



Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

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

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Monthly Meetings at Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls
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President's Message

A very happy, productive and peaceful 2015 and hope it's a good one for you and yours.

The Society started the year with the annual picnic at Wentworth Falls and a life drawing workshop at Mt Victoria with David Newman White. Both were well supported and I think, enjoyed by all who attended. We will be planning this year's activities at our next and future Management / exhibition committee meetings which brings us to membership of future committees.

It is good and healthy for the Society and its ongoing development and success to get now ideas and dare I say new blood metaphorically speaking. While it is to be encouraged to nominate for any of the positions prior to our AGM in March that does not mean that we cannot all benefit from ideas, suggestions and criticisms at any time. We will keep the suggestion box at future meetings but every newsletter contains contact details for committee members and you are welcome to contact them with your views.

Because our March meeting is focussed on the AGM there will be no formal demonstration but don't forget to bring a painting for members' choice. The selected work will be the major raffle prize at our Autumn exhibition and the work suggested will win the artist \$100. This will defray any framing costs and perhaps even stretch to a box of chocolates?

Plein air this month is to Everglades garden in Leura, please wear your name badge and you can get free entry!

Peter Ayres



Welcome to Our New Members

Robyn Collier Springwood,
Fiona Beirne, Katoomba
Julian Braggans Wattle Flat

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2015

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

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

In the Society for the year 2015.

Proposer

Seconder

I accept my nomination (s)

Signed

Nominations must reach the Society by
Friday 13th March, 2015
 Send to:
Nomination of Committee Members
The Secretary, Society of Mountain
Artists Inc.
P.O. Box 76 Wentworth Falls, NSW
2782

Please return the form below with your Renewal payment.
It helps keep our Membership Records Up to Date



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

Name(s):(Please Print)

Please find enclosed Cheque / Cash / Postal Order / Direct Debit Transfer Code

DIRECT DEBIT: SMA BSB: 633108 A/C No.: 149824328
Your Reference: _____ (SMAI+your initials +surname. ie SMAIjfcitizen for John F Citizen)

- Single Membership - \$40 or
- Family Membership - \$70 two family members at the same address
- Website Gallery Joining Fee - \$20
- Website Gallery Annual Renewal Fee - \$10
- Total = \$ _____**

TEAR OUT
AND
RETURN
THIS
FORM

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

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Do you want your newsletter by E-MAIL ?

For renewal of my membership in the Society for the year 2015

ABN Number

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HOBBYIST YES NO
 Please Tick ✓

PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782

Activities Diary

Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 2nd March 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club
Management Committee Meeting 2nd Feb 2015 1pm

FEB Thurs 19th	MONTHLY MEETING <i>Followed by Special General Meeting</i> Julie Simmons Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
FEB Thurs 26th	Plein Air Painting	10 am Everglades Garden Leura Coffee Shop available for coffee and lunch Members' Free Entry Wear Badge	NO
Mar Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Mar Tues 17th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Mem- ber ship
Mar Thurs 19th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE <i>Members Choice Bring a Painting</i> <i>Website Presentation See Details Page 4.</i>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
Mar Mon 23rd to Fri 27th	Autumn Holiday	Shalom House Carcoar Details page 4 \$100 deposit February	Peter Ayres
Mar Thurs 26th	Plein Air Painting	Glenroy Crossing bring lunch Directions page 8	\$5 Entry
Apr Thurs 2nd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Apr 14th—18th	 Easter Exhibition	St Albans Hall in Leura Entry Form Attached in February Newsletter	
Apr Thurs 16th	MONTHLY MEETING Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
Apr Thurs 23rd	Plein Air Painting	Mount York Lookout Mt Victoria	NO

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 19th March 2015 at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls**

AGENDA

- 1 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th March 2014
- 2 To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2014)
- 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.



Members wishing to join the Web Gallery HELP IS AVAILABLE

Bring along some artworks to the March AGM Meeting
and we will try to photograph them for you

There have been some reorganising done to make the Website more relative to members

A short presentation will be done at the AGM Meeting

Checkout the new changes to the website **www.mountainartists.org**

Autumn Exhibition Raffle

Forward Notice

To have a painting as the **Raffle Prize for the Autumn Exhibition**
there will be a **Members' Choice at the AGM.**

If you wish to be considered bring a painting for members to choose a winner.
Artist of the selected acquisitive work will win \$100

This is in addition to the offer to photograph paintings for the Web Site Gallery as noted above.

A number of Members have indicated that they are interested in
an Autumn Painting Holiday to Carcoar at **Shalom House as before**

March Mon 23rd to Fri 27th

Bookings and \$100 deposit required by February Meeting Contact Peter Ayres

Exhibition Calendar.

AGNSW Sydney; 'Pop to Popism; lower level 2 until March 1st.

'Art Express' upper level from 12 February

Royal Art Society Lavender Bay gallery Walker St, N Sydney.

'Just Drawing and Teachers Exhibition' from 6 Feb until 1st March.

Lost Bear Gallery, Lurline St Katoomba; 'Gone Fishin'-Weipa'; various artists until 23 February.

BM Cultural Centre, Katoomba; 'The Native Grid 11' by mountains artist James Blackwell until 22 March.

'The Green Desert' photographs of Lake Eyre by Peter Elfes until 29 March

Falls Gallery, Wentworth Falls; featuring works by Gary Shead open Wed to Sunday 10-5pm

NGA Canberra; James Turrell-a retrospective until June 8 th

**REMEMBER YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO STAND, VOTE OR NOMINATE FOR ELECTION
OR EXPRESS AN INTEREST TO ANY COMMITTEES OR RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER
RENEWAL FORMS PAGE 2 OR DOWNLOAD FROM WEBSITE**

AUTUMN EXHIBITION 2015

HAND CRAFTED ORIGINAL CARDS

Hand crafted original cards (Exhibitors only), limit 20 per exhibitor.
EACH CARD MUST BE NUMBERED, WITH INITIALS, ON THE FRONT

Price per card \$ _____

Sample Initials: _____

IMPORTANT -- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ROSTER

I accept all conditions of entry.

Signature: _____

I hereby authorise _____ to collect my artwork(s)

Sign-out: _____

YES NO

HOBBYIST
Please Tick

TICK YOUR ROSTER TIMES BELOW or Record OTHER DUTIES here »

Wednesday 15 th April	Thursday 16 th April	Friday 17 th April	Saturday 18 th April	Tick
10am to 1.30pm	10am to 1.30pm	10am to 1.30pm	10am to 1.30pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1.30pm to 5.00pm	1.30pm to 5.00pm	1.30pm to 5.00pm	1.30pm to 5.00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

SEE CONDITIONS for detailed description of each section. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Autumn 2015 Art Exhibition – Conditions of Entry

Wednesday 15th April to Saturday 18th April

St.Albans
Church Hall
Megalong Street
Leura

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per Framed artwork – payable on delivery
\$2.00 per Unframed artwork – payable on delivery
Entries Close: Friday 3rd April – no late entries accepted
Send to: SMA, PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, 2782
Delivery: Tuesday 14th April, 9.00am to 10.00am (NO LATER)
Collection: Saturday 18th April, 4.30pm to 5.00pm
Commission: 20% commission on all sales

During the exhibition contact the SMA by phone
0488-264-670

Open to all financial SMA members.

Maximum number of framed paintings = (5)

If three or more paintings are entered, the exhibitor is entitled to enter up to four unframed paintings as well. Unframed stretched canvasses do not qualify as unframed paintings.

Maximum PERIMETER of Frames -- ONE at 150" (380cm), plus FOUR at 100" (254cm)
Maximum PERIMETER of Unframed Painting – 75" (188cm)

Works should not have been previously exhibited with the SMA.

All works must be for sale. **Prices not negotiable.**

Please display your NAME, TITLE, MEDIUM and PRICE on the back of your paintings. Works delivered must be as per Entry Form. No substitutions will be accepted.

Artworks must be presented to a high standard:

- For **FRAMED works:** Ready to hang, preferably with taut cord or wire and strong staples or "D" rings.
Or
- For **STRETCHED UNFRAMED CANVASSES:** No visible staples on sides, with all edges painted, also ready to hang with taut cord or wire and strong staples or "D" rings.
- **UNFRAMED works:** must be supported by a sturdy matt and covered in clear protective plastic. Unframed stretched canvasses do not qualify as unframed paintings.

All Works: No screw eyes or protrusions which can damage other exhibits. "D" rings and wire ends to be taped. No wet paintings, no infringement of copyright (e.g. other artists' work, photographs from calendars, Readers Digest and Australiana books etc.).

The SMA has the right to reject works. Exhibitors must arrange their own insurance. No responsibility can be taken by the SMA for damage or loss incurred.

Hand crafted ORIGINAL cards (maximum 20) - Limited to painting exhibitors only: Cards must be numbered clearly from 1 to 20, with artist's initials and price **ON FRONT. All the same price. Whole dollars no cents.** Please enclose an envelope with each card in a cellophane sleeve. **No extra entry fee required for cards.** Include details on the Entry Form.

Publicity: The Society may allow works on display to be reproduced by newspapers or TV during the exhibition period.

In order to exhibit, exhibiting members are required to assist in the various tasks in preparing and manning the exhibition. **It is the exhibitors responsibility to obtain a substitute** if unable to perform tasks or man the Exhibition at the nominated time. **Failure to appear for rostered duty without reasonable warning or replacement will result in the artist being ineligible for the next Exhibition.** Non-exhibitors are always welcome to sign up for the roster.

Please indicate preferred times or tasks on the **ROSTER** included on the Entry Form.

All SMA Exhibitions are subject to a nominated commission

Uncollected paintings will not be looked after. If artists do not ensure that someone else will pick up their paintings, they will NOT be taken home by a committee member, and the artist will be banned from exhibiting at the next exhibition.

Your participation is essential to make this Exhibition a success!

TO INSURE THAT YOUR PAINTINGS ARE PREPARED AND PRESENTED CORRECTLY-
PLEASE READ THE EXHIBITION CONDITIONS CAREFULLY

Plein-air Painting Thursday 26th March

Glenroy Camping Area

200 Jenolan Caves Road, Hartley. NSW. Glenroy is a magnificent historical rural property overlooking the Coxs River in Hartley. Camping, fishing, toilets, Kiosk, bush-walking, Pets allowed.

Entry fees may apply. **BYO food & drinking water.**

Situated 5 minutes drive off the Great Western Highway, Glenroy Camping Ground is very easy to find as it is right on the road to Jenolan caves

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