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President's Report

For those of you who did not attend the March meeting and AGM there are a few changes to note particularly so you know who is now on the Management Committee. Lia Johnston stepped down as Editor of the newsletter and Fred Blakers volunteered to take the role on once again. Nancy Dodd handed over the Treasurers job to Ron Anderson so sincere thanks to Lia and Nancy for their good work and to Fred and Ron for stepping up. We also welcome Kath Milowski as a new member of the committee.

Your current committee members and contact numbers are listed on the front of the newsletter each month.

Members may not be aware that Fred Blakers is also the Public Officer for the Society, fulfilling our statutory requirements to the Dept. of Fair Trading and other essential duties. As a result of changes to the legislation our rules and constitution need amendment and Fred has compared the new with the existing for consideration by the Management committee. Once this is done we will be calling a Special General Meeting prior to a normal monthly meeting where changes can be considered and adopted.

We had publicised Yarramundi as our April plein air venue but due to child protection legislation we are unable to access the YMCA facilities there and have switched to Mamre Homestead off the M4 [full details in this newsletter.]

Bookings for the excursion to Hill End 9-13 May must be confirmed this month so please indicate urgently whether you wish to go [ayres42@bigpond.com or phone 47 58 9005]

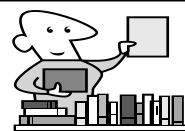
This year is the 25 th anniversary of the Society so if you have any ideas for how we can all celebrate this significant milestone let us know.

We will be taking bookings for a mid year luncheon in June and later for a painting holiday in early September- Mudgee seems to be a promising candidate at this stage.

Anna Marshall has organised an interesting and varied programme of demonstrations so be sure to check the diary of events so can take full advantage of them.

In closing, our Autumn exhibition in St Albans church hall Leura has just commenced as I write this note. Some lovely work on display and some early sales so it all looks very promising

Peter Ayres



LIBRARY

Inspired Watercolour—Alvaro Castagnet
Inspired by Light, Painting in Oils—Ken Howard
Solving the Mystery of Watercolour—David Taylor
Colour and Light in Oils—Maxwell Wilks

Maunie has purchased some new DVD's for your enjoyment and skills development

WEB DEVELOPMENT



Progress is moving quickly. Soon we will be asking for members to take part in the On-line Gallery. Marie and Jenny gave a very informative session on photographing paintings. Some members still feel that they will not be able to participate as they do not have a computer. Most camera shops will download your photos on to a disk which we can then upload to the gallery.

There will be some information sessions held to give more details on how the sales on-line will work.

First General Question Session 12 noon till 1pm 19th May prior to monthly meeting

Some basic details and comparisons to our previous Everglades Gallery may be of interest.

On-line \$20 yearly fee allows up to six paintings to be displayed and a biography. Sales commission 25%. Artist is responsible for cost of postage and packaging. Possible wide customer coverage.

Everglades Galley was 4 paintings and 2 days rostered duty a month. Sales commission 30% Limited customer coverage

The artist will need to allow in their on-line price for postage and packaging but the 5% less commission will help towards this.

Web Sub-committee

Ron Anderson, John Finnerty, Dennis West, Anna Marshall, Jenny Morrison, Marie Morris, Fred Blakers



Thanks must go to Lia Johnston who took on the job of editor for the last year. It is admirable when members put up their hand to help run the Society. It is only when the jobs are shared that the Society can keep operating and growing.

Fred Blakers

Exhibition Sub-committee as appointed by the Management Committee 4 April 2011

Dennis West	Jenny Morrison
Ann Warnes	John Finnerty
Stephanie Wilkinson	Fred Blakers
Jenny Ross-Brown	Margaret Latty as required
Anna Marshall	
Marie Morris	

Plein Air excursion; Thursday 28 th April to Mamre Homestead.

Situated 200 metres from the M4 on the right hand side of Mamre Road [take Mamre road turn-off from M4 near St Marys.turn right into Mamre road over the M4]. The Mamre Homestead was built in the 1820's and was the home of the Reverend Samuel Marsden, colonial chaplain ,magistrate and pastoralist. Located on over 1000acres it includes rural scenes café, restaurant and nursery.

Meet at Mamre @10am. For further info see website www.mamre.com.au



The Autumn Exhibition is underway in Leura as we go to print. The venue has proved very suitable in the attractive way that we have been able to set up the screens and display what is a high standard of works.

Despite the cold change in the weather the number of visitors has been better than we could have attracted at Fairways which is a few kilometres from the centre of the shopping area.

The idea was to test this location due to large number of visitors close to parking and the tourist precinct . The Exhibition Sub-committee feels that with some additional signage it will be a viable venue for some future exhibitions.

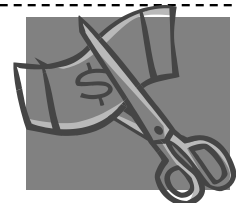
Leura Fairways is happy to accommodate us whenever we wish. The Spring Exhibition is planned to still be at Fairways. The Leura Gardens Festival has one of its main sales point there which means that it has high visitor profile

HELP KEEP OUR COSTS DOWN ~ SAVE ON PRINTING & POSTAGE

I am updating the email list for sending the Newsletter.

There could be omissions if you are not on the list but wish to be.

Please notify John Finnerty (Membership Records) with your email details to jf Finnerty@bigpond.com





Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOK
April Thurs 21st	GENERAL MEETING Joe Cartwright Watercolour Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventures Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO Bookings for Hill End Holiday due
April Thurs 28th	Plein Air Painting 1820's Mamre Homestead See page 2	10am Mamre Cafe 181 Mamre Rd Orchard Hills near St Marys	NO

Down The Road 2011

May 9th-13	Autumn Holiday Hill End	Details at April Meeting List on front Table	Yes By April 21st
May Thurs 19th	Web Question Session ~~~~~ GENERAL MEETING John Perkins FRAS Oil Demonstration Drawing raffle of Jane Canfield painting	12 noon—1 pm ~~~~~ 1.00pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp Leura	NO NO
May Thurs 26th	Plein Air Painting TBA		
June Thurs 16th	GENERAL MEETING Joe Penn FRAS Drawing Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
June - July	Mid-year Luncheon	Details to be Advised	
July Thurs 21st	GENERAL MEETING David Newman-white Portraiture Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Aug Thurs 18th	GENERAL MEETING Jamison Award	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Aug 29th- Sep 2nd	Annual Holiday	Possibly Mudgee ??? Any IDEAS	

May - Guest Demonstrator—John Perkins

John is most widely recognised as a Traditional Oil artist specialising in Still Life and Landscape paintings. Over the years he has pursued various other subjects and he is now renowned for his Marine and Streetscape paintings. John is a Fellow and a Council Member of the Royal Art Society of NSW.

He is sought after by Art Societies and private organisers for his demonstrations. Regularly tutoring at the Charles Sturt University Bathurst, Grafton Artsfest, University of Western Sydney Richmond Campus and at the Combined Art Society of Sydney's Art in Action.

John is a former President and Life Member of Drummoyne Art Society, Inaugural President of Combined Art Societies of Sydney. John has been awarded over 40 first prizes and many highly commended awards throughout his career.

Exhibition Calendar-notes for your diary

National Trust SH Ervin gallery .Observatory Hill

Salon Des Refuses the alternative Archibald and Wynne prize selection. 16 April until 19 June
The Promised Land- The art of Lawrence Daws.[landscapes] 24 June until 7 August

Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay.

Michael Stevenson installations.6 April until 19 June

NSW Parliament, Fountain Court.Macquarie St

4th Annual NSW Parliament Plein Air Prize
8.30am -5.45 pm Mon to Fri. Opens 3rd May until 27 May

TAP Gallery, Darlinghurst,

The Bald Archies. Opens 19 April until 15 May

State Library of NSW,Macquarie St.

Moran prizes, Portraiture & Photography Opens 21 Apr until 26 Jun

ART GALLERY OF NSW

Photography and Place-Australian landscape photography from 1970's onwards; 10 March until 29 May
Archibald ,Wynne & Sulman prizes opens 16 April until 26 June

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

Eugene von Guerard 'Nature Revealed' Starts 16 April until 7 Aug

LOST BEAR GALLERY LEURA

Robert Simpson-exhibition of new work. 14th to 26 April

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