

THE PALETTE



Hello members,

Exhibition season is always a time abuzz with activity: hours of work and preparation to be ready for hanging. Tuesday morning, Kirstenbosch saw a steady stream of creatives lugging their frames and canvases through the garden gates. The Richard Crowie Hall was a flurry of chatter with artist friends who have a deep appreciation and shared understanding of the efforts that make the art look effortless. This is what makes Constantiaberg Art Society such a special community to be a part of. We hope it is a good exhibition for all, even if it is for the joy of showing our creations to the world; an important part of making creativity work.

Last month saw us gather for our AGM. We showed our appreciation to our outgoing Chair of 3 years, Jo-Anne Pentz, who was awarded an Honorary membership for her faithful and impactful service. Jo-Anne took on the role with the heart to give back to the CAS community when she felt she had benefited so much from being a part of it for a number of years.

The themed Challenge Competition, “Kirstenbosch in 3D”, proved to be a showstopper. We had many participating artists, showing widely different interpretations on the theme and the inspiration was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our 3 winners. They went home with wonderful prizes from our sponsors, who we greatly appreciate. Read more about it on page 3.

This month, we will be hosting Marc Alexander for a third annual crit session. Marc has the gift of giving constructive criticism in a spirit of high joy and is always an encouragement, while sharing his wealth of technical knowledge as an artist and teacher. Details can be found on page 4. This is an occasion not to be missed.

We continue to welcome new members joining CAS for the first time, as well as some returning members this month. Welcome to you! We hope you will enjoy finding your creative home with us.

-Philippa Versveld

Your CAS Committee

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Dates for your diary

8th-22nd Sept: 1st Kirstenbosch Exhibition

29th Sept: Marc Alexander will offer a critique on one of your paintings

21st Oct- 4th Nov: 2nd Kirstenbosch Exhibition

27th Oct: Event TBA

24th Nov: Year- End Event

GUEST SPEAKER



Marc Alexander

Tues 29th Sept, 2026

Come for a very special

CRIT EVENING.

Bring one of your paintings so that Marc can give you a crit. Wonderful opportunity!

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday evening of every month,
Venue: Alphen Hall in Constantia Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

New CAS Members

A warm welcome to our new CAS members, Please keep an eye out for visitors and new members at our gatherings and help us make them feel at home in true CAS spirit.

Daphne Watts	Cathlyn Massingham
Rosemary Rudd	Tarnya Fasol
Vicki Penfold	Mandy Currin
Debbie Parsons	

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their membership. 2025/26 membership has now lapsed. Members who renew after the end of September may be penalised.

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Artist (Cropped): Linda Howe-Ely



ART EXHIBITION
KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS

21-4
OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

OPEN DAILY: 10 - 5pm | Last Day: 2pm

Our talented members have been hard at work producing amazing works of art for your enjoyment.



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August Annual Challenge

KIRSTENBOSCH IN 3D

Many thanks to everyone who created their fantastic art pieces for the annual challenge. We received 23 truly amazing submissions.

Congratulations to Kim Watermeyer, Mike Baudains and Lyn Northam voted as our three prize winners.

We also extend our gratitude to Raksha Gajjar for once again securing such generous prizes from our dedicated sponsors. Please continue to support our sponsors. Their generosity and commitment to nurturing our artistic journeys is really appreciated.



Kim Watermeyer- First Prize Winner



Mike Baudains- Second Prize Winner



Lyn Northam- Third prize Winner

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Our September guest



MARC ALEXANDER

Fine Artist, Curator and Teacher

Marc was born in Pretoria, South Africa, and now lives and works in Cape Town. He is best known for his hyper-realistic portraiture and wildlife paintings.

Marc qualified and worked as a Museum Technologist and Curator for the Pretoria Art Museum. He paints mostly in oils in the style of the traditional realist, but he also enjoys combining the art of gilding and texturing in his paintings. His work seeks to capture and express themes about our world and the human condition, particularly those that challenge the way we live.

Today, Marc devotes his time to painting and teaching through the Alexander Art Academy, where he shares classical and contemporary techniques with students of all levels. His structured yet encouraging approach helps artists gain confidence, refine their skills, and unlock their creative potential.



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Exhibition Season

SEPTEMBER

Our first exhibition is now in full swing, and we couldn't be happier with how it has come together! Hanging day went smoothly, and the artwork looks absolutely amazing.

A huge thank you to all our artists, committee members and volunteers who gave their time and energy to help make this exhibition happen. We couldn't do it without you!

We're hoping to still welcome lots more visitors in the last few days and share our artists' wonderful work.

If you have not visited it yet, please do! Remember Kirstenbosch Gardens is free for pensioners on Tuesdays. Since Tuesday the 22nd is our last day, it's best to get there early as we will close at 2pm.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Phew ! We are not going to have much of a break between exhibitions! But with the excitement of our current exhibition still going strong, we're looking ahead to our next exhibition, taking place from 21 October – 4 November!

We will first finish the September exhibition and start the closing related admin, and then send out the booking forms for the next one. So start checking your emails at the end of September!

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Meet new Committee Member



JANE FORSDYKE
Fine Artist

The path to painting has been a long and winding adventure for her. Since she departed from South Africa in 1984, she has lived in four other countries –Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, the USA, and France– along with extended stays in London, all of which have enriched her life in various ways. Initially, her true passion lay in photography. Her combination of photography and fine art, using various techniques was an exhilarating experience... and then she discovered the joy of collage!

In her studio, you'll find an assortment of shells, seeds, stones, dried flowers, sticks, peculiar packaging, and rusted metal pieces, alongside more traditional art supplies and a cherished gel plate. Much of her inspiration springs from the beauty of nature.

Her preferred method of creation involves mixed media- acrylics, collage, and a variety of pens and crayons.

Jane prefers not to explain what a painting is "about." That interpretation is left to the viewer. What truly matters is that the artwork tells a story, or resonates with you in some way.



Vanished



Behind The Veil- Collage



Three Tides

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Monthly Challenges- September

Create an animal using unusual mark-making materials

Choose an animal you'd like to draw or paint, and then put aside your traditional brushes or pencils.

Instead, create your piece using unusual mark-making tools – think finger painting, sticks, feathers, sponges, or anything that leaves an interesting texture, or stroke. Get messy, get playful, and see what surprising effects emerge!



October

Have you heard of Inktober?

Inktober is a fun annual drawing challenge where artists create an ink drawing each day throughout October, using a daily prompt as inspiration. It was started by Jake Parker in 2009. Every year there is an updated list of prompts to follow. You can also find more information about Inktober on their website or social media pages:

<https://inktober.com/>

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Here is the list for 2026. This month's challenge is to try as many of the prompts as you would like- and bring your favourite one! (Or be brave and bring your sketch book showing all your drawings so far)

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Inktober
2026

OFFICIAL 2026 PROMPT LIST

- | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. APPLE | 11. RESCUE | 21. HERO |
| 2. RELIC | 12. TOSS | 22. BEACON |
| 3. MINIATURE | 13. FLIMSY | 23. DAPPER |
| 4. CACTUS | 14. LADY | 24. BAKE |
| 5. SMACK | 15. HOORAY | 25. FRACTURE |
| 6. OGRE | 16. GANGLY | 26. ZIP |
| 7. PANIC | 17. CONTRAPTION | 27. DUMB |
| 8. STINKY | 18. FLIGHTLESS | 28. TROPHY |
| 9. RAM | 19. CONFUSED | 29. TUSK |
| 10. MYSTICAL | 20. LOUNGE | 30. COOKIE |
| | | 31. FLEX |

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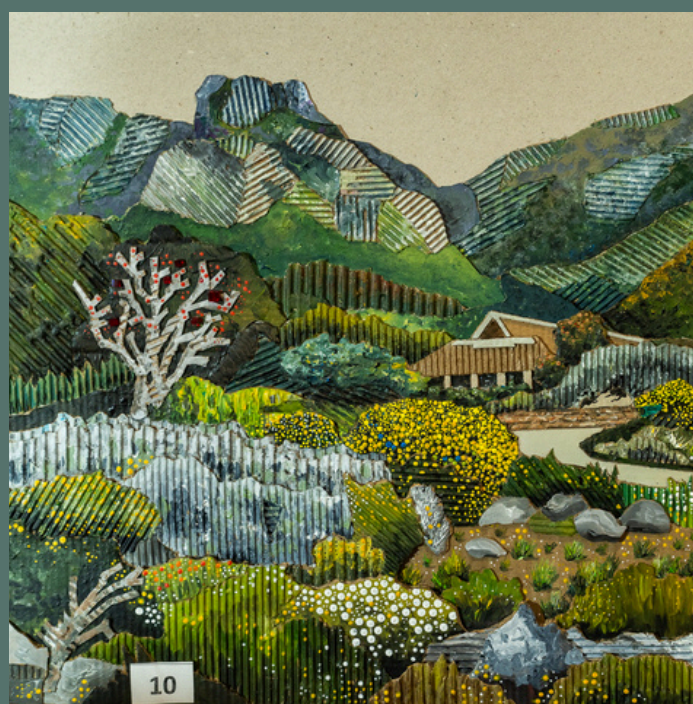
Mike Baudains- Crowie and Wydah



Lyn Northam- Fire Escape

August Challenge

Kirstenbosch in 3D- Winners



Kim Watermeyer -
Reuse, Recycle, Reserve- Kirstenbosch

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August Challenge

Kirstenbosch in 3D



Angela Braun- Kirstenbosch



Linda Howe - Ely- Leucospermum



Ruth de Vantier Chowles- Charlie's Day Out



Margo Dekker- The Whirlwind



Fil Angelakis- Kirstenbosch

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Lee Nesbitt- African Sunset



Jenny Ritchie- Sunbird in Kirstenbosch



Irene Oxley- Caracal

August Challenge

Kirstenbosch in 3D



Sharon Offord- The Waterfall



Sean McCormack- Orange Breasted Sunbird

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August Challenge

Kirstenbosch in 3D



Sonia De Vos- Die Boomslang



Samantha Harlock Moisey- Splendour



Lynda Murison- Garden in Flight



Lynne Routledge- White Splendour



Jane Fordyke- Rooted

August Challenge

Kirstenbosch in 3D



Staci Von Maltzhahn-
The Pink Symphony



Sonja Robert Carmac- Boomslang in a Book



Sandy Duffel Canham- Crowie and Wydah



Dalene Smit- Kirstenbosch in a Cube



Kirsten Slater- Cape Clawless Otter

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- **10%** at Waltons (Constantia Village, Constantia)
- **10%** at Artsavingsclub, Cape Town (Claremont)
- **10%** at The Deckle Edge (13 Brickfield Rd, Salt River)
- **10 %** at Artland (F7 Prime Park, Mocke Road, Diep River)
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