



## ***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***

It seems not too long ago that we kicked off 2018 with the SMA and now here we are approaching our last meeting of the year. I hope that everyone has enjoyed their membership and will renew for next year when we have some good things on the horizon.

We have had three exhibitions this year and while our Autumn exhibition is usually a bit quieter our Spring exhibition was very well supported with good sales in spite of a shortened timetable for the garden festival and reduced opportunity to paint in the gardens. At the time of writing the exhibition committee have worked very hard to put on a three day exhibition/sale of unframed works at the old Katoomba library and early results are very good in terms of visitation and sales of members work.

The management committee have drawn up a list of plein air venues for next year so try to come along and give it a try. There is always someone to give you a hand or advice if needed.

Reminder that the 24 November is Sanjas workshop at St Andrews church hall in Falls Road and its not too late to put your name down for it. By contrast it seems the Christmas lunch at Le Petit Chalet Katoomba remains fully subscribed and actually has a waiting list. The annual SMA picnic will be held on the 17 January at Wilson Park, Falls road Wentworth falls next to the bowling club; meet at 1130 and bring lunch and a chair.

Our first meeting of 2019 will be in February but don't forget it is AGM time again in March so thinking caps on for any jobs you thing you could do especially as it is likely a number of existing committee members may wish yo stand down for a rest.

Thank you all for your support and friendship during the year and here's hoping you and yours have a very happy and peaceful holiday and New Year. **Peter**



Painting with Emus



Wilpina Pound

**SMA Member Robyn Collier recently tutored on an en plein air painting trip to Kangaroo Island and the Flinders Ranges.**

Two other members Neil Mitchell and Fred Blakers were among the 21 participants

It was so good that I have booked on another to the Red Centre in July next year



Robyn Demonstrating

### **The reason that I was attracted to this Trip was En Plein in OILS.**



Often the only tours are in Watercolour or Acrylic. I felt I needed a boost to keeping up with En Plein Air painting as I was becoming jaded. The tips given by Robyn in the Australian Artist made it all feasible and brought back the pleasure.

I will note some of these in future newsletters.

### **ADVANTAGES OF EN PLEIN AIR PAINTING (Robyn Collier)**

It is great fun painting with a lot of other people in a beautiful location. There is no substitute for Plein Air painting as a learning process to enhance any future painting you may do. It is powerful in enhancing observation and skills. There is absolutely no other way of immersing yourself in the particular place you are painting. To see first hand and to 'feel' the energy of the place you are painting is an absolute necessity to painting a better landscape/seascape. To experience the size of the trees, the sound of the surf, the crunch of the creek bed or the vastness of the landscape can't be reproduced in the studio. Last but by no means least is the sense of satisfaction gained by producing something that is acceptable, reasonable or good, painted under Plein Air conditions which are not always easy but always adventurous.

# Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 10th Dec 2018 1pm Wentworth falls Country Club Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 10th Dec 2018 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club	DATE	ACTIVITY	Location	Booking
	Nov Thur 15th	<b>Monthly Christmas Meeting</b> Bring a small plate to share	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts <b>Members Choice Theme "Maritime"</b>	NO
	Nov Thurs 22nd	En Plein Air Painting	<b>Campbell Rhododendron Garden</b> Bacchante Street Blackheath NSW <b>10m Note Tea Rooms not open</b>	NO
	Dec Thur 6th	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
	Dec Thurs 13th	<b>Annual Christmas Dinner</b> 	<b>12noon for 12.30</b> <b>La Petit Chalet</b>	\$60 by Nov Meeting
	January 2019 Thurs 3rd	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
	January Thur 17th	<b>Start of New Year Picnic</b> 	<b>Wilson Park, Falls Road Wentworth Falls,</b> <b>from 11.30 a.m. Behind Bowling Club</b> <b>BYO and a chair</b>	NO
	February Thur 28 th	En Plein-air Painting	<b>Catalina Park Katoomba</b>	

## 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 21st March 2019 at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls**

### AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 15th March 2018
2. To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2018)
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

**Braemar Gallery, Springwood**, 'A year at Glenbrook Lagoon'-various artists. 8 November until 2 December.

**Hawkesbury Regional Gallery**, Derubbin Centre, George St Windsor; The Hawkesbury Art Fair until 2 December.

'Steel Art and design'/architexture 7 Dec until 3 Feb 2019

**Gallery Blackheath** Govetts Leap Road; Spring/Summer exhibition. Open Friday to Sunday and public holidays Nov /December 10am until 5pm

**BMC Cultural Centre Gallery** Katoomba; Peter Rushforth-'A Legacy' '[of a 60 yr career 1 December until 20 January 2019

**SH Ervin gallery** Observatory Hill; Portia Geach Memorial award –womens portraits by women. Until 2 December

'Destination Sydney reimagined'-in conjunction with Mosman and Manly art galleries

**Australian Museum**; Australian Geographic nature photographer of the year 2018 until 28 January

**Museum of Sydney** ; 'Bohemian Harbour'-artists of Lavender Bay finishes 25 November'

**AGNSW**; 'Masters of Modern Art from the Hermitage' until 3 March 2019

William Kentridge-'That which we do not remember' until 3 February

Brett Whiteley –'Drawing is everything' 16 Dec until 31 March

Ben Quilty-starts 9 November until 3 February

**STATE Library of NSW**;2018 Nikon Walkley press photography finishes 25 November  
'The Magic Pudding' –celebrating 100 yrs until 24 February

Remember Library Returns ONLY

at **November** Meeting

NO Borrowing



*Following up after the very successful Spring Exhibition*

Final figures show that 37 paintings were sold.

A donation of a \$30 Voucher made to the Society by **aBrasKadaBras**

112 Katoomba St Katoomba

Will be Raffled at the November Meeting





A REVIEW of 2018 shows we had a good year Lots of ACTIVITIES.

?????? DO YOU WHAT THIS TO CONTINUE AND GROW ????

Time to start thinking . Annual General Meeting is in March next year.

This means a new Management Committee

Some members have been serving for lengthy periods and would like a rest or at least a reduction of their work load.

Lets see some hands up and share the load

**Management Committee** Nine Members elected Yearly. Organises and Runs the Society. Appoints and delegates to Sub-committees

**President** Chair Meetings, Represent Society as required

**Vice-President** Chair Meetings in president's absence, Represent Society as required

**Secretary** Keep Minutes of meetings Handle Correspondence

**Treasurer** Keep financial records, receipt payments. Yearly Financial Statement

**Five General Members** These members should take on and share other duties . Such as Publicity, Planning Trips, EnPlein-air, Workshops, Exhibitions, Insurance, Social Activities, Meeting Demonstrators, Archives, and whatever is required to keep the Society running.

**Public Officer.** Appointed by Management. Reports annually on Society to Department of Fair Trading

**Sub-committees** Appointed by Management organise certain activities.. ie Exhibition, Web-site , Library. Sub-committees can only organise within the duties as delegated by the Management Committee.

Management may also organise members or non-members to carry out such activities as required.

These activities are all covered by the Constitution of the Society of Mountain Arts Inc. which may be viewed on the Website



Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we can  
do so much.

## SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS QUESTIONNAIRE 2018

The Management Committee would like all members to give them feedback on what is important to them about the Society.

Please tell us below what you like (or not), all suggestions are welcome.

	YES	NO
Mainly social activities		
To sell paintings		
Attend workshops		
Monthly painting day		
Attend demonstrations		
Monthly mini-exhibition		
To exhibit on the website		
Twice yearly lunch		
Borrow from the extensive Library		
Other –		

Several Committee members have been in office for many years and would like to have a break.

**If no one steps up to take their positions your Art Society is in danger of collapsing and all the thing you love about it will be gone.**

If Ron is not replaced as Treasurer when he resigns next year, the Society cannot continue. Ron has said he will give guidance to a new Treasurer. Being a Committee member can, at times, be hard work, but it is satisfying and we have many laughs.

**TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR SOCIETY PLEASE PUT YOUR HAND UP TODAY TO FILL A COMMITTEE POSITION**

Please give replies back today at the meeting or send to [annamarsh@outlook.com](mailto:annamarsh@outlook.com).

Thank you,

Anna Marshall, Management Committee member.

**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 2019**

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**

**TEAR OUT**

**AND**

**RETURN**

**THIS**

**FORM**

**Do you want your newsletter by E-MAIL ? .....**

**For renewal of my  
membership in the Society  
for the year 2019**

**HOBBYIST YES NO**

**Please Tick**

**PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782**

**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2019**

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

**President** .....

**Vice President**.....

**Secretary**.....

**Treasurer**.....

**Committee Member ( 5 positions )..... In the Society for the year 2019.**

**Proposer**

.....

**Seconder**.....

..... I accept my nomination (s)

**Signed**.....



*WISHING ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES  
A HAPPY AND JOYOUS  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY 2019*

