



Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

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

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NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

With our first members meeting of the new year I hope that the Society continues to prosper and that we meet the needs and wishes of our membership. To this end we are looking to extend the Saturday workshops periodically over the coming months. Suggested topics so far include the clothed figure, portraits, pen and ink /wash, and still life all of which should assist in developing drawing skills and with it increasing confidence to exhibit your work in the Societies shows

.We are also hoping to arrange a few trips out to places of interest with a mix of social and plein air for those who want to sketch. Bathurst, Auburn Japanese Gardens and Mount Annan Botanic Garden have been suggested but if you have ideas about other venues and /or subjects for workshops let your committee members know.

At today's meeting it will be members' choice of a painting to be the raffle prize for our Autumn Exhibition at Katoomba. Thanks to all who have brought a painting and the Society will reimburse the framing costs of the selected work.

Next month is our AGM so there is still time for you to nominate yourself or another for a position on one of our committees or to assist in other ways. I hope it goes without saying that we rely heavily on our valuable volunteers already fulfilling various roles and new blood is always welcome. Dennis West has kindly arranged for a representative from Canson art materials to talk after the meeting and show some of the products available,

Today's demonstrator is Sanja Zemljacenko whose I work saw and admired at the Braemar Gallery in Springwood. I was especially attracted by her lovely charcoal drawings which is not medium we often see demonstrated so hopefully that is what she will share with us today.

Peter Ayres

**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2017**

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

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

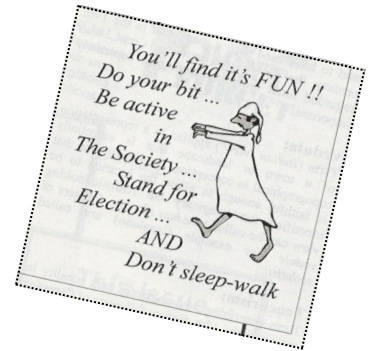
In the Society for the year 2017.

Proposer

Seconder.....

I accept my nomination (s)

Signed.....



Nominations must reach the Society by
Friday 3rd March, 2017
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 (Even if paying by Direct Debit)
It helps keep our Membership Records Up to Date
Also remember to indicate if you want the Newsletter by email**



**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: _____ (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 = \$ _____

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

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Do you want your newsletter by E-MAIL ?

**TEAR OUT
AND
RETURN
THIS
FORM**

**For renewal of my
membership in the Society
for the year 2017**

ABN Number

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PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782

HOBBYIST	YES	NO
Please Tick	✓ <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 6th Mar 2017 1pm
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 6th Mar 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

2017 Feb Thur 16th	Monthly Meeting Demonstrator Sanja Zemljacenko Hermann Charcoal Drawing	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts <i>Members' Choice for selection of painting for April Exhibition Raffle Prize</i> <i>Bring a painting to be included</i>	NO
2017 Feb Thur 23rd	Plein Air Painting	10am Gordon Falls Leura Lookout Olympian Parade	NO
2017 Mar Thur 2nd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
2017 Mar Thur 16th	AGM Election of Management Committee Canson Art Supplies Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
2017 Mar Thur 23rd	Plein Air Painting	10am Belmont Park (St John of God Hospital) 177 Grose Vale Rd North Richmond See Page 4 for details	NO
Apr Thurs 6th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Apr Tues 11th -Till Sat 15th	Autumn Exhibition	Katoomba Civic Centre	
April Thur 20th	Monthly Meeting Demonstrator to be Advised	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
April Thur 27th	Plein Air Painting	Venue to be finalised	NO

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

***Plein Air Painting Thursday 23 March
10am at Hospital Reception***

Historic Belmont Park built 1892
Now part of St John of God Hospital
177 Grose Vale Road North Richmond NSW 2754

Painting, sketching of historic house, veranda, courtyard and gardens, terraces overlooking river plains towards Richmond.

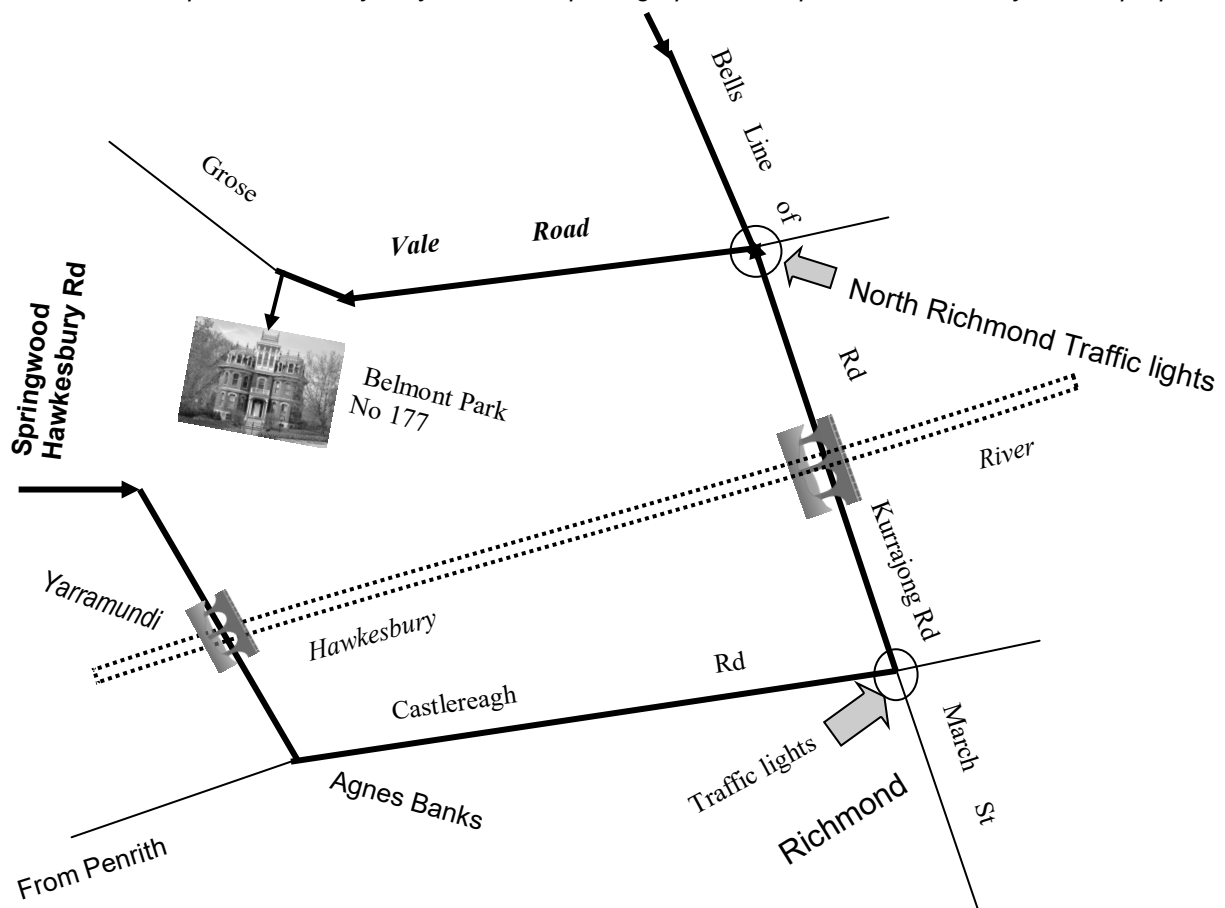


There is a bistro / restaurant and bench tables and seats in shade along terraces

1. All visitors are to sign in at our reception desk on arrival and sign out when leaving
2. The group will require a brief emergency orientation to the site prior to setting up
3. The group to be restricted to the area of Belmont House lawns, veranda and courtyard



This is a special permission been given to the Society by the Hospital Management. They would also love to be informed if the paintings are exhibited anywhere. They have a Facebook page and with our permission they may take some photographs of the painters on the day for this purpose.



Autumn Exhibition Raffle

To acquire a painting as the **Raffle Prize for the Autumn Exhibition**
there will be a Members' Choice
at the February Monthly Meeting
If you wish to be considered bring a painting
for members to choose a winner.



Sanja Zemljacenko Hermann
Charcoal Drawing
Demonstrator February Meeting



Sanja has just finished an Exhibition at Everglades Gallery she paints most mediums Pastel, Oil, Watercolour, Charcoal
For more information visit **Sanja Zemljacenko Hermann'Studio (Facebook)**

Exhibition calendar

Penrith Regional Gallery; Mandy Martin 'Homeground' until 26 February

Ben Roberts Gallery ,Lawson; Talking trash', sculpture by Philip Hammal until 5 March [closed TUES/WEDS]

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Katoomba; 'Landmarks' work from the Kaldor collection until 19 March.

Gallery Blackheath; Summer exhibition, various artists until 19 March

Mosman Art Gallery; Artists of Mosman 2088. Starts Feb 11 until 5 March.

AGNSW, Sydney.;

Brett Whiteley nudes -13 Nov until April 2017

'Art Express 2017' starts 26 January until 23 April

'Adman; Warhol before pop'; opens 25 February until 28 May

Museum of Sydney; Demolished Sydney from Georgian town to Global city.; photographic exhibition until 17 April.

Royal Art Society Lavender Bay gallery; ' Chasing the line', an exhibition of drawings. Opens 8 February until 5 March

SH Ervin gallery Observatory hill. Sydney

Margaret Olley, painter ,peer.mentor ,muser.jncludes work by Cre4ssida Campbell and Nicholas Harding. January 7 until March 26th

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

Shut up and paint –NGV collection until 12 February.

Society of Mountain Artists Website Statistics for January 2017

The Website Sub-Committee reports here in summary on the January SMA website analytics:

There were **201 Sessions** during this period.

Sessions are the period of time a user actively engages with our website. This statistic includes such things as multiple screen views such as the SMA On-Line Gallery and Events Calendar etc.



There were **157 Users** over this period that had at least one session. This figure includes both new as well as returning Users.

The SMA site had an **estimated 145 New Visitor Sessions** or **72.1%** of all users sessions during January. This figure is an estimation of the percentage of first time visits for the period. Returning Visitors made up **56 sessions** or **27.9%** of user sessions.

Visitor sessions resulted in **548 Page views**, some of which would be repeated views of a single page.

The **average number of pages viewed** during a visitor session was **2.73**.

This may have also included multiple views of a single page. The international average is > 2 page views per session.

The **Average Session Duration** i.e., the length of each session or time a user is engaged with the site was **2:26** minutes.

The **Bounce Rate** is visits where a person leaves the SMA site after landing on an **entrance page** (which could be any page) but didn't stay to interact with that page. The bounce rate in January was **59.20%**. Generally speaking < 50% is seen as an acceptable bounce rate. The bounce rate for January exceeded the international standard.

Although there are many possible factors underlying these statistics.

The Website Sub-Committee continues to monitor and seek to better understand these underlying factors so that steps can be taken, going forward, to boost awareness and usage of the SMA website.

Down the track this may include changes to the design and other features of our website over the coming year.

Monitoring and reporting on the monthly analytics over 2017 means this tracking action will enable the Sub-Committee to provide over time, meaningful comparative year on year data for the membership.



People are Looking



PROCAFFEINATING

(n.) the tendency to not start anything until you've had a cup of coffee.





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Autumn 2017 Art Exhibition - Conditions of Entry

Tuesday 11th April to Saturday 15th April

1st Floor, Town Centre Arcade, 81-83 Katoomba Street.
Katoomba.Leura Community Centre - Old Katoomba Library

Entries Close:	Friday 24 th March – no late entries accepted
Send To:	SMA, PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782
Entry Fee:	\$5.00 per Artwork, \$2 per unframed artwork - payable on delivery
Delivery Time:	Tuesday April 11 th , 9.00am to 10.00am (NO LATER)
Collection:	Saturday 16 th April, 3.45pm to 4.15pm (NO EARLIER)

PAINTINGS MAY ONLY BE REMOVED FROM THE SCREENS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commission on Sales: 25%

Exhibition Opening Times: Tuesday 11th: noon to 4pm
Wednesday to Friday: 10am to 4pm
Saturday 15th: 10am to 3pm

The SMA has the right to reject works.

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

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

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.

Hand crafted ORIGINAL cards (maximum 20) - Limited to painting exhibitors only

- **No extra entry fee required for cards.** Include details on the back of the Entry Form.

- Cards must be numbered clearly from 1 to 20, with artist's initials **IN BLOCK CAPITALS** and the price, in whole dollars (no cents) **ON FRONT OF EACH CARD.**

- Please enclose an envelope with each card in a cellophane sleeve. **The MAXIMUM ENVELOPE SIZE IS 13 x 24cm.**

Please turn over to read the Artwork Conditions

CONDITIONS, 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
- IF YOU ENTER 2 (OR MORE) FRAMED PAINTINGS YOU ARE ENTITLED TO:
 - INCLUDE 1 framed painting previously exhibited ONCE before.
 - ADDITIONAL ENTRY of 4 unframed paintings *
- Maximum PERIMETER of Unframed Paintings: 75" (188cm)
- Artworks must be of a high standard and must be able to be hung.
- FRAMED Works: Ready to hang, with taut cord or wire and strong staples or "D" rings. Cover the screws and the wire ends with tape to prevent damage to other artworks.
- STRETCHED UNFRAMED CANVASSES: No visible staples on sides, with all edges painted; also ready to hang as above.
- UNFRAMED PAINTINGS (* see above) must be supported by a sturdy board and covered in clear protective plastic.
- NO WET PAINTINGS
- NO INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT (eg other artists' work, photographs from calendars, Readers Digest and Australiana books etc.)
- ALL WORKS MUST BE FOR SALE, PRICES NOT NEGOTIABLE.
- ENTRIES MUST BE AS PER THE ENTRY FORM. NO SUBSTITUTIONS 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.

PLEASE READ ALL CONDITIONS CAREFULLY

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.

ALL SMA EXHIBITIONS ARE SUBJECT TO 25% COMMISSION

**PARKING FOR AUTUMN EXHIBITION TO BE HELD
1st Floor Town Centre Arcade, 81-83 Katoomba St Katoomba
Old Katoomba Library**

**ON KATOOMBA STREET OR
UNDERGROUND PARKING BELOW COLES SUPERMARKET**



Society of Mountain Artists Autumn Exhibition 2017

Tuesday April 11th to Saturday April 15th

1st Floor, Town Centre Arcade, 81-83 Katoomba Street

Katoomba/Leura Community Centre - Old Katoomba Library

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Post Code: _____



Framed Paintings			
FILL IN TITLE, Medium, Price – 30 Block Letters (one per square, include spaces)		MEDIUM	PRICE
1. TITLE			
2. TITLE			
3. TITLE			
4. TITLE			
5. TITLE			

Unframed Paintings (up to 4) at \$2 each entry fee	
Title: _____	Price: _____
Title: _____	Price: _____
Title: _____	Price: _____
Title: _____	Price: _____

ROSTER AND CARD ENTRIES OVER THE PAGE 

AUTUMN EXHIBITION 2017

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: ____
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IMPORTANT -- YOU ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ROSTER

I accept all conditions of entry.

Signature: _____

I hereby authorise _____ to collect my artwork(s)

Sign-out (Artist or Authorised substitute): _____

HOBBYIST Please Tick	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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TICK YOUR ROSTER TIMES BELOW or Record OTHER DUTIES here »

Tuesday 11 th April	Tick ✓	Wednesday 12 th April	Tick ✓	Thursday 13 th April	Tick ✓	Friday 14 th April	Tick ✓	Saturday 15 th April	Tick ✓
Closed		10am to 1.00pm		10am to 1.00pm		10am to 1.00pm		10am to 1.00pm	
Noon to 4.00pm		1.00pm to 4.00pm		1.00pm to 4.00pm		1.00pm to 4.00pm		1.00pm to 3.00pm	

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