



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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Monthly Meetings at Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls
Website / Gallery www.mountainartists.org**

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Articles required by 2nd Monday of month

President's Message

Our November meeting is the last in what has again been a very varied and successful year for the Society. Timely therefore to pause and thank all of those members of the various committees who have contributed so much time and energy to this success. Special mention should be made of John Finnerty for all he has done particularly the excellent video presentation of our demonstrations and subsequent production of the dvd's for members to borrow. Must not forget our tea and library ladies for all their hard work too.

Early in 2018 we will again be seeking nominations for membership of the various committees to assist or replace those hard working volunteers p please start to give some thought to what you could contribute.

I will be unable to attend the November meeting but hope that you all support the library book and dvd sale and find some useful bargains amongst the art materials on sale .

For members we will have our final plein air at Megalong Valley next Thursday and our annual picnic at Wentworth Falls in January in Wilson Park next to the Bowls Club in Falls Road [see newsletter]

Formal Society meetings will recommence in February but in the interim thank you all for your support and friendship during 2017. Travel safely and my best wishes to you and yours for the festive season

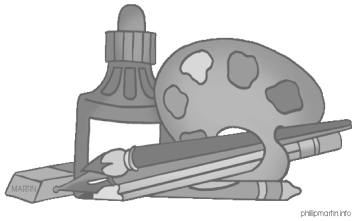
Thank you

Peter Ayres

Members PLEASE remember to bring some Change

and SMALL NOTES \$\$\$\$\$

The Treasurer is not able to be a ATM Money Exchange \$\$\$\$\$



November Christmas Meeting 16th November

Sale of Members unwanted art equipment, paintings, etc. with all sale proceeds

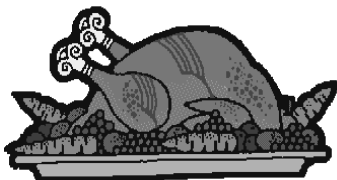
donated to SMA

Clearly label items with price

Library book sale and includes less used SMA Library DVDs for sale at \$10 each.

All Unsold items must be taken home by donor

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November Thursday 30th 12noon

Christmas Luncheon

11 Montgomery St

**MOUNT VICTORIA MANOR
2017**

MAIN COURSE

**ROAST PORK & ROLLED TURKEY BREAST BALLOTINE
WITH HERB & WALNUT STUFFING**

ROASTED VEGETABLES & PESTO GREEN BABY BEANS

DESSERT

**PLUM PUDDING WITH VANILLA CUSTARD CREAM, BRANDY SAUCE
WITH MACERATED BERRIES**

\$35 PER HEAD



DIETARY REQUIREMENTS CAN BE CATERED FOR

OTHER BEVERAGES AT BAR PRICES

**MOUNT VICTORIA MANOR
HERITAGE WITH A TWIST WWW.MOUNTVICTORIAMANOR.COM.AU**



Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	Location	Booking
Nov Thurs 16th	Christmas Meeting Bring a small plate of Food to Share 	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Sale of Members unwanted art equipment, paintings, etc. with all sale proceeds donated to SMA Library book sale and includes less used DVDs for sale at \$10 each. Details Page 2	Unsold items must be taken home by donor.
Nov Thur 30th	Christmas Luncheon Details on Page 2	Manor House 11 Montgomery St. Mt Victoria 12 Noon	YES By Oct Meeting
2018 Jan Thurs 4th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
Jan 2018 Thur 18th	Start of the Year Picnic 	Wilson Park Behind Wentworth Falls Bowling Club BYO Plus a chair	NO
2018 Feb Thurs 1st	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
2018 Feb Thur 15th	Monthly Meeting	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
2018 Feb Thu 22nd	Plein Air Painting		NO
2018 Mar Thur 15th	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 15th March 2018 at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls**

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 16th March 2017
2. To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2017)
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) general members.

Exhibition Calendar

AGNSW,Sydney; Rembrandt and the Dutch Golden Age, until 18 February 2018

Janet Lawrence;The matter of the masters ;until18 February

Robert Mapplethorpe; The Perfect Medium –photographs until 4 March

SH Ervin gallery Observatory Hill. Sydney ;

Portia Geach Portrait prize .Portraiture by women artists starts 20 Oct until 26 November

Maritime Museum ,Darling Harbour; The Art of Science;Baudin Voyages 1800-1805.Over 300 original drawings and paintings from France. Until 26 November.

Australian Museum Sydney ;200 treasures of the Australian Museum opens 14 October until 26 November

State Library of NSW Macquarie st ; Nikon Walkley Press Photography exhibition until 26 November

Gallery One 88 Katoomba ;David R Hil 'Interiors,Exteriors and Posteriors' 7 Nov until 10 December

Blue Mtns Cultural Centre, Katoomba ;

Picture Gallery –contemporary Aust. Childrens Book Illustrations until 19 November

David Hockney-Words and Pictures selected by John Hockney until 3 December

Wollemi Artisan Market. –Handmade-Art-Design. Sat 2nd Dec 10am-3pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Kay Callow Wentworth Falls.



Remember Library Returns ONLY

at **November** Meeting

NO Borrowing



LIBRARY

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM
2018

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

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

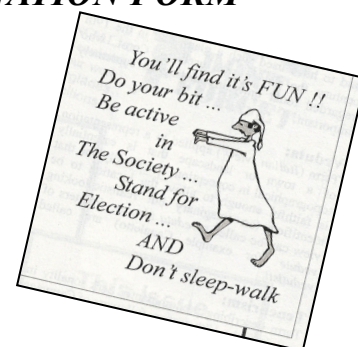
Committee Member (5 positions)

In the Society for the year 2018.

Proposer

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Nominations must reach the society by

Friday 2nd March 2018

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 2018

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

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 ?

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**For renewal of my
 membership in the Society
 for the year 2018**

HOBBYIST

Please Tick

YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**TEAR OUT
 AND
 RETURN
 THIS
 FORM**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I Wish to be considered for Selection on the

Exhibition Sub-committee

Website Sub-committee

Library Sub-committee

I would like to assist with other Activities Such As

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EG. Social Activities

Meeting Demonstrators

Publicity

Catering

????? Or Whatever



Existing Sub-committee

**and Activity Helpers
are encouraged to express
an interest.**

The Sub-committees etc.

**will be
appointed by the
Management**

Committee

The Society has joined the Combined Art Societies of Sydney

Annual Exhibition

**'The 28th Annual Art of Sydney Awards'
exhibition will be held at the
Australian National Maritime Museum,
Darling Harbour
25th – 28th January 2018**

Entries Close Friday 1st December 2017

Action will be on again in 2018!

At the Merroo Conference Centre, Kurrajong

May 18th, 19th, & 20th 2018

Kandos Holiday Accommodation

'CASS COTTAGE' is situated in the beautiful Capertee Valley within the thistoric town of Kandos.

The cottage provides accommodation for 6-7 persons only 3 hours from Sydney.

Full Details , Information and Forms All on Website

www.combinedartsocieties.com

Society of Mountain Artists Website Analytics for Oct 2017.



Each month the Website Sub-Committee undertakes the task of capturing a summary of SMA website usage statistics to report to the membership through the Newsletter.

The Spring Exhibition covered the first eight days of October.

The Website Analytics picture for Oct **2017** were as follows:

There were **195 (165)* Users** over the Oct period that had at least one session or visit. This figure includes new as well as returning Users.

There were **281 (202)* Sessions overall**.

Sessions are the number of times a user is actively engaged with our website. They may for example, be a visitor looking at the On-line Gallery or Events.

Traffic to our site was through the following devices: Tablet and Desktop **86%**, Mobile **14%** over this period.

The SMA website had **118 (116)* new visitor sessions** or **60.5% (71%)*** of all users during Oct.

The visitor sessions included a total of **1033 (626)* Page Views**, a 65% increase over Sept figure. Some may have been repeated views of a single page.

The average number of pages viewed during each session was **3.68 (3.10)** 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 visitor or user is engaged was **02:55 (02.25)* minutes**.

Finally, the Bounce Rate which is where a visitor left the SMA site after landing on an entrance page but did not choose to interact with that page.

The bounce rate in Sept was **53.74% (53%)*** Generally speaking < 50% is what is acceptable internationally.

* Indicates previous months stats.

TAKE NOTE

All Membership Application and Renewal Forms are
also now on the Website

ALL THE PRIZE WINNING PAINTINGS FROM THE
SPRING EXHIBITION on the WEBSITE





WISHING ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
A HAPPY AND JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY
2018

