



Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

Featuring the works of Artists from the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, Australia

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NEWSLETTER

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Monthly Meetings at Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls
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Back TO THE PAST

Council has received a Development Application to convert St Bonaventures Hall to Out of School Hours Child Care
This would require our moving the start of our meeting to an earlier time.
The Management committee feels that this would not be fair to our members.
Arrangements have been finalised to move our meetings to the Front Hall of Wentworth Falls School of Arts.
Rent is lower and Council agreed to allow us to store our Library in the Tea Room

Longer standing members would remember that this is where the Society originally met

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Change of Venue

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Mountain Artists Inc. will be held at
1.00 pm on Thursday 20th March 2014 at 1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy

AGENDA

- 1 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 21st March 2013
- 2 To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2013)
- 3 To receive and accept President's Annual Report
- 4 Election of Management Committee
- 5 Appointment of Auditor and determination of remuneration
- 6 Motions, notice of which must be received by the Secretary in writing **fourteen days** prior to the meeting

The Society's Constitution provides for the yearly election for a Management Committee of nine members.
The Committee consists of executive positions of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) ordinary members.

REMEMBER YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO STAND OR NOMINATE FOR ELECTION
OR EXPRESS AN INTEREST TO ANY COMMITTEES OR RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER

RENEWAL FORMS PAGE 4 OR DOWNLOAD FROM WEBSITE

I have put down some thoughts about where the Society might need to go this year. I think it is a terrific society, very sociable, provides a great many activities, lots of chances to learn more about art and is a great way to make friends with someone with similar interests. However, there are fewer and fewer helpers to do the jobs, so it is probably time to decide what is important and must stay, what can definitely be discontinued and what needs to be reviewed before deciding either way. New ideas and offers of help will be most welcome.

SMA activities

Monthly meetings.

We offer:

Tea, coffee, biscuits; Lending library; Demonstrations; Critiques; Members' choice; Jamison Award; Silent auction. WHAT IS INVOLVED.
Book and pay for Hall.
Organise demonstrators. Fair amount of work all year.
Set up camera equipment and microphone. Have a Tea lady team.
Put out the chairs. Set out and put away the library. Record returns and outgoings, take payment for DVDs.
Bring hard copy Newsletters 7 attendance book. Take in door money.
A most important part of the Society. Many members attend. It is a good social gathering.

Newsletter.

Informs members (especially those who do not attend the meetings), what is on. Diary of events. Who are the new members.
Provides Exhibition entry forms and conditions sheets.
WHAT IS INVOLVED
Gather information, compile it, take to be printed and pick it up.
Email those on the email list. Print address labels.
Fold copies and stick labels on. Take hard copies to meeting and post uncollected ones. (Stick on stamps.)

Important for information dissemination.

Maybe we could split some duties e.g.:
Compilation and printing
Folding and sticking on address labels
Printing the labels
Bringing to the meetings and posting the leftovers.

Perhaps create a new position- that of Membership Secretary, a non-Management position, which entails updating email addresses and adding new members.

Exhibitions.

St Albans Autumn/winter days. Fairways Spring - 9 days.
LGF 2 and a half days.
WHAT IS INVOLVED
Book and pay for venues. Find a judge. Entry forms, labels, publicity.
Keep equipment stocked and maintained. Rosters.
Merchant Terminal – book, pick up and return. Teach others how to use it. Many other things as part of Exhibition Committee duties.
We seem to be struggling to cope with more and more work with fewer and fewer people to do it.
If we do not look carefully at how to rationalise and reduce the workload, committee members might very well walk away.
The Spring Exhibition used to be only 4 days long. When the Gallery closed, the LGF (Leura Gardens Festival) which was held there and ran for a whole month was given to the Exhibition Sub-Committee. This increased the workload, and it was suggested that an LGF sub-committee be formed, which should report to the Exhibition Sub-committee (ESC). By 2013 this seemed to have fizzled and the ESC were doing the work.
My suggestion is to fold the LGF into the Spring exhibition for the following reasons;

there is only one judge and one opening to organise & pay for;
one set of entry forms and conditions;
one only session entering names on certificates and laminating them;
entry fees and conditions are simplified.

Not very many artists paint in the gardens, therefore the idea of having artists in the gardens to attract visitors is a bit unrealistic when there are 10-12 gardens open for more than a week, so the chances of spying an artist are pretty low.
Consider asking the garden owners if artists can arrange to paint earlier at the owner's convenience. Paintings could be done at any time of year, when the weather is good (might even have a snow scene or two), and there would not be the last minute scramble to dry and frame the paintings.
Invite the garden owners to the opening of the Spring exhibition. They could well have a much larger range of paintings of their gardens to choose from.
If there is a very strong feeling that the LGF should remain, those who wish to keep it should put their hands up and do all the work.

Award Certificates.

Jamison Award. Spring and LGF exhibitions.
WHAT IS INVOLVED.
Print certificates, enter names after judging and laminate them.
Exn Comm. Member duty.

Website/Gallery.

I do not know enough about this to comment.

Plein air

Choose venues and publish in the Newsletter.

Monthly painting day in Falls Road.

Very popular, a good social get together, and lunch together if you want.
WHAT IS INVOLVED.
Book and pay for venue.
Collect money, buy tea, coffee etc.

Market day in Springwood.

Book venue. Stall holders pay for a table, and the Church is given a donation.
Otherwise this is only work for those who wish to run a stall. It can be fun.

Christmas/mid-year lunches.

Popular and well attended.
This has, and can be done by a 'one job' volunteer.

Holiday/trips to Canberra.

Members are messing about and making life difficult for the member trying to organise the trips or the holiday.
Don't do it any more. Those who wish to go can organise it themselves.

Library.

WHAT IS INVOLVED
Take stock, sell unused books.
Set out and return books at the monthly meetings.
Monitor outgoings and returns of books and DVDs.
Take money for DVD hire. Buy new DVDs and books.
No new DVDs will be bought as they are not hired very often.

Anna Marshall.
February 2014.

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOKINGS
Feb Thurs 20th	MONTHLY MEETING John Caldwell demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Feb Thurs 27th	Plein Air Painting	Megalong Valley (YES) Meet 10am at Tea Rooms	NO
Mar Thurs 6th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Mar Tues 18th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
Mar Thurs 20th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE John Wilson Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy NOTE NEW VENUE	NO
Mar Thurs 27th	Plein Air Painting	Richmond Town Environs Meet 10am Richmond Oval March Street	NO
Apr Thur 3rd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Apr Sat 5th & Sun 6th	Greg Hansel Workshop	10am 4pm Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	YES At monthly meeting
Apr Tues 15th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
Apr Thurs 17th	MONTHLY MEETING Fiona Lumsden Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO
Apr Thurs 24th	Plein Air Painting	Dry Ridge Estate Winery Megalong Valley www.dryridge.com.au	NO
May Thurs 1st	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
May Thurs 15th	MONTHLY MEETING Helen Hudson Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO
May Tues 20th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
May Thurs 22nd	Plein Air Painting	Mount Wilson	NO
June Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
June Tues 17th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
June Thurs 19th	MONTHLY MEETING Jane Canfield Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO

**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2014**

I (we) wish to nominate for the position of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Member (5 positions)

In the Society for the year 2014.

Proposer

Seconder

I accept my nomination (s)

Signed

Nominations must reach the Society by
Friday 14th March, 2014
Send to:
Nomination of Committee Members
The Secretary, Society of Mountain Artists Inc.
P.O. Box 76 Wentworth Falls, NSW 2782

Or email secretary@mountainartists.org

www.mountainartists.org



**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM - DUE JANUARY 2014**

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
- On-line Gallery Fee- \$20 Payable yearly if exhibiting in gallery

Amount Payable \$.....

Change of address, phone or email ? Please add your E-MAIL address below

Would you like to receive your Newsletter by e-mail ? YES

CUT OUT
AND
RETURN

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

Please Tick /

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST.

I wish to be considered for selection on the

Exhibition Sub-committee

Library Sub-committee

Website Sub-committee

I would like to assist with other activities

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Such as.....

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Please cut out and forward to PO BOX or any Management Committee Member

Existing Sub-committee members and Activity Helpers are encouraged to express an interest.

The Sub-committees etc. will be appointed by the Management Committee

**A Society Activity that is not often publicised is
Art for the Elderly
At Anglicare Day Centre Winmalee**

We used to do two mornings a month. Due to a variety other commitments this has dropped back to one day.

We would like to resume the two mornings.

**We meet at 10am have morning tea with the clients then about one and a half hours art activities.
It is great fun and very rewarding**

PLEASE if other members would like to help volunteering speak to Peter Ayres of Fred Blakers

*Art Exhibition
Blue Mountains National Parks Heritage Centre
Govetts Leap Road Blackheath*

“PALLETTS” Blue Mountains Artists

Includes some SMA Members

Official Opening 2pm 8th March—All Welcome

Exhibition continues through March

Welcome Our New Member
Dianna Swane from Lawson



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