



Welcome to ADFAS Toowoomba news.

From the Chairman's Desk

My sincere appreciation to all Members who worked so hard to achieve the successful 30th Anniversary Celebration and to all Members, past and present, who attended and made it such a happy occasion.

Our first year Young Art Scholarship winner Aylish Ryan's violin performance was exquisite and enjoyed by all.

This year's raffle to fund the Scholarship will be drawn at the AGM/Christmas Party and tickets will still be available at the next lecture.

I wish to let you know that I have decided not to seek nomination as Chairman in 2020 for personal reasons. It has been an honour to serve the Toowoomba Society for 2 years and I have enjoyed very much the experience.

Nominations are sought for office bearers and committee -
Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and committee members (minimum of 4 and up to 10). A few Committee members are stepping down after a number of years serving the Society, so please consider nominating and making a commitment to your Society. It is an enjoyable and rewarding experience, a good way to make new friendships and contribute to the wellbeing of your Society and the promotion of and appreciation of the Arts in our Toowoomba community. Tasks include Catering Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Publicity, Membership Secretary.
Speak to any current Committee member for additional information.

See you all at October lecture, 24 October at the Library Community Room.

Taisoo Kim Watson,
Chairman

Next Lecture

To be held in the Toowoomba Library, 3rd floor

'A Brazilian Odyssey: the Works of the Landscape Designer Roberto Burle Marx.'

Our Speaker: Marilyn Elm presents our final talk in the 2019 series of lectures on cultural topics. She is a qualified landscape architect and interior designer and has been involved with art and design for over 40 years. Marilyn regularly runs summer schools and conducts garden tours in the UK.

Roberto Burle Marx - Brazilian Modernist. As a designer of the wavy, world-famous pavements of Rio de Janeiro's Copacabana Beach and a frequent collaborator with the architect Oscar Niemeyer, the Brazilian landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx (1909 - 1994) is hardly an obscure figure. However, he is remembered primarily for the 3000 landscape projects in which he combined an artist's instinct for abstraction with a naturalist's deep love of trees and plants, especially species native to Brazil.



Avenue Atlantica at Copacabana Beach



Numerous species have been named after Burle Marx, such as the 'Heliconia hirsuta burle marxii'.

His garden designs broke away from the traditional use of European plants, neat hedges and cottage gardens. Instead he explored how the riot of colour and texture contained in Brazilian plants could be incorporated in private gardens and public spaces.



Burle Marx's private garden,



Roberto Burle Marx in jovial mood

WHEN: Thursday 24 October 2019 . Be seated 5.45 for 6pm start
WHERE: 3rd Floor, Toowoomba City Library
PARKING: Basement car park off Victoria Street, access to 3rd floor via lift.
COST: \$30 casual visitors (includes delicious supper).
PAY: At the door.
CONTACT: For reservations, phone Judy Midgley on 0438 390 304 (Membership Secretary) and let her know the name of your guest and collect a name tag at the door.

Last Lecture

'Stylish Times - Art Deco Design and Building Decoration'



Since our Anniversary night on September 26, ADFAS members have indicated that the presentation by Christopher Bradley was one of their favourites for the year. Perhaps it was because the speaker had spent the day whizzing around Toowoomba taking photos of many of the Art Deco building facades, which we all recognized on the screen.



Kerry Saul, the General Manager of the Empire Theatre, was delighted to give Christopher, Sue and Don Dowe and David Nicholls a guided tour through the beautiful Art Deco building. David enjoyed the tour so much that he suggested that a 'members tour' could be considered. We will endeavour to make a guided tour for ADFAS members possible in the New Year. Thank you David.

Sue and Don Dowe, Kerry Saul and Christopher Bradley inside Empire Theatre

Farewell Sandra Musgrave



Most of us know the upheaval of moving home, but imagine how this upheaval dramatically increases when moving to another country. Our member Sandra Musgrave is currently experiencing this as she prepares to join her family in New Hampshire, USA.

Newer members may not realise Sandra's contribution to our society. She was our very first newsletter editor. She had been asked to tackle this task by then chairmen Liz Hudson because of her writing skills. She has published several books of short stories. A delightful recent one was her dog Mollie telling how she experienced life living with Sandra.

There is of course more to editing a newsletter than writing, but with the help of Laura Black, secretary at the time, she mastered those necessary skills. I am sure when she settles into her new community these skills will be put into action again.

For those who cannot put a face to the name: Sandra always looked well dressed, perfecting the "layered" look "to make me look more shapely" and cover up her very slight figure.

Always smiling or laughing and willing to help out when needed, Sandra will be missed by the numerous friends she has made in ADFAS Toowoomba over the years.

Submitted by Judy Midgley

Speed Meet and Greet

If you are interested in getting to know some of the other members, come along at 5pm before the next lecture on Thursday 24 October and mingle and enjoy the convivial atmosphere. A little bell will ring every five minutes to remind you to move on to the next person. Get to know your fellow ADFAS members

Raffle

There are a few tickets left for our Annual Raffle and we will be selling them at the door before the next lecture.

The Prizes:

1. A 'Basket of Goodies'. Special thanks to Wendy Allen of MTA (Mobile Travel Agents).
2. \$100 voucher for the purchase of goods from Boaz Asian Food (Ridgeway Shopping Centre)
3. 6 bottles of very special 30th Anniversary Shiraz wine. Special thanks to Susan Powne.

Next year, we plan to raise funds for our young Arts programme through a donation system at the time of renewing membership or taking out a new membership. This system would replace the Annual Raffle. At the same time, we must acknowledge the generous donation of prizes over the years and the fun that we've had drawing the winning tickets.

Hosting Speakers

Are you interested in hosting our speakers while they are in Toowoomba, or perhaps you would prefer to be on a stand-by basis? It is a most enjoyable chore as you meet the most interesting people. If you are the host, your partner can come along FREE for that particular evening. Dates for 2020 lectures are as follows -13 Feb (host not required), **12 March, 23 April, 28 May**, 25 June (host not required) 23 July (we have members hosting), **27 August, 24 September, 22 October**. Please contact the Secretary Susan Powne for further information and/or to record your interest. susanpowne@bigpond.com

Suppers

Consider volunteering to produce sandwiches or other goodies for supper after the lectures next year. Only one task is required, recipes are provided or suggested and the Society pays for ingredients by reimbursement. Prepared food is ideally delivered as soon as possible after 5pm on the lecture night. Some existing caterers have participated for many years and deserve to be relieved if they wish. Speak to or telephone Meredith White 0429 996 635

Press Release

Published in the Chronicle on Saturday 12 October was a short article titled –

Talented violinist awarded ADFAS music scholarship

This year, as part of the 30th Anniversary of ADFAS (Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society) Toowoomba, a Scholarship was offered to Toowoomba instrumental musicians of school age who have passed Grade 5 or above with a recognised examining board.

The winner was a talented violinist Aylish Ryan. She was chosen for the award from 8 exceptional applicants after a rigorous selection process coordinated by the Queensland Music Teachers Association (QMTA) Toowoomba.

The Scholarship winner was announced following the lecture on the evening of the 30th Anniversary celebration.

The presentation of the award to Aylish was made by Cr Megan O'Hara Sullivan, deputising for the Mayor.



Aylish gave a short recital to the group. She played - Beethoven's Spring Sonata, Opus 24, 4th Movement (Rondo) and Tango Jalousie by Jacob Gade

"I am so grateful for this scholarship and it will be a great help in the many different courses that I attend" she said. "Some of this money will also go into my savings for the European Music Tour with my string ensemble, Toowoomba Camerata".

Among the objectives of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) is that of encouraging young people to develop an enthusiasm for the arts..

ADFAS Toowoomba has a lecture meeting monthly at the Toowoomba City Library.

Cr Megan O'Hara Sullivan, Aylish Ryan and Taisoo Kim Watson (ADFAS Chairman)

Wine:

There remain 14 bottles of the Anniversary Shiraz unsold. Let Mike Ford know if you are interested in purchasing any. His mobile number is 0148 732 504. Individual bottle is \$16. Could be a delightful Christmas present.

Kiyua Performing Arts



In past years, our Young Arts programme helped to support that group of wonderfully talented young people.

Their Annual Concert "BACK IN TIME" is on at ARTSWORX USQ Saturday 23 November 11am or 3pm, and Sunday 24 November 1pm.

Entry: Gold coin donation.

At the Anniversary Celebration



*Presentation by Cr Megan O'Hara Sullivan
To Aylish Ryan, with Taisoo Kim Watson*



Our scholarship winner Aylish Ryan



*Cutting the Cake.
Rosemary Kelley, Chris Bradley and Taisoo Kim Watson*



The beautifully decorated cake



Peter and Gloria Roche, and Christopher Bradley



Peter Bligh with Rosemary Kelley