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President's Message

Its that time of year again when, after our November, meeting we take a formal break until February 2017. However that doesn't mean everything stops ,on the contrary. On the 3 December Dennis West will hold an all day pastel workshop at St Andrews church hall in Falls Rd WF. This is fully subscribed at the time of writing but mention to Dennis if you are interested viz any cancellations. The painting group also at the church hall, will continue on the 1st Thursday throughout the holiday period. The annual society picnic will return to Wilson Park ,Wentworth Falls in late January [see newsletter for all dates]

Plein air will be held at Katoomba Falls area [meet at the kiosk opposite Caravan Park] for November and Gordon Falls area in Leura in February and Blackheath Rhododendron Garden in March.

There will be another newsletter in January 2017 but note that the current one contains information about the AGM which although a while away will loom up very quickly in the new year. Please give some thought to being actively involved rather than a passive attendee by nominating for a position on the Management Committee, and/ or Exhibition and Website sub committees. Those who are currently serving on these committees are volunteers just like you but have given a lot of personal time and energy to help keep the Society not only functioning but prospering. My very sincere personal thanks to every current committee member for what sometimes seems like a do it or we cease to exist.

A warm welcome to the November meeting to John Hockney who has kindly agreed to give a talk on the work of his brother, the artist David Hockney. This coincides with the opening of a major exhibition of David's work at the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne.

Last but not least thank you all for your support and all the very best to you and yours for the Christmas /New Year period.

Thank you

Peter Ayres

Exhibition Calendar

Mosman Art Gallery; Wild Thing- animals in contemporary Australian art; opens 8 October until 27 November

1] Slipstitch-contemporary Australian embroidery 2] Paper visionary ;works on paper by Ruth Foerber . Both start on 3 Dec and finish 29 January 2017

AGNSW,Sydney.;

Dobell Australian Drawing Bicentennial 2016 until 11 December

'Nude Art' from the Tate Gallery collection,London ; ends on 5 Feb.2017

Brett Whiteley nudes -13 Nov until April 2017

SH Ervin gallery Observatory hill.

Portia Geach Memorial award for portraiture by Australian women artists 4 November until 18 December

Museum of Sydney

The Artist and the Botanical Collector-the last works of Lovegrove and Bauerlen.Collection of original wildflower paintings from the 1890's until 20

B M Cultural Centre Katoomba.; 'Tracing the Line ',collection from Print Council of Australia; until 4 December.

Lost Bear Gallery,Lurline St Katoomba; Kayo YOKOYAMA AND Dsavid Middlebrook until 28 November.

Greg Hansell pastels

'A sense of place' –record of history now until 20 January 2017 at Uni of WS, Margaret Whitlam galleries ,Female orphan school building off Rydalmere Road.

National Gallery of Victoria –international; David Hockney 'Current ' until 15 March 2017

Shut up and paint –NGV collection until 12 February.

Pastel Workshop Denis West 4757 3135

Sat 3rd December

**10am –4pm St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd
Wentworth Falls**

BYO Lunch Morning Tea Coffee Provided

\$30 per person due on or before

November meeting 17th

Material List to be Provided



Welcome New Members

B. Sandstrom	Leura
J. Cole	Leura
A. Atwood	Katoomba



EN PLEIN AIR A WEEKEND PAINTING WORKSHOP

WITH DAVID NEWMAN-WHITE

Come and spend two exciting days of painting 'en plein air' among the beautiful hills and landscapes of historic Carcoar. Both beginners & experienced artists are invited to explore this tradition in painting and be provided continuous tuition & feedback by acclaimed master visual artist, David Newman-White, who has been a teacher for the past 34 years.

When: Sat 26th Nov 10am to Sun 27th Nov 3pm, 2016

Where: Shalom House of Prayer, 7 Collins Street, Carcoar NSW



Cost: \$250 (includes all meals, tuition and accommodation) \$100 Day Rate



Bookings & Accommodation
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Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 7th Nov 1pm Wentworth Falls Country Club
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 7th Nov 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

Nov Thur 17th	Monthly Meeting Talk by John Hockney about his brother, artist David Hockney <i>Christmas Afternoon Tea</i>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Bring a SMALL plate of Goodies to share	NO
Nov Thur 24th	Plein Air Painting	10am Katoomba Falls Next to Katoomba Falls Kiosk Cliff Drive Opposite Caravan park	NO
Dec Thur 1st	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Dec Sat 3rd	Pastel Workshop Denis West	10am –4pm St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	YES \$30 due by 17th November
Dec Thur 8th	Christmas Lunch Lunch is 12 for a 12.30 start 	Manor House 11 Montgomery Street, Mount Victoria Details Page 6	YES \$40 due by 17th November
2017 Jan Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
2017 Jan Thurs 19th	New Year Picnic Start Off the New Year	Wilson Park Behind Wentworth Falls Bowling Club BYO Plus a chair 	NO
2017 Feb Thur 2nd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
2017 Feb Thur 16th	Monthly Meeting	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
2017 Feb Thur 23rd	Plein Air Painting	10am Gordon Falls Leura Lookout Olympian Parade	NO
2017 Mar Thur 16th	AGM Election of Management Committee	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	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 16th March 2017 at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls**

AGENDA

- 1 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 17th March 2016
- 2 To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2016)
- 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.



Society of Mountain Artists Website Statistics.

Sometime ago the Website Sub-Committee undertook the task of capturing website usage statistics with the view of reporting this information back to the membership.

This exercise was not without its difficulties, not the least being identifying a reliable means of collection and then the task of understanding what had been captured so that we could report reliable information back to you the members.

The means we settled on is **Google Analytics (GA)** which in the IT Industry is the 'Standard' because over 70% of all analytics world-wide are captured by Google.

To assist our understanding of what has been captured we have received assistance from a number of sources including Ken Davis Director of JIMMYWEB which hosts the SMA website.

The website sub-committee reports here in summary on the October 2016 usage:

There were **176 Sessions**. Sessions are the period of time a user is actively engaged with our website. They may, for example, be looking at the On-line Gallery or Events. Some 40% were from mobile devices.

There were **137 Users** over this period that had at least one session. This figure includes new as well as returning Users.

The SMA site had **123 New Visitor Sessions** or 70% of all users during October .

Those visitor sessions included **605 Page Views**, some of which were repeated views of a single page.

The average number of pages viewed during a session **was 3.35** which may have also included repeated views of a single page. The international average is > 2 page views.

The Average Session Duration i.e., the length of each session or time a user is engaged was **2.33** minutes.

Finally, the Bounce Rate which is the visits where a person left the SMA site after landing on an entrance page, but did not interact with that page. The bounce rate in Oct **was 48.30%**. Generally speaking < 50% is what is acceptable.

Although there are many reasons behind most of these statistics the Website Sub-Committee will continue to identify and better understand these underlying features so that steps can be taken, where appropriate, to minimize the causes of any negative statistics. This may include changing the design and other features of our website over the coming year.

One last point! In October 2017 we will have new analytics for the period. This will then provide us with comparative figures that will enable us to draw interesting comparisons year on year. In the meantime your sub-committee will continue to report monthly.



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 2017

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: _____ (SMA1+your initials +surname. ie SMA1jfcitizen 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 = \$ _____

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AND
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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 2017**

ABN Number

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HOBBYIST YES NO

Please Tick ✓

PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782

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OR EXPRESS AN INTEREST TO ANY COMMITTEES OR RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER**

**Manor House
11 Montgomery Street, Mount Victoria**

December Thursday 8th 12 for 12.30 start

**ROAST PORK or ROLLED TURKEY BREAST
WITH SAGE & WALNUT STUFFING**

ROASTED VEGETABLES & PESTO GREEN BABY BEANS

**PLUM PUDDING WITH VANILLA CUSTARD CREAM
WITH MIXED BERRIES IN MAPLE SYRUP**

INCLUDES COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF RED OR WHITE WINE

\$40 PER HEAD



WISHING ALL
MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
A HAPPY AND JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY
2017

