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Vice-President's Message

Hopefully everyone is using the wet weather time indoors to get the paint brushes out. With the fine weather we are now having maybe some outdoor work will also be done for our Spring Exhibition which is coming very soon. We must have a great Exhibition for our Thirtieth Year. You will note from the diary that we plan to have David Newman White to give a critique today and I welcome David and thank him for once more giving his time to the society.

At our final meeting in November, John Hockney of Leura and brother of the famous artist will give a presentation on David Hockney's work. This will be our Christmas afternoon tea as well so the hall has been booked for an extra hour so the speaker will not be rushed. He will speak before the afternoon tea. Members are asked to bring a plate.

At our last meeting there was a short informal member survey form. We now have the results and what has come out is that most members are satisfied with our programs but would like more workshops especially weekends.

Our holiday to Turon Gates only has six members going but I am sure those who are going will gain many ideas for paintings at this beautiful place.

To remind you the SMA has booked St Andrews church hall in Falls Rd between 10 and 4pm on Saturday 3 Sept to reach out and welcome prospective new members who are perhaps working during the week or otherwise unable to attend our normal activities. If you know anyone who paints/draws or wants to give it a go encourage them to come along. Participants should bring their lunch but tea /coffee will be available. If this is successful we can look to making it a more regular event.

The green edged entry for the painting in Leura Festival Gardens is in the newsletter, please members think about taking part. On another note Ann Warnes and I are so happy with the number of entries for the 9x5 part of our Anniversary Spring Exhibition. We have 40 paintings and they are of the highest quality. Now we need to have more in different sizes to add to this excellent start to the Spring Exhibition.

Marie Morris

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. .

Magda Wegrzyn 'Error Strategy' 30 July -11 September

Kris Peta Deray 'Drawing Light' 30th July-4th September.

Royal Art Society Lavender Bay Gallery.

RAS Councillors Exhibition 13- 28th August.

AGNSW,Sydney.;

Archibald Exhibition Opens July 15

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera from the Gelman collection 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

Member Annie Joseph is having an exhibition next to Lithgow Library in a pop up shop this month.

Jamison Award

Congratulations Marie Morris for winning the 2016 Jamison Award with her oil Painting "Capertee Gully".

This painting will become the Raffle prize for the Spring Exhibition



Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 5th Sep 1pm Wentworth Falls Country Club
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 5th Sep 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

Aug Thur 18th	Monthly Meeting Painting Critique by David Newman-White	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Bring a Painting	NO
Aug Thur 25th	Trip to New South Wales Art Gallery	Archibald Exhibition Train Time table below	NO
29th Aug To Fri 2nd Sep	Annual Holiday	Turon Gates	Yes
Sept Thur 1st	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Sept Saturday 3rd	Open Invitation and Paint Together & Morning Cuppa BYO Lunch	10am –4pm St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	Nil
Sept Thur 15th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Melissa Read- Devine	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
Sept Thur 22nd	Plein-air Painting Day See Note Page 5	Wentworth Falls Lake 10am Parking Area	
Sept Fri 30th	Spring Exhibition Official Opening And Awards Presentation	4.30 for 5pm Leura Fairways	
Oct 1st-9th	Spring Exhibition Leura Garden Plein-air Competition	Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura	
Oct Thur 20th	Monthly Meeting Demo TBA	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
Oct Thur 27th	Plein Air Painting	TBA	No
Nov Thur 17th	Monthly Meeting Talk by John Hockney about his brother, artist David Hockney Christmas Afternoon Tea	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Bring a SMALL plate of Goodies to share	NO

Thurs 25th August

Train Timetable Suggest 2nd carriage from front (not quiet carriage as most will want to chat)

am Mt Vic 7.55 (WWF 8.24).....(S'wood 8.54).....Central 10.14

pm Central 14.18.....Mt Vic 16.37 **OR** 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 your exhibiting through the Society's On-line Gallery contact a Web Sub committee Member.

- Have your own work(s) photographed;
- Prepare a statement/bio about yourself of about 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.

This is a wonderful Gallery but there is an easier way to show your work for a wider viewing.
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



artist



Mellissa Read-Devine Demonstrator for September Meeting



Mellissa Read-Devine was born in England and emigrated to Australia with her family when she was a child. For the past fifteen years she has continuously studied and practised painting and printmaking honing her art to perfection. Her impressionism style of work has been the recipient of many award and prizes and is displayed in many galleries and private collections.

Historical Notes from our First Newsletter June 1986 Has much changed?

FIELD DAYS: These will be held on the 1st Thursday, usually commencing at 9.30 a.m. unless you are very enthusiastic and want to get an early start. So far we have had Field Days at Wentworth Falls Lake, Megalong Valley, Govetts Leap and in July we will meet at Nepean River by the old wooden bridge on the Winmalee Richmond road, where it should be warmer! Bring, paints, hat, stool, sandwiches and a sense of humour!

FIRST SMA EXHIBITION: at School of Arts, Wentworth Falls on 22nd, 23rd and 24th August, Taking in Day 22nd. Opening on Friday, 22nd at 7.30 p.m. Start painting now. This will be a "Members Only" Exhibition, (although we may have several invited artists) and you may submit up to five paintings. As this is our first exhibition we wish to set a high standard - so your best work please!

WORKSHOPS: The Society is planning to hold several workshops throughout the year in watercolour, oils, sketching etc. The first will be held at Wentworth Falls Country Club, Blaxland Road on Monday and Tuesday, 23rd and 24th June in Basic Water Colour. Tutor for this one will be Sheila Todd. Cost will be \$35.00 Please ring Treasurer for booking as only 20 will be enrolled. This is a good opportunity to renew your acquaintance with a delightful medium or to start off afresh on something you have always wanted to do.

The First Field Day (plein-air) was held at Wentworth Falls Lake on 3rd April and drew an attendance of 15 members.

**Our next Plein-air Painting Day is on Thursday 22 September and it will be again at Wentworth Falls Lake
lets hope we can beat the 1986 attendance.**



Leura Gardens Festival Plein-air Painting Competition 2016



The Leura Garden Festival will be running from
October Sat 1st — October Sun 9th
Paintings delivered by 12 noon Friday 7th

The Society has again been asked to participate with plein-air painting in the gardens during the Festival

Conditions of Entry

- Open to financial members of the Society of Mountain Artists
- The paintings must be **substantively** done in the gardens **during** the Festival
- Paintings to depict views of the gardens. Features are allowed. Single blooms are not.
- Maximum number of paintings three (3). Two will be hung. Third depending on space.
- Maximum outside dimension (perimeter) of frame or canvas 330cm (130")
- Artworks must be presented to a high standard. No screw eyes or protrusions.
- All works framed or stretched canvas ready to hang, with cord or wire and with strong staples or "D" rings.
- Stretched unframed canvases NO visible staples on the side and edges painted.
- All works must be for sale. Prices not negotiable.
- **Painting Title tags** supplied with entry form to be completed by artist in **Black Block Letters** and brought with the delivered paintings.
- **Artist's Name, Painting Title, Price, Medium and Garden Name must be clearly displayed on back of the painting and MUST agree with information on entry form and Title Tag.**

DELIVERY: Works to be delivered to Leura Fairways Friday 7th October by 12 noon

ENTRY FEE: \$5 Per painting

COMMISSION: 25% of sale price

JUDGING: John Caldwell Friday 7th October

OFFICIAL OPENING AND Prize Awards 4.30 for 5pm Fri 7th Oct

COLLECTION: Sunday 9th October 3.30 to 4.30 NO EARLIER OR LATER

TIPS

Check for suitable painting spots on times available prior to Festival.

Wear your name badge for identification

Make sure your proposed painting spot **will not impede** visitors during the Festival

Paint to an existing frame to enable you to fit painting into a frame

If painting in oils use an accelerant such as Liquin to help with drying time

LEURA GARDENS FESTIVAL 2016

Ilion and Waitang (# 1) 89 and 88 Railway Parade

Rob Roy (# 2) 9A Blackheath Street

Blue Vista (# 13) 39 Woodford Street

Glenshiel (# 11) 106—108 Gladstone Road

Everglades (#12) 37 Everglades Avenue

Tanglewood (# 10) 109 Craigend Street

Tandella (# 8) 6 St. Andrews Road

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Cut Out Title Tags Complete Details in Black Block Letters and Bring With Paintings



*Plein-air
Painting Competition*



Artist.....

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Garden.....

Medium..... Price.....



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Gardens Continued

Leura Gardens Festival 2016

Seasons (# 9) 5 St. George Road

DeadEnd House (# 7) 32 Fitzroy Street

Davaar (# 5) 210 Megalong Street

Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort (# 6) 20-28 Fitzroy Street

Rustlings # 3) 39 Woodford Street

Kookaburra Cottage (# 4) 40 Woodford Street



*Leura Gardens Festival
Plein-air Painting Competition 2016
Painting Days October Sat 1st—October Friday 7th*

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Name (Mr / Mrs /Ms /Miss) _____

Address _____ Phone: _____

Post Code: _____

FILL IN Painting Title, Garden Name, Medium and Price

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OFFICE USE

ENTRY FEE

AMOUNT..... PAID.....