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President's Message

Its that time again with our AGM and members choice for the Autumn Exhibition raffle prize. A good time to put on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the management committee, exhibition and website committees for their valued work on your behalf especially our Treasurer Patricia and Secretary Lia . Thanks also to our Library ladies and the afternoon tea crew all of whom work diligently on our behalf. Remember all of these good folk are volunteers ! My thanks to the members as a whole who have been very supportive during the year .

In spite of a very warm and sultry day the last plein-air outing to Hartley Village was well supported and some lovely and varied work completed .Our next scheduled venue is the Megalong Valley followed by Mont Tomah Botanic Garden in April when the Autumn colours should be at their peak.

The recent bus trip to the Tom Roberts exhibition at the Australian National gallery in Canberra went off well and feedback suggests everyone enjoyed themselves. The exhibition was huge and very comprehensive and for those interested is still on until 28 March.

Hopefully by now you have thought about your entries for the Autumn Exhibition in Leura which this time includes a section for unframed work.

Remember to look at the diary in the newsletter which we try to keep up to date and give you notice of future events.

Thank you everyone

Peter Ayres

30th Anniversary Exhibition

To mark our 30th Anniversary in addition to the luncheon in June the Society has decided to have a 9x5 Exhibition as part of our Spring Exhibition. It will be hung and judged as a separate section.

Each exhibitor will be able to submit two paintings no entry charge. The Society will organise matching white frames and mats. Any medium and support will be suitable. We have obtained a very reasonable quote from local Hope Tree Framing 10 Station St Wentworth Falls. Cost \$56 per painting this includes fixing paintings in frames and attaching hanging cords. Minimum advertised price \$200 per painting. Full details will be available shortly. Members who have viewed the Tom Roberts Exhibition and also the Australian Exhibits in the National Gallery would have seen many 9x5 examples.

The usual conditions and entries will apply for the main Exhibition

A SHORT 9x5 HISTORY

The **9 by 5 Impression Exhibition** was an art exhibition in Melbourne, Australia. The exhibition was opened on 17 August 1889 in Buxton's Rooms on Swanston Street and featured 183 works; the majority of which were painted by the Australian impressionists Tom Roberts, Charles Conder and Arthur Streeton. The exhibition was named for the dimensions of most of the paintings— 9 by 5 inches (23 cm × 13 cm), the size of a cigar box lid upon which many of the works were painted— and the Impressionist inspiration for the works.

The exhibition created much lively commentary at the time and is now seen as a "celebrated event in Australian art history". 9 by 5s continue to appear on the market; in 2009, Conder's *Centennial Choir at Sorrento* (cat. 151) sold at Sotheby's for A\$492,000. In 2012, to mark the 123rd anniversary of the exhibition, arts benefactor Max Carter donated four 9 by 5s (valued at over A\$3,000,000) to the Art Gallery of South Australia, the largest group of 9 by 5s ever given to an Australian public institution.

Please return the form below with your Renewal payment (Even if paying by Direct Debit)
It helps keep our Membership Records Up to Date
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SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

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DIRECT DEBIT: SMA BSB: 633108 A/C No.: 149824328

Your Reference: (SMA1+your initials +surname. ie SMA1jfcitizen for John F Citizen)

Single Membership -	\$40	<input type="checkbox"/>	or
Family Membership -	\$70	<input type="checkbox"/>	two family members at the same address
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Website Gallery Annual Renewal Fee -	\$10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total = \$			

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**For renewal of my
membership in the Society
for the year 2016**

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Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 4th April 2016 1pm
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 4th April 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

2016 Mar Tues 15th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
2016 March Thur 17th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Election of Management Committee	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Members' Choice Painting Selection for Exhibition Raffle Prize	
March Sat 19th Sun 20th	<u>'Draw or Paint Historic Lithgow'</u>	Details Page 4	
March Thur 24th	Plein Air Painting (2)	Megalong Valley 10am Tea Rooms	NO
April Thurs 7th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
April Tues 12th	Plein Air Painting (1) *Drop of Paintings at Exhibition 9-10am*	10am Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens Also April 28th	NO
Apr 12th—16th	 Autumn Exhibition	St Albans Hall in Leura	
April Sat 16th	Mount Wilson Plein-air Painting Competition	Details Page 4	
April Tues 19th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
April Thur 1st	Monthly Meeting Watercolour Demonstration Joe Cartwright	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
April Thur 28th	Plein Air Painting (2)	10am Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens	NO
May Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
May Tues 10th	Plein Air Painting (1)	Hartley Vale Comet Inn area	No
May Thur 19th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Dennis West	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
May Thur 26th	Plein Air Painting (2)	Hartley Vale Comet Inn area	No
May Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
June Tues 14th	Plein Air Painting Sketching, Photographing	Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway Rhodes / Concord Details to Come	No
June Thur 16th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Ray Harrington	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
June Thurs 30th	30th Anniversary Luncheon	Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls	YES

The Village of Mt Wilson is holding its annual **Autumn Festival** on Saturday, the 16th of April 2016. Please put this date into your calendar of events and come and join us to enjoy the autumnal colours of our magnificent gardens. The festival raises funds for our local progress association to maintain the beauty of Mt Wilson. The Festival will consist of 11 Open Gardens, some not open to the public before or for many years.

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| 1. Wollemi | 5. Nooroo | 9. Jalscene |
| 2. Breenhold | 6. Withycombe | 10. Bisley |
| 3 Cherry Cottage/Clarine | 7. Bebeah | 11. Wildenstein |
| 4. Sefton Cottage | 8. Merry Garth | |

Garden tickets can be pre-purchased at trybooking www.trybooking.com/176738 - \$8 each, \$20 for 3 or \$40 for all on try booking or \$50 for all at garden gate. There will be a Village Market which is focused on "all things garden". selling beautiful gardening products, arts and crafts by local artisans, plants and produce from our favourite mountain nurseries and quality gardening tools and sculptures. Delicious food and refreshments will be available in our historic grounds.

There will also be Artists in the garden "En Plein Air", Art Competition. Any artist can participate for a \$10 entrance fee. To register & choose which garden you will be painting in and payment go to www.trybooking.com/176738

Paintings will be judged at the end of the day by Ray Harrington FRAS and 3 prizes awarded \$300 for 1st Prize, \$200 for second prize & Third prize \$50 Voucher from the Artists Store Katoomba. Artists can sell their paintings at the end of the day and we kindly ask that 5% be donated back to the Mt Wilson Progress Association. Artists please bring along your easel, chair, table for display and your lunch and refreshments. Festival times 9.00am - 4.30pm

Please pass this information onto family and friends and help support this beautiful village. We look forward to seeing you all on the day. See www.mtwilson.com.au. or our Facebook page where more information is available. Free parking will be available at different sites..

For any further information regarding the festival call Rosie Walsh 0419631954 or rosemary@chimnecottage.com.au or

Gallery Blackheath Govetts Leap Rd.

Retrospective of Impressionist Works

by member *Ray Harrington FRAS.*

Opens 5 March @ 2.30pm

Continues until 1 May

'Draw or Paint Historic Lithgow'

with artist and local historian David Newman White on Sat19th and Sun 20th March.

Subjects to paint include old houses, buildings, historic parks & industrial areas.

Cost \$60 full day including lunch and morning tea.

Three (3) sessions each day

OR

\$25 an individual session –no food provided.

Exhibition calendar

Manly Art Gallery; *'Out of Quarantine'*, paintings prints and ceramics until 19 June.;
'Dreaming of Galileo' sculpture by Vince Vozzo until 27 March;
'G o Figure' the figure & nude includes work by George Lambert & Arthur Streeton. Until 27 March.

SH Ervin gallery Observatory Hill; *'Private Lives'*-artists as collectors, work from the personal collections of many contemporary artists; starts 27 February

BM Cultural Centre Katoomba. *'Look Out 2016'* graduate work from Sydney art schools until 3 April.
'Map Space' Contemporary artists from the Blue Mountains and Central west until 24 April Robert Malherbe ;
'Resist the spirit of the times' first 12 yrs of the artists career 3 April until 5 June .
Hayley West *'Remnants of the dead and demands of the living'* 9 April until 15 May.

Lost Bear Gallery , Lurline St Katoomba. *'Wild'* an exhibition of works by Robyn Collier starts 23 March until 18 April.

Scenic World Katoomba; *'Sculpture 2016'* starts 8 April until 8 May

Blackheath Art Society Station St 'Easter weekend exhibition' Starts 25 March until 28 March

Everglades Garden Gallery Leura; *'Fashioned by Nature'* a peaceful stroll in the countryside through the eyes of Peter Wale, starts 3 April until 1 May

Museum of Sydney; Lloyd Rees, *'Painting with Pencil 1930 -1936'*. Finishes 10 April.

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

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

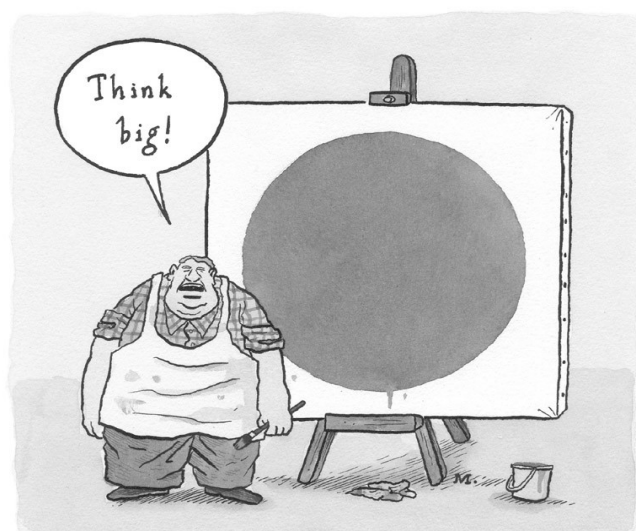
News from the Website Sub-committee

At the February meeting mention was made that the Society's Website Sub-committee is planning throughout 2016

To regularly provide the members with some of the statistics associated with visits, period of time user is actively engaged with our website and other information that will be relevant to those of you who are current and also those future users of the SMA Website.

Your sub-committee is still in the process of actively investigating the best way to capture this information and report it back to you. Part of this investigation has involved some dialogue with the new owners of the business that originally developed our website. They have made some recommendations which the sub-committee will discuss at its next meeting

Watch this space for further information.



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