



# Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

Featuring the works of Artists from the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, Australia  
30th Anniversary Year 1986 - 2016

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### PRESIDENTS REPORT, (VICE PRESIDENT AS PRESIDENT IS AWAY)

For all the members wondering Peter Ayres is overseas, I will be taking his place for the next two months.

First of all I want to acknowledge how well our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon went, with thanks going to Fred Blakers for his work to display some earlier memories. I hope you are also enjoying the time Fred is putting into further memories in our newsletters, I am sure new members find these interesting. All folk I spoke to seemed to enjoy the lunch.

I am sure we all enjoyed the oil painting demonstration by Ray Harrington at the last meeting he is so generous with his information. Do try to see his work at The Gallery in Blackheath, I think you will find the finished painting is being shown.

Our planning for the Spring Exhibition is picking up apace, With the last day to submit entries for the 9x5 and framing payment to be at the July meeting. Ann and I are excited to have so much interest. We welcome members who have not exhibited before putting their work in. Hopefully this will mean that those members feel more at ease showing their work in future.

There have been many questions asked about this part of the Spring Exhibition which Fred is answering in this newsletter. If unsure please feel free to speak to me at any time, my Phone number is at the top of the Newsletter. All artists submitting entries in the Spring exhibition including the 9x5 will be expected to do duty.

The Annual Holiday is to be at Turon Gates, we need to know numbers interested at the July meeting. A \$50 deposit will need to be paid by the August meeting.

I hope members will book to see Art DVD's at the home of Dennis West, he does need to have numbers. This is to replace our usual Plein Air day on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July. But don't feel that you need to have gone Plein Air to go to this day.

Happy painting  
Marie Morris Vice President

### **Exhibition calendar**

**Manly Art Gallery; 'Bimblebox' starts 1 July until 4 Sept.**

Julie Davis 'Dark Matter' starts 1 July until 4 Sept

Peter Tilley and Andy Devine; 'Black Harvest' –Newcastles dark past. 4 July until 4 September

**BM Cultural Centre Katoomba.** The collection –various local artists until 24 July.

**Archibald Prize Regional tour until 24 July**

**Royal Art Society Lavender Bay Gallery.**

**Ballot Exhibition now until 7<sup>th</sup> August various artists for a ballot for ticket holders on 7<sup>th</sup> August.**

**AGNSW, Sydney.;**

**Archibald Exhibition Opens July 15**

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera from the Gelman collection starts 25 June till October 9th

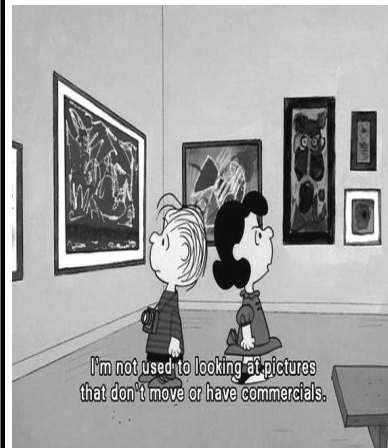
Tracey Mofatt; 'Laudanum and other works' until 4 Sept

**SH Ervin gallery Observatory hill.**

Salon D' refuses from Archibald and Wynne prizes 16 July until 18 Sept.

**National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne;** 'Degas –a new vision' paintings, drawings prints etc starts 24 June

**National Gallery Canberra Couldn't raise their website**



### **Spring Exhibition News**

Gabrielle Jones and kindly agreed to judge and open the Spring Exhibition.

"Gabrielle Jones is an exciting and innovative painter and teacher who lives in Wentworth Falls. She was born and grew up in Sydney. She has won many prizes including the prestigious William Fletcher Trust Grant; has had solo exhibitions and has held Artist in Residence positions at the Bundanon Trust, in Tahiti, Spain and Canada. She has also run workshops at the Blackheath Art Society's premises."

Some Members have asked questions about the Exhibition especially the 9"x5"

**Do I have to collect my paintings from the framer?** No

**How do we add details on back of paintings.** Not necessary.

**Who delivers paintings to the exhibition?** Ann Warnes

**If only entering paintings in 9x5 section do I have to turn up at delivery?** No BUT roster duty is required.

**How will they know which tag belongs to which painting?** Not your worry. Ann has photographed & titled each entry

**What is the regulation regarding duty for what is really 3 separate exhibitions, Spring, 9x5, Leura Garden Festival & plein air?** Duty is required As usual

**Can I enter only one section?** Yes

Basically deliver your 9"x5" paintings and the Exhibition Committee will take care of everything else.



### **Jamison Award July Meeting**

Each year we hold the Award which is acquisitive judged by peer acclaim. The painting then becomes the Raffle Prize for the Spring Exhibition

**If you wish to take part bring a painting to the July meeting.**

Members vote on which they think is the most suitable.

The Society will reimburse or pay for the cost of framing.

The painting may be any medium  
Must be the original work of the artist.  
Not a copy or done as part of a workshop

# Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 1st Aug 2016 1pm  
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 1st Aug 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

<b>July</b> Thur 21st	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>  <b>Know your Eyes</b> <b>Dr. Marlene Strathdee</b> , Ophthalmic Surgeon. Will just talk to you about your eye sight and answer any questions.	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts  <b>Members bring a Painting</b> <b>Jamison Award See Page 2 For Conditions</b>	NO
<b>July</b> Thur 28th	<b>Art Video and Discussion</b> <b>28th is almost full</b> <b>If enough on waiting list</b> <b>another day may be possible</b>	Dennis West's Home 39 Yanko Ave Wentworth Falls <b>Bookings Essential 4757 3135</b>	YES
<b>Aug</b> Thur 4th	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b> <b>Invitation to members to join</b> <b>Website Gallery SEE PAGE 4</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
<b>Aug</b> Thur 18th	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Painting Critique by David Newman-White</b>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts <b>Bring a Painting</b>	NO
<b>Aug</b> Thur 25th	<b>Trip to New South Wales Art Gallery</b> <b>Archibald Portrait Exhibition</b>	Train Time table below	NO
<b>29th Aug</b> To Fri 2nd <b>Sep</b>	<b>Annual Holiday</b>	<b>Turon Gates</b> <b>See Page 5</b>	Yes
<b>Sept</b> Thur 1st	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
<b>Sept</b> <b>Saturday</b> 3rd	<b>Open Invitation and</b> <b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b> <b>Bring some friends</b>	10am –4pm <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls <b>See Page 4</b>	Nil
<b>Sept</b> Thur 15th	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Demonstration Melissa Read Devine</b>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
<b>Sept</b> Fri 30th	<b>Spring Exhibition Official Opening</b> <b>And Awards Presentation</b>	<b>4.30 for 5pm</b> Leura Fairways	
<b>Oct</b> 1st-9th	<b>Spring Exhibition</b> <b>Leura Garden Plein-air Competition</b>	Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura	
<b>Oct</b> Thur 20th	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> <b>Demo TBA</b>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
<b>Oct</b> Thur 27th	<b>Plein Air Painting</b>	<b>TBA</b>	No
<b>Nov</b> Thur 17th	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> Talk by John Hockney about his brother, artist David Hockney Christmas Afternoon Tea	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts <b>Bring a SMALL plate of Goodies to share</b>	NO

**Train Timetable** Suggest 2nd carriage from front (not quiet carriage as most will want to chat)  
**am** Mt Vic 7.55 (WWF 8.24).....Central 10.14  
**pm** Central 14.18.....Mt Vic 16.37 **OR** (Central 14.48.....Terminats at Kat 16.47 )  
Central 15.18.....Mt Vic 17.37



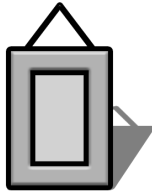
The Society's Website Sub-Committee are keen to see the diversity and scope of members work being represented on our Website Gallery.

**If having photos of your work is proving a barrier to you exhibiting through the Society's On-line Gallery there is an easy solution.**

At the next two 'Paint Together and Morning Cuppa' sessions being held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, Falls Rd Wentworth Falls, on August 4th from 10-12, members of the sub-committee will photograph your paintings ready for uploading onto the gallery site.

All you need to do to take advantage of this opportunity is:

- Read and/or bring along the completed Terms and Conditions of the SMA Website Gallery & Facebook 'Albums' (available on the Society's Website- a copy will also be available on the day);
- Bring your own work(s) to be photographed;
- Bring a statement/bio about yourself of no more than 300 words;
- Sign the Artists Waiver;
- Pay the Gallery fee of \$20 if joining the Gallery for the first time, or \$10 if renewing.



**We will do the rest which includes taking the images of your work and uploading them to the gallery. It is easy and gives you the opportunity to display your work in our online gallery.**



## **SATURDAY MEETING PAINT TOGETHER and INFORMATION DAY**

The question is often raised by some members or prospective members as to whether some activities could be held on weekends.

The Paint togethers at **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls** have been very successful.

So we are going to have similar day as a trial on **Saturday 3rd September. 10am to 4pm**

Members PLEASE turn up to paint also bring any friends who may possibly like to paint OR just find out what the Society has to offer

Bring your paints and Lunch

Tea and coffee / biscuits provided



## **ANNUAL HOLIDAY**

Monday 29th August - Friday 2nd September

### **TURON GATES CABINS**

Turon Gates is an authentic bush hideaway, tranquil and unspoilt only 2.5 hours from Sydney. It is located in the Blue Mountains on the way to Mudgee. With 7 well-built rustic log cabins situated along 15km of crystal clear trout stream and 6 cottages with sensational mountain views, Turon Gates has long been an all-year-round favourite holiday destination for many Australian couples and families.

Our multiple Blue Mountain cabin & camping options are unique and have been featured in a popular TV travel program as one of its '10 favourite destinations' winners.

Particularly our cabin accommodation is an idyllic escape in the Australian bush.

Enjoy waking up to the sounds of the bush, the chatter of the birds and the animals that come to the river for a drink. Turon Gates is abound with wildlife, kangaroos, wombats, platypus, echidnas, possums, bush lizards are all part of the Turon experience!

There is much to do, or nothing to do - the choice is yours when you come to Turon Gates!



\$360 per cabin for two plus \$120 pp for additional persons.

Bring your own  
Food/Drinks, Sheets, Pillow cases,  
Towels, Tea towels, Torch, Matches,  
Tissues, Toilet Paper, Aeroguard.

Rugs old pillows for outside lounging.

Pets welcome

Check out website for full Details [www.turongates.com](http://www.turongates.com)

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Great Western Highway** Drive through/past Lithgow and follow the signs to Mudgee (Castlereagh Highway) until you come to a small village called Capertee (approximately 25 mins from Lithgow). Continue through Capertee for about 1.5 kms and you will see a sign for Turon Gates on the left.

Do not use GPS's to find Turon Gates Rd, please use our written instructions

**NOTE:** When you reach the end of the Google Maps directions, please turn left onto Turon Gates Road.

It's 4-6 kms to the mountain cottages (depending which one!) and 12 kms to the river cottages and camping ground - follow the signs and cattle grids.

A wonderful and inspiring exhibition is about to open at the Barracks Galleries and Studios at East Fork in Orange next weekend.....

Featuring the three very different styles and views of the world around us by Margot Huebner, Jude Keogh and Denis Claydon.

Opens: Friday evening 22nd July 2016 at 6 pm  
Open Saturday and Sunday from 10 am - 4 pm

The Barracks Galleries & Studios  
East Fork 2b Peisley Street  
Orange NSW 2800

All welcome!

*Glenbrook Players Theatre Company will be producing A Midsummer Night's Dream in November 2016, in recognition of Shakespeare's 400th Anniversary.*

*We are very keen on connecting with creative people in the mountains who may like to bring there creative visual flair to this production, which will have a strong focus on costume, mask and projected image to support the actors development of their characters. We have some workshops coming up through July and August to draw folk together around this production that we think might be of interest to your members. Would it be possible to email you our programme? Please feel free to phone for more details. Regards, Ainslie, Glenbrook Players*

*\*Phone number\*47511246*

*ainsliey@mac.com*

*Melissa Read-Devine Sept Demonstration*

Melissa was born in England in the 1960s and as a child emigrated to Australia with her family. She has studied & practiced printmaking and painting continuously for the past 14 years and is a recipient of many prizes and awards. Her Artwork is part of many private and public collections around the world.

Living in rural Sydney overlooking the Hawkesbury River, Mellissa's work ranges between vibrant interpretations of her local landscape to intricate wood & linocuts. Her combination of quiriness and calm blend to create works with a strong spiritual base. A 'born again' Christian, Mellissa tries to live her faith and gives God the glory for every achievement. A founding member of the Hawkesbury Artisans Trail, Mellissa continues to work promoting creativity in the local community and works as artist, tutor & illustrator

[www.readdevine.com](http://www.readdevine.com)

**MEMORIES OF SEASONS PAST**

**PURPLE NOON GALLERY**

606 Terrace Rd Freemans Reach 2756

Please join us to celebrate the opening of this exceptional exhibition that highlights the superior craftsmanship of two creative and experimental artists - Madeleine Szymanski and Tony Meskauskas.

Jenny Dunn will officially open the exhibition at 6:00pm.

Saturday 16th July 2016.

The exhibition will run until the end of August.



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## Spring 2016 Art Exhibition – Conditions of Entry

**Friday 30th September—Sunday 9th October**

**Leura Fairways – 19-21 Fitzroy Street, Leura**

**Entries Close:** Friday 9th September - no late entries accepted  
**Send To:** SMA, PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782  
**Entry Fee:** \$5.00 per Artwork - payable on delivery  
**Delivery Time:** Friday 30th Sept, 9.00am to 10.00am (NO LATER) to Leura Fairways  
**Collection:** Sunday 9th October, 4.00pm to 4.30pm (NO EARLIER)

**Commission on Sales:** 25%

**PAINTINGS MAY ONLY BE REMOVED FROM THE SCREENS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### **SECTIONS:**

- 1. Oils:** - Any support
- 2. Acrylic:** – Any support
- 3. Watercolour:** includes gouache but no pen work
- 4. Works on Paper:** Pastel / Pen / Pen & Wash / Pencil / Mixed Media / Hand Pulled Prints
- 5. Small Paintings:** Up to 127cm (50”) MAXIMUM OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS (Perimeter), any medium
- 6. Beyond Reality:** Non-traditional, innovative and new techniques (any medium)  
No Computer or Photographic imaging. MUST BE ABLE TO BE HUNG

### **General:**

The SMA has the right to reject works.

Exhibitors must arrange their own insurance. No responsibility can be taken by the SMA or Leura Fairways for damage or loss incurred.

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

**In order to exhibit, members are required to assist in manning the Exhibition. PLEASE INDICATE PREFERRED DUTY DAYS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE ENTRY FORM. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to obtain a substitute if unable to attend at the nominated time.**

**Please turn over to read the Artwork Conditions**

**CONDITIONS, Judged Framed Paintings PLEASE READ ALL CONDITIONS CAREFULLY**

- Open to Financial SMA members only
- Maximum number of paintings:  
Five (5) at up to 380cm (150") MAXIMUM OUTSIDE DIMENSIONS
- 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
  - 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.
  - **All works**: No screw eyes or protrusions that could damage other Artworks. “D” rings and wire ends to be taped.
  - **NO WET PAINTINGS**
- **NO INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT** (eg other artists' work, photographs from calendars, Readers Digest and Australiana books etc.)
- Works must have been completed within the last two years
- Works must not have been displayed in previous SMA exhibition
- All works must be for sale; prices not negotiable.
- Works delivered **MUST** be as per Entry Form. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- **THE ARTISTS NAME AND THE TITLE, PRICE AND MEDIUM MUST BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON THE BACK OF THE ARTWORK, AND MUST AGREE WITH INFORMATION ON THE ENTRY FORM, INCLUDING SECTION.**

**PLEASE READ ALL CONDITIONS CAREFULLY**

This years Judge is Gabrielle Jones

During the Exhibition contact the SMA by phone

**0488-264-670**

**Official Opening and Award Presentation**

**Friday 30th September, 4.30 for 5pm**

***All SMA Exhibitions are subject to a nominated commission***







# SPRING EXHIBITIO 2016



## HAND CRAFTED ORIGINAL CARDS

Hand crafted original cards (Exhibitors only), limit 30 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.

ABN Number

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby authorise \_\_\_\_\_ to collect my artwork(s)

Sign-out (Artist or authorised person): \_\_\_\_\_

HOBBYIST  
Please Tick

YES  NO

**NOTE: Entry of greater than two paintings requires that you do two roster sessions.**

**COMPLETE ROSTER TIMES BELOW** This is our main Nine Day Exhibition It is essential that all exhibitors share in duty

Friday 30th Sep	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saturday 1st Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunday 2nd Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Monday 3rd Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday 4th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday 5th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Thursday 6th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Friday 7th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saturday 8th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sunday 9th Oct	Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COMMITTEE & Helpers Only		10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	10.00 am To 1.00 pm	
COMMITTEE & Helpers Only		1.00pm to 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	1.00pm To 4.00 pm	COMMITTEE & Helpers ONLY	

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