



Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

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By the second Monday of the month

President's Report

Here's hoping that everyone had a safe and happy Christmas with family and friends and that 2011 is a great year for you all !

The Hans Heysen exhibition at the Newcastle Regional Gallery which some of us visited in early December was well worth seeing and in my view one of the best exhibitions I have seen . Aside from the high quality and variety of the works on show it was very well presented and still open until the end of January.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an article by Ron Anderson who, together with John Finnerty has worked hard over recent months to get a new SMA website set up and running. Through the new laptop computer which we purchased with a Commonwealth grant, future exhibition sales will be made using Pay-Pal, a cheaper and hopefully more efficient way of handling the sale of members work for both the buyer and the SMA. While I am hopeful we will be successful in obtaining external funding for the web site development at present it has been largely funded by monies from the now closed Everglades Gallery account. Members will be briefed more fully on the detailed proposals for the web site but we believe it is essential as a service to both existing and prospective members and increase our visibility and profile in the broader community.

Through the good auspices of Dennis West we have obtained the use of the St Albans Church hall in Megalong Street Leura for the SMA Easter exhibition. Being a church facility we have to forgo use at the times required for parishioners but it is very centrally located and should overcome the past problem of low attendances, and

likely resulting in low sales, we traditionally experience at our usual venue. Anyone who was in Leura over the Christmas and New Year period will appreciate just how big this potential market is and now we have the opportunity to be right in the middle of it.

Don't forget that membership renewals were due as of 1 JANUARY this year and that if you do not renew soon then this might be the last newsletter you receive. Hopefully you will think your past membership has been worthwhile but the AGM is coming up so if you don't, or think you would like to make a more active contribution then get that nomination in for a position on the Management Committee.

Our next plein air painting expedition is scheduled for the 24th February, the Comet Inn, Hartley, and fingers crossed the weather might be better this time. The March venue will likely be Yarramundi on the Nepean River near Agnes Banks but be sure to check the Diary in your next newsletter.

Reminder!!!

Renewal of membership for 2011 is due in January. Please send by post or bring to the Picnic in January, or at the latest, to the February meeting. Address is at the top of the Newsletter.

Thankyou.

Exhibition Diary

NATIONAL TRUST SH Ervin gallery .Observatory Hill

- ❖ Curious Glory and 21 century Wundakammer-colonial and contemporary art. Opens 11 January until 20 February

ART GALLERY OF NSW

- ❖ The First Emperors-entombed warriors from China-on until 13 March
- ❖ Dobell Drawing Prize 2010. until 30 January 2011.
- ❖ Justin O' Brien-'Sacred music of colour' a major retrospective Until 27 February

NATIONAL GALLERY CANBERRA

- ❖ Space Invaders-Street art over the last decade.Opens 26 October until 27 February 2011.

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL GALLERY

- ❖ Hans Heyson opens 20 November until 30th January 2011

Activities Diary

Date	Activity	Time / Venue / Coordinator	Booking
JANUARY 20/1/2011	PICNIC	Wentworth Falls Park near the Bowling Club	No
FEBRUARY 17/02/11	GENERAL MEETING	Bonaventure Hall, Leura.	No
Thursday 24/02/11	PAINT An Animal OR COPY	Joe Penn CRITIQUE	No
Saturday 26/02/11	A MASTER'S Painting Plein Air. Comet Inn, Hartley. Workshop with Anna and Dennis.	See below. Ring Dennis or Anna for place in workshop.	Yes
MARCH 17/03/11	AGM. Annual General Meeting	Bonaventure Hall, Leura	No
March 24/03/11	Plein Air Yarramundi.	Nepean River near Agnes Banks	No

Plein air, Thursday 24/02/11 will meet at the Comet Inn, Hartley at 10am. You can get there two ways. Either

1. Take the G.W.highway through Mt Vic., down the Mt York hill into Hartley until you come to the sign on your right to Hartley Vale and The Vale of Clwydd. Go straight up this road, it turns into a gravel road briefly half way along, till you arrive at a T junction where there will be a sign to Comet Inn and Collitt's Inn. Take it.
2. At Mt Vic lights turn up the Darling Causeway and continue about 2/3 of the way to Bell and on the left hand side will be sign to the two INNS. It's the only road turning off before Bell, on the left and at the top of a rise. This is a **narrow winding** little road. *See you there!*

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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Mountain Artists Inc. will be held at 1.00pm on Thursday 17th March 2011 at Bonaventures Church Hall, Hartley Espl, Leura.

AGENDA

1. Adoption of minutes of previous AGM held 18/03/10
2. Treasure's Report
3. President's Annual Report
4. Election of Management Committee
5. Election of Auditor and determination of remuneration
6. Motions, notice of which must be received by the Secretary, in writing, four weeks previous to the meeting.

The Society's constitution provides for the yearly election of nine members.
The Committee consists of executive positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 members.

If you feel you have a contribution to make, or you know a member who would make a good Committee member please use the nomination form in this letter to nominate yourself, or that person, with their permission.

<p>Society of Mountain Artists Inc.</p> <p>Committee Member Nomination Form - 2011</p>	
<p>I (we) wish to nominate for the position of:</p>	
President _____	
Vice-President _____	
Secretary _____	
Treasurer _____	
Committee Member (5 positions) _____	
In the Society for the year 2011	
Proposer _____	<p>Nominations must reach the Society by Friday 4th March, 2011</p> <p>Send to:</p> <p>Nomination of Committee Member(s) The Secretary, Society of Mountain Artists Inc. PO Box 76 Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782</p>
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I accept my nomination	
Signed _____	

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The Exhibition, Library and Website sub committees are appointed yearly by the Management Committee. Expressions of interest for these sub committees can be made on the nomination form.

The contribution from Ron and John explaining the work being done to give our Society a more accessible profile.

For some time now the Society has been exploring the possibility of developing a web presence to display member's work and for other information, particularly with the closing of the Everglades Gallery at Leura.

Recently the Management Committee appointed a sub-committee to advise on how the Society might best proceed with the establishment of an SMA Website with the capacity to be an Online Gallery displaying members works and provide a more current means of facilitating communication for and by existing and prospective members. This will more than replace our original web site which is now redundant

At the Management Committee meeting on Monday 6th December a recommendation was made by the sub-committee to appoint a local web design company to take the first steps in developing an SMA Website. The subcommittee recommendation was endorsed unanimously by the Management Committee and development work will commence almost immediately.

At the first General Meeting of the members for 2011 a presentation about the scope of this initiative will be forthcoming, but suffice to say, that this website will go some way to providing a means of displaying members works as well as profiling those members who wish to make use of it in this way.

One way to look at this change is to see the Online Gallery as replacing our physical gallery, a transition, if you like, from one form of displaying work to another.

Any means of displaying members work, from a quality presentation perspective, requires some rules for presentation and so forth and this online facility will be no different. A subcommittee will be established to develop protocols for this. Input from all Society members will be encouraged.

The SMA Website may also provide members with access to other information ranging from linked access to major galleries both in Australia and internationally, to relevant events and activities, our newsletter and much more.

For any members who may feel a little apprehensive about using a PC computer, the Management Committee has become aware of the availability, locally, of free introductory training in using the computer, the internet and email for over 55's.

The Broadband For Seniors computer training scheme is a Commonwealth funded project being conducted at the following sites throughout the mountains:

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre (banc) 47878816; Katoomba Men's Shed; Mid Mountain Neighbourhood Centre 47592592, Church Army in Australia Kihilla Queens Rd Lawson 47591360 the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre and Nepean Community College Penrith Westfield Campus only. (The availability of these sites

for the Broadband For Senior's Program is correct at the time of preparing the Newsletter although not all contact phone numbers are shown here).

SMA members wishing to avail themselves of this free training which is available until June 2011, will need to contact the centres listed above to arrange a mutually convenient time for the centre to explain and organise a tutor to take you through the program.