Society Members.....\$15 per artist - up to 6 artworks. Non-members.....\$20 per artist - up to 6 artworks. All artwork media accepted.** Fee includes the free supply of Plinths.
5. 3-D works limited to be able to be moved easily by one or two people. Paintings must be ready to hang with wire across back and NO bigger than 1 sq metre. The Exhibition Committee reserves the right to arrange the exhibition to its best visual display advantage.
6. All works to remain for the duration of the exhibition - no early removals. (Exceptions granted at the Committee's discretion, if sales to interstate/overseas visitors require early release).
7. Society Exhibitors **required to fill the DUTY ROSTER** - time slot to be confirmed on delivery day - 6 duty sessions over weekend - 10am - 12noon, 12 noon - 2pm and 2pm to 4pm each day.
8. **DELIVERY OF ARTWORKS** and goods donated for the charity auction to the Schoolhouse Gallery venue on Thursday 14th April between 10am and 12 noon FIRM for Exhibition Committee to have ample time to set up and catalogue the exhibition and auction.
9. **PICK-UP OF SOLD** works by purchasers and **UNSOLD WORKS** by artists on Sun 17th at 4pm FIRM or Monday 18th April between 10am and 12 noon FIRM.
9. **OFFICIAL OPENING NIGHT** - Friday 15th April, 6.30pm. All exhibitors are kindly requested to bring a plate of finger food to add to the buffet. The Society will provide wine and orange-juice at a nominal fee. Entry is by gold coin donation for non-exhibitors - please encourage guests to come and help support the spirit of the FLOOD RELIEF FUND, and to have fun at the auction.
10. Whilst all care will be taken by the Society, artists are responsible for insuring their own works and guarantee to indemnify the Society against any loss or damage, however caused.
11. Any decision by the Committee is final and binding with no correspondence entered into.



# celebrating the 100th anniversary of INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY which opened on Tuesday 8 March, with **3** art events : [midge johansen](#)

1. 'THE WOMEN'S PROJECT' at 19Karen Contemporary Artspace
2. 'FEMME' at Robina Community Art Gallery
3. 'FORGET ME KNOTS' floating wreath ephemeral event filmed at the Broadwater.

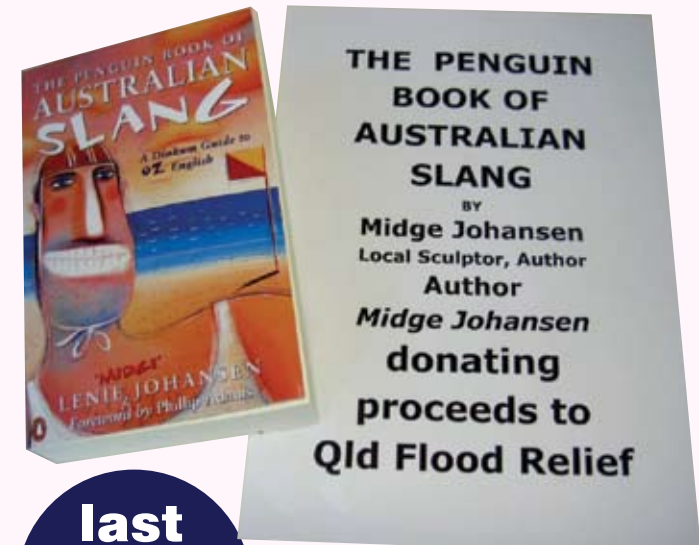
Corinne Colbert and Midge Johansen brought together a group of enthusiastic women in the local arts industry to collaborate with a vision of bringing a diverse range of female artists together for the support and promotion of women's art in all media with 3 events and exhibitions that all opened on the same day to celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day on 8th March.

In the spirit of solidarity and support for all women working in the arts, various women and artists across several local organizations and industries such as Sculptors' Society Gold Coast Inc, Gold Coast Potters' Assoc Inc and 19KAREN Contemporary Artspace have united in their efforts and support with Midge Johansen and Corinne Colbert to promote and raise the awareness and profile of women across all media in the arts industry.

With 'FEMME' - an exhibition of women's art at Robina Community Art Gallery, 'THE WOMEN'S PROJECT' - an exhibition showcasing contemporary art practice at 19KAREN Contemporary Artspace and 'FORGET ME KNOTS' - an ephemeral event of floating wreaths filmed at the Broadwater by Corinne Colbert, we invite you to visit the 2 exhibitions to celebrate art made by women and about women - a female aesthetic dealing with women's issues and a celebration of the diversity and achievements in women's art.

Our aim for the 3 events was to allow women to speak through their art and offer a dialogue around women or their issues. We went beyond just 'fine art' and into all art and craft endeavour by women in all media, including painting, sculpture, pottery, glass, photography, textiles, embroidery, needlework, literature, performance and film. Much of the domestic art or craft of women goes largely unrecognised or unnoticed - and it is in such pieces as the exquisite sculptural works woven from the fabric of old family clothing or the shawl knitted with hand-spun wool that we may often appreciate the threads of society woven together in stories by women through their art. Whilst some 'stories' are profound statements about women's 'issues' - many are simply an expression of the feminine instinct and just as relevant to the celebration of women expressing themselves through their art - whether handmade pottery lovingly crafted by an 83yr old lady, embroidered cloth or a captured moment or feeling in a painting or sculpture.

With over 70 artists represented between the 2 exhibitions, the Openings were a huge success, with Virginia Rigney speaking at Robina Community Art Gallery and Natasha Edwards speaking at 19Karen Contemporary Artspace. You can view some great pics of the opening crowds and artworks on the Facebook Pages of 19Karen and Sculptors Society Gold Coast Inc. Corinne's 'Forget Me Knots' wreath project dealt with the issues for International Women's Day as part of an investigation into women's art practice, especially crafts-based art and community participation. Wreaths made by women in a workshop were floated on the Broadwater and the event filmed. The film is dedicated as a memorial and tribute to women everywhere held against their will, and can be viewed at 19Karen Contemporary Artspace.



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As part of a tribute with 'Unsung Heroine' to her refugee mother who was held against her will and survived imprisonment in a forced labour camp during the war, Midge Johansen will have available a special limited edition reprint of her book 'The Penguin Book Of Australian Slang' (Penguin Books Aust Ltd 1988, 1991, 1996) with Midge donating proceeds to the Flood Relief Funds.

*Last chance to acquire a copy  
limited edition reprint (\$24)  
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**celebrating the 100th anniversary of  
INTERNATIONAL WOMENS' DAY  
which opened on Tuesday 8 March  
with 3 art events**

**'THE WOMEN'S PROJECT'**

Exhibition of contemporary Women's Art in all media

Exhibition: 8th-19th March 2011

Open: Tues-Sat 10am-5pm

19Karen Contemporary Artspace

19 Karen Avenue, Mermaid Beach.

Sponsored by 19Karen Contemporary Artspace

Contact Midge Johansen [midgehelena@bigpond.com](mailto:midgehelena@bigpond.com)

**'FEMME'**

Exhibition of Women's Art in all media

Exhibition: 8th-21st March 2011

Open: Library Hours Mon-Sun.

Robina Community Art Gallery

Community Centre complex on

Robina Town Centre Drive, Robina.

Provided by Robina Community Art Gallery

Sponsored by Gold Coast City Council

**'FORGET ME KNOTS'**

Floating Art Wreath Ephemeral Event

recorded on film - [view at 19Karen.](#)

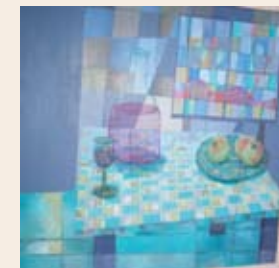
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Yasuko Ohira- Knitted Shawl



Annie Long- Same But Different



Patsy Foard- 3 Apples



Corinne Colbert- Floating Wreath



Midge Johansen- My Throne



Sue Pearson - The Beauty Of The Female Brain



Gay Lincoln - Life's Journey



Jutta Pilz- Menopause Tree



Mary Barron- Three Bowls



Di Buckland- Broadwater Fleet



Michaela Kloeckner- Lotus Bowl



Shirley Batrick- Then And Now