

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

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Vale Helen Hudson, who passed away at the end of April.

Helen was a long time SMA member, a very talented artist, who won many awards.

She painted beautiful landscapes mostly in gouache, often plein air, and produced cards which were mini paintings, and I'm sure many members have one framed and hanging in their homes.

Her paintings are in private collections in UK, Europe, USA, and China

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have dates for the Spring Exhibition at Leura Fairways (Friday 29th September to Monday 2nd October). As usual, our exhibition will coincide with the Garden Festival. This is our major exhibition for the year and usually our most successful so we would like to see as many members as possible put in entries for the exhibition. While the exhibition will not be judged, we will have a monetary prize for People's Choice and also for the runner-up.

Our monthly Mini Exhibitions can provide a good opportunity for practising for the main exhibition. These are intended to encourage all members and especially our less confident members to put their paintings out for display in a safe space and possibly win a \$25 voucher for a local art store. May's topic is seascapes/water scenes (lakes, rivers waterfalls etc).

We had a very interesting demonstration last month by Catherine Fox on mixed media. It may have been a challenge to traditionalists but the results were delightful and certainly made me rethink my own approach to art. An interesting point that Catherine made was that in her successful exhibition at Braemer gallery, the paintings that sold were mostly the mixed media ones. This month we have Corinne Loxton, a sky and landscape artist.

For our new members, we are getting name badges done and these also should be available for the June meeting.

Happy Painting

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

MAY destination. 25th May. Mt. York lookout.

Directions – Mt York – Mt Victoria (turn right at the service station and follow the signs, road goes directly to Mt. York)

JUNE 22nd - Mt. Tomah Botanic Gardens. **JULY 27th** - Mid-year Luncheon.

Anne Warnes is organizing **Plein Air** destinations. Contact Ann, - warnesann@icloud.com 0406 318502

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.

Judged by consensus of members

Our Patron, **John and Cc Wilson** are looking still hoping the find someone to occasionally look after their Katoomba Art Gallery from time to time.

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

A **WORKSHOP** WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MAY 20TH ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, WENTWORTH FALLS FROM 10. AM TO 3-4 PM. \$50 MEMBERS - \$60 NON MEMBERS.

Tutoring in all aspects of painting - Watercolour, Pastel, Gouche, Pen/wash, Ink. Sketching, composition, figures/people, perspective. If you need help, or encouragement or guidance, Dennis West will tutor.

CANENDAR MAY – JUNE – JULY

Date	Time	Event	Location
MAY 2023			
1st Thursday 4 th May	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning Drop in and check out!	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
3rd Thursday 18 th May	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting Guest artist: Corinne Loxton Mini exhibition - Water or Seascapes	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
Saturday 20th	WORKSHOP 10 – 3-4 P.M.	WORKSHOP \$50 members \$60 non mem. Contact Coral 0425 239 970	ST ANDREWS CHURCH HALL WENTWORTH FALLS
4th Thursday 25 th May	From 10:00am	Plein air painting day (BYO food/drink)	Mt. York Mt. Victoria.
JUNE 2023			
1st Thursday 1 st June.	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
Spare week			
3rd Thursday 15 th June.	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting – Guest artist. Annie Joseph Watercolour Landscapes	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4th Thursday	From 10:00am	Plein air painting day (BYO food/drink)	Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens.
July 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 Guest Artist TBA Mini exhibition: Self Portrait	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4th Thursday	12 noon -	MID YEAR LUNCH 27 th July.	TBA

The Spring Exhibition is booked for Friday 29th September to Monday 2nd September. Fairways Leura.

PAINTING HOLIDAY – HILL END. Self booking. \$120 per night- 11-13 September 2023

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