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Presidents Message

Presidents message for newsletter

At the time of writing there are still two days to go with our Spring exhibition and as of today the Painting in the Gardens show alongside it. Thirty seven members of the Society submitted a total of 129 works for the Spring exhibition and they made for a very varied and attractive show of which 15 at least were sold.

My personal view was that it is amongst the best exhibitions we have put on and it was pleasing to see some first time exhibitors and some first time award winners. Hopefully it will give others in the Society confidence to have a go next time. David Newman White had a challenging job judging the Spring exhibition but gave a good account of his selections in the various categories and I am sure the artists concerned will value his constructive comment.

Painting in the Gardens is always a particular challenge given that paintings must be completed within six days at most before being exhibited and judged. Again there was a great variety of work and styles which together made a very professional exhibition which resulted in six sales on opening night. The judge, Colin Parker who kindly donated his time and expertise selected some worthy award winners but was very complimentary about the standard achieved by all.

For both of these 'opening night' functions sincere thanks to all of those tireless volunteers who made them so successful and indeed to everyone who in some way contributed to making the exhibitions happen. Its all too easy to come along and have a good time but please remember without a lot of volunteers sacrificing time and effort nothing would be achieved.

Two quick reminders, our next plein air outing is to Merrygarth at Mount Wilson [see inside for details] and our November meeting, the last for 2014, will be in the old library in Katoomba as the School of Arts in Wentworth Falls is not available.

Hope everyone is enjoying the great weather and keeping the brushes busy

Peter Ayres

Exhibition Calendar October onwards 2014

Greg Hansell; Open studio weekends. Saturdays and Sundays 25-26 October and 1-2 November 10 am to 5pm
@31 George Street Windsor

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre ;Brett Whiteley 'West of the Divide' until 30 November

Manly Art Gallery; 'Joshua Yeldham'. Tuesday to Sunday 10am until 5pm. Until 2 November.

Mosman Art Gallery; 'Eye of the Beholder', the art of Lucy Culliton until 30th November

Pamela Bell, 'Drawings from the Shed, Carcoar' 18th October until 1 February 2015

S H Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill open Tuesday to Sunday 11am to 5pm; 'Five Decades at Watters Gallery'
artists represented by the gallery over 50 yrs 19 September to 2 November

'Portia Geach Memorial Award' Portraiture by contemporary Australian women artists 6 November until 13 December

AGNSW; 'From Pop to Popism' Pop Art from the 1950's to the 1980's. From 1 November until 1 March 2015

Congratulations to members Marie Morris who was awarded Second Prize and Marilyn Ecob a Commended Award at the recent Blackheath Art Society exhibition.

October Monthly Meeting Demonstration—Ruth Dengate

Ruth became an exhibiting member of the Royal Art Society in the early 1980s. Her teachers in watercolour and oils were Garrett Kingsley and Ron Stannard.



Ruth held her first exhibition at Windsor, New South Wales in 1983, and also exhibited with other female artists in an exhibition entitled 'Women in the Hawkesbury'. In 1994 she had an exhibition of Mixed Media, watercolours and oils at the Braemar Gallery in Springwood.

Ruth joined the Society of Mountain Artists in 2001, and has since won many awards for her still life paintings in watercolour, oils and pastels. She has won 'Best in Show' for a watercolour judged by John Wilson, also a First Prize in oils and Second Prize in watercolour judged by Warwick Fuller.

Ruth lives in Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains.



Activities Diary

Oct Thurs 16th	MONTHLY MEETING Ruth Dengate Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO
Oct Tues 21st	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
Oct Thurs 23rd	Plein Air Painting	10am Merry Garth (Show Garden) Mount Wilson Directions on the back page	No
NOV Tues 4th	Melbourne Cup Lunch 	1pm Ann Warnes' Home 26 Lawson View Pde Wentworth Falls	
NOV Thurs 6th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
NOV Tues 18th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
NOV Thurs 20th	Christmas Meeting Members Choice Bring a Painting and a small Plate to share	Katoomba Old Library City Centre Katoomba Street	
NOV Thurs 27th	Christmas Luncheon 	Wentworth Falls Country Club Menu page 6	YES Payment at October Monthly Meeting
JAN 2015 Thurs 15th	Start of Year Picnic	Wentworth Falls Park Behind Bowling Club BYO Everything	

A forward note St Albans Hall in Leura has been booked for the **Easter Exhibition 14th—18th of April 2015**

Management Committee Meeting 3rd Nov 1pm / Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 3rd Nov 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

Betty Forgeard's Grandson donated his late grandmother's books and many paintings to the Society.

Thankyou for the great response to the many books at the last meeting. Most were bought.

At the October Meeting many of Betty's watercolour paintings will be available for members to choose any that they may wish to take. There are some beautiful works.

Sad to note the accidental death of Lindsay Howarth
Lindsay was an active member at 92 participating in nearly all Society activities
She was a founding member of Mosman Art Society



FOR SALE

Since the purchase of the new lighting for the Exhibition Screens we no longer require the old lighting system

The lights which attach to yellow extendable stands are suitable for work shops or studios.

Each one has two lights on a bar attached to the top. Make an offer

**Please return the form below with your payment.
It helps keep our records straight**

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**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM - DUE JANUARY 2015**

Name/s.....(Please Print)

Please find enclosed Cheque / Cash / Postal Order

Single Membership \$40 or
Family membership—\$70 two family members at the same address
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Change of address, phone or email? Please add your E-MAIL address below

I wish to receive my Newsletter by Email Please Tick /

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For renewal of my
membership in the Society
for the year 2014
P.O. Box 76
Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782

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HOBBYIST YES NO
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MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

1pm Ann Warnes' Home
26 Lawson View Pde Wentworth Falls

Bring a SMALL plate of food to share.
Prize for best painting of Theme "Heads or Tails"???
Prizes for best Fancy Hat



Cup Sweeps

SPRING ART EXHIBITION 2014
PRIZE AWARDS
JUDGED BY DAVID NEWMAN-WHITE

Oils 1st Prize: "Through The Trees" by Ruth Dengate
Oils 2nd Prize: "Late Afternoon, Kiama" by Helen Hudson
Oils Highly Commended: "Megalong Creek" by Alfred Blakers
Oils Commended: "The New Shoes" by Marlene Strathdee

Acrylics 1st Prize: "Merrygarth' at Mount Wilson" by Lia Johnston
Acrylics 2nd Prize: "Turon 1" by John Marsh
Acrylics Highly Commended: "The Pleasure of Plants" by Richard Grammer
Acrylics Commended: "My Garden Flowers" by Ann Warnes

Watercolour 1st Prize: "Where Lyrebirds Dwell" by Marie Morris
Watercolour 2nd Prize: "To The Sea" by Heather Skarratt
Watercolour Highly Commended: "Last Trams Across The Bridge" by Dennis West
Watercolour Commended: "Light And Shadow From Sofala Road" by Esther McFarlane

Works on Paper 1st Prize: "By The Sunlit Window" by Helen Hudson
Works on Paper 2nd Prize: "Spring" by Valerie Craven
Works on Paper Highly Commended: "Cat Grooming" by Richard Grammer
Works on Paper Commended: "Little Fish" by Joy Dennis

Small Paintings 1st Prize: "Poppies" by Shirley Jones
Small Paintings 2nd Prize: "Blue Mountains Cottage" by Helen Hudson
Small Paintings Highly Commended: "Black Cat" by Jen Ross Brown
Small Paintings Commended "Marshland" by Maunie Kwok

Beyond Reality 1st Prize: "Jenolan Mystique" by Irene Jenkins
Beyond reality 2nd Prize: "Travelling West" by Barbara Pankhurst
Beyond Reality Highly Commended: "Reverie" by John Marsh
Beyond reality Commended: "Unrequited Passions" by Mara Jordan

Plein-Air Painting in the Gardens 2014
Awards by Judge Colin Parker FRAS

1st Prize Heather Skarratt "Blue Mist-Leura" Blue Mist
"Fine mixed media with nice design and delicate craftsmanship
A very pleasant work, captures the essence of Blue Mist"

2nd Prize Lia Johnston "Flower Cherries" The Braes
"An acrylic worked with texture. Excellent texture and line in the main tree trunk. A very full work with something going on in every part of the canvas, Feeling of filtering light."

3rd Prize Dennis West "Ukulele Group" Waldorf Resort
"Dennis showing his adept drawing skills combining figures into the criteria of entry conditions of showing views of the gardens. Well chosen subject as the plein air artist could himself be musically entertained whilst drawing in pen and wash"

"Congratulations to all the artists, being out there plein air painting is not easy. You get some very odd comments at times as well as the compliments"

**Congratulations to all members who all who exhibited and supported the Exhibitions.
The final result was sale of twenty eight art works.**

Country Club Brasserie



Christmas Function Menu



*Traditional Buffet . \$32.00 per person
Minimum 35 people*

*Ham, Pork, Turkey
Roasted Vegetables- Potato, Pumpkin,
Sweet Potato & Parsnip
Green Vegetables.
Salads- Coleslaw, Potato & Garden*

Desserts

*Christmas Pudding with Butterscotch sauce
Hot Apple Crumble
Cake Tray
Cream*

Bread Roll, Tea & Coffee & Bon Bon

Add Prawns Platter for additional \$5.00 per person



*For further information please call the Country Club
Brasserie on 4757 3330*

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 2014
Since we break for a rest over Christmas there is not much time to get together and put on your thinking caps

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.

Sub Committees are groups formed to spread the load and bring in new ideas. They are appointed by the Management Committee.

Here are the Existing Sub-committees and some IDEAS for others

Exhibition Sub Committee. (Existing)

Organises the Spring / Leura Gardens Festival and Autumn Exhibitions. Supervisors for daily duty functions, Judge, Hanging of exhibition, Setup and take down of screens.,

Website Sub Committee. (Existing)

Maintain website and online gallery. Look at future development.

SOME SINGLE OR JOINT JOBS

Social Secretary Plan Social Functions and Bus Trips throughout the year. (Under direction of Management Committee.

Publicity Write small reports or notifications about our activities send regularly to newsletters and magazines. Need not be on a committee

Archivist. Keep records of News Items concerning Society. Take or collect photos of demonstrations, exhibitions, functions, activities.

Meeting Afternoon Teas and Coffees. Organise and obtain supplies. Co-op helpers at meeting.

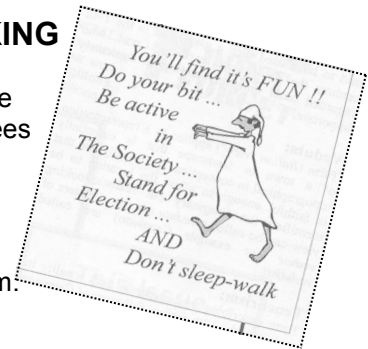
These are just some thought ideas

There are many other tasks COULD YOU HELP WITH SOME OR ONE OF THEM ?

YES I DO MEAN YOU



GO ON LINE AND CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE www.mountainartists.org



Plein-air Painting
Thursday 23rd October
10am Merry Garth (Show Garden) Mount Wilson

Drive through the main Avenue of Mt Wilson til you come to a tee intersection turn left towards Mt Irvine.
A few hundred meters down the road turn right at the sign to Merry Gath .

**This is one of the Open Show Gardens of Mt Wilson.
Fine views of the gardens, trees and views over the valley.
There are also many different and rare plants for sale.**

There are no shops in Mt Wilson so I advise you pack a lunch and then continue painting in the afternoon.

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