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Great news the new Website/Gallery is on line.

Check it out

www.mountainartists.org



President's Report

The Spring Exhibition is over again but on all accounts it should be considered a great success. With 121 works submitted by members, the judge Robyn Collier would have had a difficult task selecting award winners in the various sections from a wide spectrum of different styles. Robyn also sold one of her paintings as did our Patron John Wilson and we thank them both for their support.

Without the help of many hard working people in the Society mounting such an exhibition would not be possible and sincere thanks go to everyone concerned.

Considering the decidedly unfavourable weather a small group of members managed to produce 28 works of the various gardens open during the Leura Gardens Festival and 25% of these were sold, principally to the respective garden owner. Joe Cartwright kindly judged the exhibition and once again we are indebted to the Festival committee for their valued support and prize monies.

On Sunday last I had the pleasure of saying a few words on behalf of the Society at a small showing of some beautiful work by Beth Burgess and Marion Smart at the Uniting Church in Leura. Beth received a well deserved certificate recognising her endeavours in running a successful art group at the church over the last 10 years.

This year the Society marks its 25th anniversary and in conjunction with the official launch of the web site we will be having an early Christmas lunch and get together at the Victoria and Albert guest house, Mount Victoria on Thursday 3 November. We have a number of invited guests to this milestone event and hopefully it will be covered by Blue Mountains Life magazine. Bookings must be finalise asap so please do so this week if you have not already done so .

The next plein air will be at 10 am, Thursday 27 October, meeting at the Ambergmere Rose Inn on the Highway at Hartley. These are usually good social events and if you don't want to paint, coffee and /or lunch is always an option.

Peter Ayres

SPRING EXHIBITION 2011 REPORT

We all (I think) have survived the most hectic time of the year for the Society
 Nine days of the exhibition and plein air painting in the Festival Gardens.
 Although the weather especially in the first days was against us both activities proved especially successful.
 Total painting sales were 25 (18 of the Spring and 7 of the Gardens) Raffle and Card sales were both high.
 Congratulations to all who participated and especially those who helped setup and man the exhibition.

General Exhibition Comments by Judge Robyn Collier

"A really nice exhibition, beautifully hung with great light. Some very nice paintings"

Contemporary Section

Commended	John Marsh	"Back to Barneys"	A different way of using canvas
Highly Commended	Shirley Williams	"The Golden Mile"	Imaginative use of paint and collage. An interesting overall effect.
Second	Marie Morris	"Grotto"	Interesting way this painting has been handled with texture and paint in pleasant shades. Quite abstract while conveying the right 'feel'
First	Jenny Ross Brown	"First light"	Lovely colour graduation and harmony conveying the feeling of 'first light' in a contemporary way

Oil & Acrylic

Commended	Lia Johnston	"Nymph Yengo Garden. Mt Wilson"	No Artist's Comments
Highly Commended	Marilyn Ecob	"Carcoar Village"	A colourful rendition of Carcoar, loosely painted with a nice 'feel'
Second	Shirley Williams	"Golden Pears of Hartley"	An interesting painting showing imagination and strength
First	Ruth Dengate	"Just Picked"	A nice soft, loose flower study, well composed and harmonious in colour

Works on Paper

Highly Commended	Jenny Ross Brown	"The Little Girl with Very Red Hair"	A boldly tackled pastel with an interesting technique
Second	Anna Marshall	"Agarious Augustus"	Very nicely painted and drawn
First	Dennis West	"St Pauls Covent Garden"	Interesting technique, compatible colours and great texture, all conveying a good 'feel' for the subject

Small Paintings

Commended	Shirley Williams	"Parade"	Original concept
Highly Commended	Jenny Ross Brown	"Blue Dragonfly"	Nicely painted
Second	Dixie Wilmott	"Spring"	Nicely painted flower—and bug! I like the signature incorporated along the leaf with bug no 2
First	Jenny Ross Brown	"Blue Mountain Tree Frog"	Exquisite little painting, handle quite differently. Really works well

Watercolour

Commended	Dennis West	"A Railway Cathedral"	A bold watercolour with strong tones
Commended	Shirley Williams	"The Journey"	Very different watercolour showing great imagination & different technique
Highly Commended	Sylvia Beresford	"Lilac—A Study"	Beautifully painted and presented
Second	Dennis West	"Broadway Sydney c.1950"	Well executed watercolour of a difficult subject. Well composed showing good drawing skills
First	Susan Stafford	"Eucalypt 2"	Vibrant & harmonious colours, well executed & nicely framed. The subject suits the format of the painting

Hangers Choice **Chosen by the hanging team** Shirley Williams "Grotto"

Best In Show Dixie Wilmott 'Zebra Crossing' **I really like the way the artist has played up the black and white theme, while breaking it up with a red sun, which also echoes the round shape of the art work. Well thought through and beautifully framed.**

Painting in the Gardens Leura Garden Festival 2011

Judge Joe Cartright's comments

3rd Prize	Marlene Strathdee	'Irises at Tanglewood'	Pleasing design and selection of colours
2nd Prize	Marie Morris	'Front Garden ~ Wai-ila'	Good rendition of garden colours and textures.
1st Prize	Esther McFarlane	'Rustlings in Spring'	Nice Watercolour with a good design. Greens well handled.

RAFFLE was won by R. Anderson Wentworth Falls **Blue Ticket No 96A**

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOKINGS
Oct Thurs 20th	MONTHLY MEETING Robyn Collier Oil Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Oct Thurs 27th	Plein Air Painting	Ambermere Rose Inn– Hartley 10am cnr Gt Western Hwy & Ambermere Rd	NO See Page 6
Nov Thurs 3rd	Christmas, 25 Anniversary, Official Website Launch Luncheon	11.30 for 12noon Victoria and Albert Guest House Luncheon Details Page 4	YES With payment 20th Oct Meeting
Nov Mon 7	Management & Exhibition Committees Meetings		
Nov Thurs 10th	Paint Together	10 –1pm Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls Bring a drop sheet for Oils etc	NO BYO Morning Tea
Nov Tues 15th	Paint Together	Leura Golf Club No Oils	NO
Nov Thurs 17th	MONTHLY MEETING Christmas Afternoon Tea and art activity	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a small Plate of Food to share	NO
Nov Thurs 24th	Plein Air Painting	Eskbank House. 10am Bennett St Lithgow Historic house, Buildings and Garden	NO
Dec 25th Jan 1st	Have a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year		
Jan 2012 Thurs 19th	 Annual Picnic Starting the New Year	11am Wilson Park, Falls Rd Wentworth Falls Behind Bowling Club	BYO Everything
Feb Thurs16th	MONTHLY MEETING Peter Gonzales Critique Session	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a Painting	NO
Feb Thurs 23rd	Plein Air Painting	Venue to be Arranged	NO
Mar Thurs 15th	MONTHLY MEETING Annual General Meeting Members' Choice	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a Painting	NO
Mar Thurs 22nd	Plein Air Painting	Venue to be Arranged	NO
Apr Tues 10th- Sat 14th	Autumn Exhibition	St Auburns Church Hall Megalong Street Leura	
Apr Thurs 19th	MONTHLY MEETING Dennis West Pastel Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Apr Thurs 26	Plein Air Painting Bring a Partner and Lunch	10am Margaret Latty's Farm 16 Vista Pl Little Hartley	NO
May Sat 5 Sun 6	Great Train Weekend Plein Air Painters Exhibition	Victoria and Albert Guesthouse Mount Victoria	
May Thurs17th	MONTHLY MEETING	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
May Thurs 24th	Plein Air Painting	Dry Ridge Estate Winery Megalong Valley	



FREE PC COMPUTER TRAINING OFFER

The Society has now developed a web presence to display member's work and a range of other information about your Society.

The SMA Website provides members with access to information ranging from linked access to major galleries both in Australia and internationally, to relevant events and activities, the newsletter and much more.

For those members who may feel a little apprehensive about using a PC computer, **free introductory** training in using a computer, the internet and email for over 55's will be available commencing in November as part of the Broadband For Seniors computer training scheme which is a Commonwealth funded project.

The SMA Website Sub-committee have organised for free training to be held in conjunction with BCS Morven Gardens at their facility in Morven Rd Leura. At the moment it is planned that individual training will be provided on a Tuesday morning from 10-1:00pm. Each individual session will be for one hour at a time.

Under no circumstances is contact about this program to be made with Morven Gardens directly.

If as an SMA member you are interested, please contact Ron Anderson (SMA Treasurer) directly to have your name and contact details placed on an availability list.

You can make your interest known to Ron at meetings or by phone on 47572423.

Because each session is of one hour's duration a waiting list has been established and you will be contacted by Ron when a place becomes available for you. It is envisaged that the training will be offered to SMA members into 2012.

Should you be interested in taking up this training offer but are unavailable of a Tuesday, the Broadband for Senior's computer training scheme is also being conducted at a number of other sites throughout the mountains.

They include: Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre (BANC) 47878816; Katoomba Men's Shed; Mid - Mountain Neighbourhood Centre 47592592, and the Springwood Neighbourhood Centre. 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.

If it is more convenient for you to attend one of these other locations you will need to make contact with that site directly to ask about how and when you can access their Broadband for Senior's program.

Website Official Launch, 25th Anniversary & Christmas Luncheon

Canapes

- Mixed canapes,
- toppings include:
- Bruschetta, smoked salmon, prawns, ricotta,
- camembert, tomato etc

Meal

- Basket of Assorted Breads
- Herb Encrusted Chicken Breast
- Beef stroganoff with sour cream and shallots
- served with Basmati rice
- Vegetarian Lasagne
- Vegetables
- Lemon, thyme, garlic roasted baby potatoes
- & onions
- Panache of seasonal vegetables tossed in parsley
- butter

Dessert

- Cheesecake
- Sticky Date Pudding

Tea & coffee and cake

Victoria and Albert Guesthouse
19 Station St. Mount Victoria
11.30 for 12 noon
Thursday 3rd November

PRICE \$30 per person
Drinks included
Bookings by
Oct Meeting

Next Plein-air Painting Day

Thursday 27th October

Ambermere Rose Inn

Great Western Highway & Ambermere Rd
 Hartley
 First corner on the right after Victoria Pass

Meet 10 am at the Inn

Group of Historic Buildings
 and Remains
 Valley & Distant Escarpment Views
 Teas & light meals at the Inn



TIME TO START THINKING AND TALKING

The Annual General Meeting and Election of the Management Committee and Nomination of Interest to join the Exhibition and Website Subcommittees may seem a long time away at the AGM in March 2012

Since we break for a brake over Christmas there are not many times to get together and put on your thinking caps

We will need at least a new President and Secretary.

All Members of the Management Committee are elected for a 12 month term. Nominated positions are

President , Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer,
Plus Five Ordinary Members

Duties include (In addition to the work of the named positions) Appointing the Subcommittees, Library, Publicity, Editor, Social Secretary, Demonstrators, Website, Exhibitions, Archives, Plein Air Painting Days, Painting get togethers, Meeting Afternoon Teas, Writing a report on the Demonstrations..

Some of these duties may be carried out by members who are unable to attend extra monthly meetings but would like to share the load to keep our Society functioning fully.

*You'll find it's FUN !!
Do your bit ...
Be active
in
The Society ...
Stand for
Election ...
AND
Don't sleep-walk*



Welcome New Members

Gerlinde Thomas Katoomba
Mary Lou Montaigne Springwood
Mags Walsh Leura



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For renewal of my
membership in the Society
for the year 2011

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