

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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - October 2023.

Exhibition; As I've already mentioned in the recent email to members, we had a very successful exhibition With 27 paintings sold and excellent feedback from visitors to the exhibition. Congratulations everyone and thank you to all who contributed and helped.

Management; On another topic, most members are aware that Patricia Carruthers and myself have taken dual roles for the SMA in the past year. Patricia is the Secretary as well as the Newsletter Editor, and I am President as well as Treasurer. Dennis West has been trying to resign but he was persuaded to step in as Vice President and has been instrumental in making the exhibition a success. Patricia and I are also looking after the Membership records and organizing demonstrations. I have also been responsible for organizing many of the details for the exhibition. We have not had an exhibition committee for the last two exhibitions so the load has fallen on the management committee and in particular, Dennis and myself. Both Patricia and I had agreed to continue on in our roles and add to them last year in the hope it would give time for the SMA to rebuild after the decimation that was caused by covid. Rebuilding has occurred to a large extent, and we are now up to 52 members. We still have a way to go but there has been an encouraging increase in membership as well as interest in the Society.

Patricia, myself and Dennis will all be resigning at the AGM in March 2024, and will not be standing again for re-election in any capacity. Unless there are some members willing to stand for essential Committee roles, the Society will be obliged to close down and I would hate to see that happen. Personally I derived so much enjoyment and friendship from the Society and I would like to continue to do that. If the Society closes down, that will mean that between Katoomba and Glenbrook, there would be no art society.

Please consider making a contribution to the management of the Society in some way. Even if it is as small contribution it would help rather than leaving everything to two or three people.

Demonstration As mentioned in my email a few days ago, Joe Penn and Leslie O'shea are unable to demonstrate In October, and Ruth Dengate will be demonstrating instead. Ruth's demonstrations are always delightful so we look forwards to it.

END OF YEAR LUNCHEON. 30th November 2023. RSL Club Katoomba. (5th Thursday) The date was incorrect in the September newsletter.

The club is a very convenient venue, and requires less organisation for the committee, also less expensive than an organised Christmas Lunch, as we can use the clubs everyday menu. If you have any other ideas or choices, please let us know. Many other venues charge \$60 ++ for a Christmas Lunch and is not suitable for people with dietary needs. Meet in the club lounge 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm.

MINI EXHIBITIONS; **October** – Birds/animals **November** – Still life OR a Christmas Theme.

Management Committee meeting. First Monday of each month.

Next meeting is November 6th at the RSL Club Conference room 12.30 p.m. All members are welcome to attend.

Calendar 2023			
Date	Time	Event	Location
OCTOBER			
1 st Thursday. 5 th October	10:am – 1:00 pm	Painting Morning Paint any medium. Oils Using odourless turps.	St Andrew's Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls.
3 rd Thursday 19 th October	1.00 – 3 p.m.	Monthly General Meeting. Guest artist. Ruth Dengate Watercolour Mini Exhibition subject Birds/Animals	School of Arts. Great Western Highway, Wenworth Falls.
4 th Thursday 26 th October SATURDAY 28TH	10:am- 1:00pm 10 am to 3 pm	Govetts Leap, lookout Blackheath WORKSHOP – ANNIE JOSEPH Watercolour	St. Andrews Church Hall Falls Road Wentworth Falls.
NOVEMBER			
1 st Thursday 2 nd November	10:00am – 1:00pm	Painting morning Paint own medium. Oils Ok if Using odourless turps.	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road, Wentworth Falls
3 rd Thursday 18 th November	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Monthly General Meeting – Demonstrator TBA Mini Exhibition – Still Life or a Christmas theme.	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls
4 th Thursday 23 rd November 5th Thursday 30 th November	From 10:00am 12.noon for 12.30 pm	Plein Air Painting. Megalong Valley. Meet at tea rooms 10 a.m. End of year luncheon	RSL Club Lurline Street Katoomba.
JANUARY			
First Thursday 4 th January	10 am to 1 pm	Painting morning.	St. Andrews Church Hall. W/Falls
Third Thursday 18 th January	11. am +	Annual Picnic In lieu of usual monthly meeting Wilson Park. Wentworth Falls.	Falls Road, between the old bowling club and tennis courts.
		No monthly meeting in December or January.	

WORKSHOP with ANNIE JOSEPH. WATERCOLOUR. SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER.

St Andrew's Church hall, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls (next door to the primary school)

10 am. To 3 p.m. Members \$60 . Non members \$70. (please note the fee was incorrect in the last newsletter)

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME ON THE LIST IF INTERESTED.

THE SPRING EXHIBITION AWARDS

Best in Show. 1ST PRIZE "Cat Napping" by Jacqueline Cole

2nd PRIZE "Anemone Coronaria" by Sylvia Beresford

3rd Prize "Cenotes" by Elizabeth Connor.