

HAGAS Artist in the Spotlight

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When and why did you join HAGAS?

My husband and I talked about art classes in our retirement but sadly he passed away before that happened, so I thought I may as well try it by myself. I had visited some gallery exhibitions as I knew a couple of friends who were involved in HAGAS. I started around 2006.

Why were you awarded your OAM?

I have been involved with the Henley & Grange Swimming Club for over 45 years. In that time, I have been involved with Club administration and also in the management of Thebarton Aquatic Centre. At the same time, I began officiating and over the years I have officiated at all levels both within SA and nationally, including some international meets held here.

What jobs have you done other than being an artist?

I was a stay-at-home Mum for nearly 20 years and then I resumed work as a Research Economist mainly at the University of Adelaide.

What's your medium and why do you do what you do?

In my stay-at-home period I attended classes in copper beating and copper enamelling which I really enjoyed, and I also did some pottery in TAFE classes and as fascinating optional subjects within a Graduate Diploma in Further Education at Underdale (subsequently came under the UniSA umbrella). However, I have not continued these arts, and I later turned to painting.

What art do you most identify with?

I only paint at the moment and, in reality, this means I rarely paint outside of Alison's classes. I love watercolours but unfortunately my efforts rarely reach my simplest expectations. I have more success with oil paintings and particularly pastel work, having spent a valuable year in a class under the tuition of the very talented Jean Muir.

What themes do you pursue?

Having lived at Glenelg and now living at West Beach, I would have to say that coastal themes appeal to me most.

Artistically, what's your goal?

Just to keep improving and to enjoy what I'm doing. My art is my relaxation, not my career.



*In the Angkor
Wat area,
Cambodia*

*Pastel
painting*



*Sunset at sea
Pastel painting*