



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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President's Message

That time of year again when our Annual General Meeting takes first priority and is a requirement under our constitution. Hopefully its a time for new blood and new ideas as well thanking those who have served in one or more of those important roles that help us to function as a Society.

Both the web site and exhibition sub committees are down in numbers due to retirement of some members, Thanks to everyone who has contributed to these sub committees and WELCOME to anyone who might volunteer to take on those roles in future.

Our Editor has indicated that he is likely to be away in May and October so we care Also looking for and understudy to fill the gaps and perhaps even consider taking over the role in the longer term.

David Dodd has kindly agreed to act as the Returning officer for the AGM so a big thank you to him.

Hopefully a number of you will have got your 'fabulous fake ' of your favourite painting to bring along to the AGM when there will be a mystery prize for the members choice of favourite fake

This months plein air will be at Glenbrook village

Starting in April we are going to trial a themed painting award at monthly meetings; while it will not make you rich it will encourage you to show your work to colleagues and get some helpful and constructive feedback. Aprils topic is 'Still life'; May, Buildings; June, Clouds .

Next months demonstrator is Kristel Smits, arts conservationist.

Happy painting –ready for the Easter exhibition !!

Peter Ayres

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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I accept my nomination (s)

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	or
Family Membership -	\$70	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 ?

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

HOBBYIST YES NO

Please Tick

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FORM

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	Location	Booking
Mar Thur 15th	AGM Election of Management Committee <i>Members Choice Exhibition</i> <i>"Fabulous Fakes"</i>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Bring a Painting of a Fabulous Fake done by you Bring a small plate of food to share	NO
Mar Thu 22nd	Plein Air Painting	Glenbrook Village 10am in Park	NO
April Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa No Turps	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
April Thurs 19th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Artwork conservator - Kristel Smits	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Members Choice 'Still Life'	NO
April 23-28	Autumn Art Exhibition	St Albans Church Hall Megalong St Leura	
May Thurs 3rd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa No Turps	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
May Thurs 17th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Artwork Donald Mc Clean	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Members Choice Buildings	NO
May Thu 24th	Plein Air Painting Lawson Old Shops Badgery Cres Previous day here cancelled due to bad weather	Meet 10am Outside Council Library Cnr Loftus St & San Jose Av.	NO
June Thur 7th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
June Thur 21st	Monthly Meeting Demonstration David Newman-White	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Members Choice 'Clouds'	NO
June Thur 28th	Plein Air Painting	TBA	NO
July Thur 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
July Saturday 7th	Workshop Details to be Advised	St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	
July Thur 19th	Monthly Meeting Dennis West Demonstration "Figures in your Paintings"	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts 'Jamison Award' See Page 8	NO

Management Committee Meeting 9th April 2018 1pm Wentworth falls Country Club
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 9th April 2018 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

Exhibition Calendar

AGNSW,Sydney ;

ARTEXPRESS 2018; on until 25 April

“Unpainted” until August 2018

“The Lady and the Unicorn” ;medieval French tapestry until 24 June

21st Biennale of Sydney 15 March until 11 June

SH Ervin gallery Observatory hill.Sydney ;

“ Intrepid women” Australian women artists in Paris 1900-1950 until 25 March [closed Mondays]

“Trust our Women” women Artists in the SH Ervin gallery collection. Starts 31 March until 6 May

Blue Mtns Cultural Centre, Katoomba ;

Blue Mountains portraits until 18 March

Collectors editions number 5-fundraising sale of over 80 original works thru silent auction. Until 8 April

The Collection- new acquisitions by various artists including Wendy Sharp and James Blackwell.starts 26 March until 6 May

Lost Bear Gallery Lurline st Katoomba “ Burragorang-the Lost Valley” .Exhibition and book launch by

Robyn Collier 24 March until 26 April

Rex Livingstone Gallery,Katoomba St ; Ruth le Cheminant ‘Lincolns Rock NS Rock to Little Kickerball’until 26 March

Day Gallery Blackheath; Owen Thompson –“Natures Table” opens 24 March until 8 April.

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.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I Wish to be considered for Selection on the

Exhibition Sub-committee , Delivering Posters, Erecting Signs, Learn the Eftpos Machine, collection and return of exhibition Screens

Website Sub-committee, Artistic Layout, Design, Meeting Minutes, Possible Technical Skills

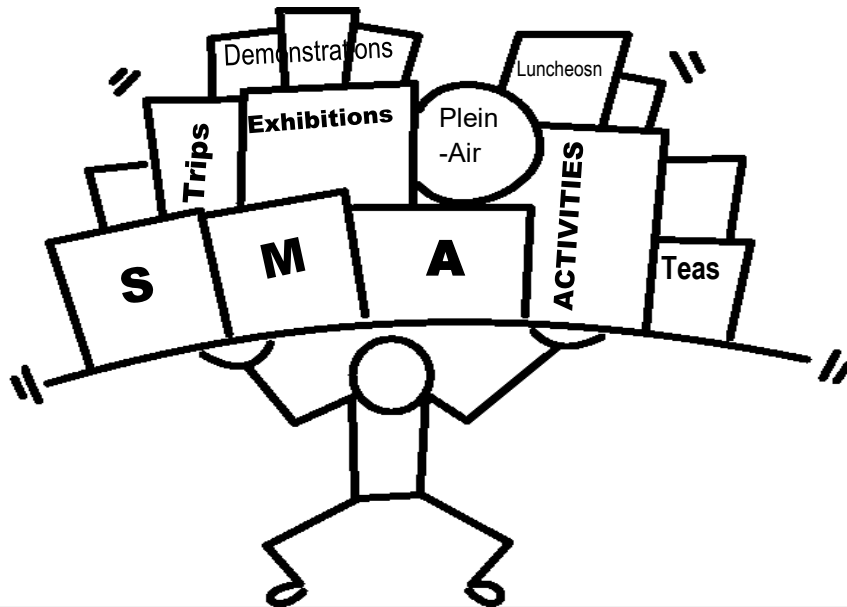
Library Sub-committee , Help sorting, packing. Storing after meetings

I would like to assist with other Activities

Such As Social Activities , Organising Meeting Demonstrators, Publicity, Catering, **Or Whatever**

Name Contact

Activity.....



Many of our Committee Members are retiring due to Family Duties, Health and just Over Work

If you want the Society to continue with the wide variety of Activities we offer to members

THEN SOME MORE HELPERS WILL HAVE TO COME FORWARD

The Management Committee has worked for the last year one member short. **MORE LOAD ON THE OTHERS>**

The Web Sub-committee is down to TWO Doubt if it can continue



**STEP_UP
OR
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Society of Mountain Artists Website Analytics for Feb 2018.

This report for February 2018 also briefly compares the statistics for the same period February 2017.

The comparative figures for Feb 2017 are **not** shown in bold.

The Website analytics picture for February **2018** is as follows:

February 2018 saw slightly less usage overall on most measures than in February 2017.

There were **116 v 150 Users** over this period that had at least one session or visit. This figure includes new as well as returning Users.

There were **147 v 139 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.

The SMA website had **100 v 139 new visitor sessions** during February 2018, a decrease of 28% over the same period in 2017.

The total visitor sessions included 728 v 627 *Page Views*, some of which were repeated views of a single page. This was an increase of 16%.

The average number of pages viewed during each session was **4.95 v 3.20** which may have also included repeated views of a single page.

The international average is > 2 page views.

The average duration per session i.e., the length of each session or time a visitor or user is engaged, increased by 1.97% over the comparative period being **04:18 v 04:13** 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 February '18 was **55.78% v 60.20%** which is 7.34% less than in Feb '17 . Generally speaking < 50% is what is acceptable internationally.

Many thanks to Ron Anderson who has been supplying these statistics for the Newsletter. Thus allowing members to assess the success of our Web Site.

Unfortunately Ron has had to retire from the Web Sub-committee so this will probably be our last report. In the newsletter



Autumn Art Exhibition

Please remember Entries are due by Monday 2nd April

If you are worried about the mail delivery then you are able to enter online right up the closing date.

Also remember as before there is NO PARKING at the Church EXCEPT for those on duty.

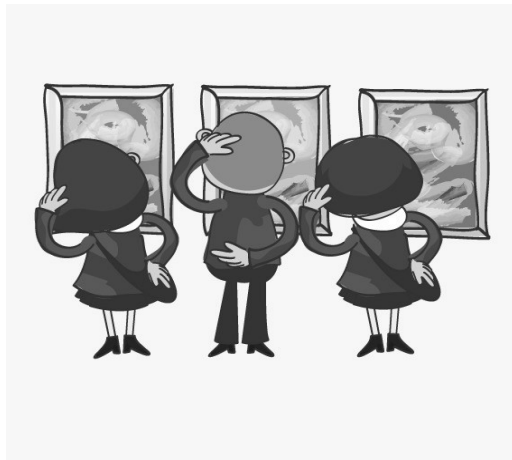


**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER TO RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS and Money
To the AGM 15th March
or before April**



MEMBERS' CHOICE

If you read Peter's President Report you will have seen mention of Themed mini-exhibitions at the Monthly Meetings.



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Members will vote for their CHOICE

as the winning painting

PROCAFFEINATING

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



Welcome New Member
George Mayo Glenmore Park



LIBRARY

Did you miss one of the previous meeting Demonstrations?

DVDs of most of the demonstrations are available in the Library for loan for members.

Check them out

Anglicare Winmalee Day Care Centre

A few SMA Members go once a month to run Art For the Elderly Activities at this Centre.

It may be of interest for members or friends who care for elderly relatives that the Centre is offering for those interested

.364 Hawkesbury Rd Winmalee

Paint Together & Morning Cuppa

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

PLEASE NOTE

Because the odour from Turps causes discomfort to other members it is requested that members

use a non odour substitute eg.

Gamsol Odourless Mineral Spirits, Baby Oil (does make Paints slower to dry,

Low Odour Turps (Still a slight smell)

Baby Wipes are great for cleaning off brushes

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

Wishing All our Members and Families
a Happy and Safe Easter

