

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

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Meeting at Wentworth Falls School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls 1pm

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Greetings for the month of April, and welcome to any new members and visitors.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

This is the time of year when we should be welcoming a new committee. This year instead, we have a reduced committee with Pat Carruthers being Secretary again as well as doing the Newsletter plus some. I am remaining as Treasurer again as well as being President. Hopefully we will not have to double up on these positions again next year. We welcome Anne Atwood to the committee to look after the Facebook page along with Geoff Tonge. We should see some progress with that in the next few months. We also welcome Maunie Kwok's return to looking after the library. Ann Warnes has offered to look after Plein Air days.

Otherwise, the committee members remain largely the same. All society members are invited to consider joining the committee as we remain at risk of having to close down if we cannot find enough committee members to fill essential positions.

We had a very interesting and informative presentation at the March meeting by Sylvia Beresford on botanical art. It is certainly a highly skilled and detailed art form. Our next demonstrator at the April meeting will be Catherine Fox. Catherine is a local artist who recently had an exhibition at the Braemar Gallery. She will be doing a mixed media presentation.

The last Plein Air to Little Hartley was apparently very good despite the weather in the upper mountains looking inclement. There are a few more members coming to the paint together days so that is encouraging.

We welcome several new members. Some of them are unable to attend our meetings so I will mention their names here. They are Sabine Mar (Le Tourneau), Maggie D'heureux, Sheree Wilson, Christina Salins and Marion Evans. Please make these members welcome. We will arrange for name badges for these new members. I am aware we also need to get Membership cards to all our members for this year so they can get discounts at our local art stores. This delay has been a side effect of our multiple administrative roles but I hope this will happen in the next month. Thank you for your patience on this.

The Glenbrook exhibition has attracted over 60 entries which should be enough to fit into the hall. We are hoping the timing of the exhibition (second weekend of the school holidays) will help with sales.

See you at the next meeting on the 20th April.

Gest Artist - April

Catherine Fox who recently held an exhibition at Braemar Gallery, Springwood.

Catherine originally painted in oils but currently works with mixed media in a contemporary style. -

her profile "Explores vast "Australian

Landscapes, coast to coast, including native plant.

Plein Air - held on the 4th Thursday of every month.

April destination.

27th April, Mt. Wilson. Meet at the carpark Rural Fire Shed, 10a.m. Mt. Wilson Road.

Option to paint in "Windy Ridge" Queens Road, open garden, entry \$12.50, or Mt. Wilson in general.

Anne Warnes is organizing **Plein Air** destinations

Plein Air Exhibition

An exhibition of plein air art work will be held at the last meeting for 2023 (23rd November). All artistic endeavours painted on plein air days, dawn or painted, framed or unframed will be eligible to be entered.

Entries will be judged by consensus of other members.

Our Patron,

John and Cc Wilson are looking for someone to occasionally look after their Katoomba gallery from time to time.

Contact John on johnwilsongallery@bigpond.com or phone 0418 270 567 or 02 4782 3703.

Facebook: A work in progress
Members only will be able to contribute to Facebook Group.
A new gallery of paintings and members profiles added.

Holiday: The painting holiday this year is
11 – 13 September 2023, at Hill End. Accommodation will be at the Hill End Cabins. The cabins are self-catering and are \$120 per night.
Note: members are responsible for making their own bookings. Hill End Lodge – phone Jasmine 02 63378200

The Glenbrook Exhibition

The recent Glenbrook Exhibition, was a moderate success, twelve artists exhibited, and five paintings sold and Approximately 30 cards. Many people called in to view, and favorable comments received regarding our artistic skills. The current economic conditions were possibly inhibiting buyers (we thought)

Thanks to everyone who assisted with setting and packing up, and manning the exhibition.

Calendar – April / May/June 2023

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 2023			
1st Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
3rd Thursday	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting Annual General Meeting Guest artist: Catherine Fox Mini exhibition:	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4th Thursday	From 10:00am	Plein air painting day (BYO food/drink)	Hartley Historic Village, meet adjacent to Court House car park
May 2023			
1st Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
		Exhibition	Glenbrook Hall (side of Theatre)
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting Corinne Loxton – Guest artist Mini exhibition: Seascapes/Water	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4th Thursday	From 10:00am	Plein air painting day (BYO food/drink)	Mt Wilson – details to be provided closer to date
June 2023			
1st Thursday	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
3rd Thursday	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting Mini exhibition: Self Portrait	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4th Thursday	From 10:00am	Plein air painting day	TBA

		(BYO food/drink)	
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