



SMA INC.

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

The following nominees were elected:

Office Bearers:

President: Lida Szabunia

Vice President: Peter Ayres

Secretary: Patricia Carruthers

Treasurer: Coral Jones

Public Officer: Tania Joscelyne

Committe Members:

John Finnerty

Gordon Wright

Tania Joscelyne

Helen Keegan

Geoff Tonge

Maryanne Bell



Margo Lewers Ceramic Bowl and Painted Background. Photograph Maryanne Bell 2022

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Compiled by Peter Ayres, Vice President

4 2022 SMA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 17th March 2022 at the School of Arts, Wentworth Falls and commenced at 1.00pm. President Peter Ayres read his annual report. Gordon Wright acted as Returning Officer, and declared all positions vacant. The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting 2020 were read and accepted as correct. The audited Financial Statements read and were adopted.

5 HAVE YOUR SAY

Contributions of any sort are welcome to this Newsletter and indeed our Website. Email photos, reviews and any interesting thoughts to your new Newsletter Editor Maryanne Bell. Maryanne@belldesigns.info

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SMA INC. VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Peter Ayres

When it looked as though the society might have to fold up as our office holders were all retiring, a lot of people put up their hands for the vacant roles. A particular thank you to Fred Blakers for his many, many years as Newsletter Editor.

As a consequence, I am writing now as your Vice President following the recent AGM when **Lida Szabunia was elected as the President of the SMA**. Although I am now Vice President I am also conscious that Lida works so I will assist her anyway that I can.

Further changes: Coral Jones is the Treasurer, Maryanne Bell is the Newsletter Editor and Librarian, Tania Joscelyne is the Public Officer, and Patricia Carruthers will continue as Secretary. Gordon Wright has also volunteered to join the Management Committee.

A reminder that all subscriptions for 2022 are due now so please see the Treasurer to ensure they are renewed.

Unhappily Heather Skarrat's husband Barry recently passed away and the Society's condolences have been conveyed to Heather and family at this sad time. Regretably Ruth Dengate and Marie Struys are also

currently in poor health and our best wishes go to them.

Annie Joseph of Bowenfels was to give a demonstration in watercolour at our forthcoming **Monthly Meeting & Demonstration: 21st April 2022**, however she is ill and Dennis West has kindly agreed to step in.

Note that as of this month we will reinstate the members choice where you can bring a painting and members will vote for the ones they like best. Most voted will receive a voucher for Colorart in Springwood.

A reminder also that the **Paint Together at St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall** in Falls Road, Wentworth Falls is up and running thanks to Dennis West. They occur on the **first Thursday of each month: the next one is on the 5th of May**. This is a good social environment in which to paint and interact with fellow members and guests - tea and coffee are provided.

Lastly, we will also return to our monthly visits to exhibitions in the city.

Happy painting and travel safely.

Peter

CALENDAR

SMA INC.

DATES:	ACTIVITY TIME	LOCATION	BOOKING COST
April 2022			
3rd Thursday 21.4.22	1 pm - 3 pm Monthly Meeting and Artist Demonstrator: Dennis West	Wentworth Falls School of Arts, GWH Wentworth Falls. Members' Choice - Bring an artwork	No \$5 Tea/Coffee
4th Thursday 28.4.22	10 am - 1 pm En Plein-air Painting or Train Trip to the City	Meet at the Lost Bear Gallery , Lurline Street, Katoomba. Mixed exhibition. https://lostbeargallery.com.au/	
May 2022			
1st Thursday 5.5.22	10 am - 1 pm Paint Together	St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls	\$5 Tea/Coffee
2nd Thursday 12.5.22	No Activities for members. However our SMA Inc. Committee will meet 12 pm - 2 pm.		
3rd Thursday 19.5.22	1 pm - 3 pm Monthly Meeting and Artist Demonstrator: John Wilson, our Patron	Wentworth Falls School of Arts, GWH Wentworth Falls. Members' Choice - Bring an artwork	No \$5 Tea/Coffee
4th Thursday 26.5.22	10 am - 1 pm En Plein-air Painting or Train Trip to the City	TBA	No
Proposed Saturdays?	10 am - 1 pm Art Together or Art Workshop	St Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls TBA	\$5 Tea/Coffee Facilitator?
Proposed Thursday Evenings?	7 pm - 9 pm Art Together or Art Workshop	20 Mile Hollow, GWH, Woodford https://20milehollow.com.au/ TBA	No Rent only? Facilitator?
<p>Proposed Lunch on 28 July at the Red Poppy Brasserie, Katoomba RSL https://katoombarsl.com.au/bar-and-dining/the-red-poppy-brasserie/ Peter Ayres will be taking names for bookings at our Monthly Meeting and Art Demonstrator on 19.5.22.</p> <p>A brief note regarding our Spring Exhibition that will take place at Fairways, Leura to coincide with the Leura Garden Festival to be held 1st to 4th October. We hope to have our usual opportunity to paint in a few gardens with the owners' consent. Consider your artworks for exhibition and this year there will be a \$100 prize.</p>			

ART EXHIBITIONS

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre, Katoomba

<https://bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au/>

Clara Hali: The Circle & The Square

until 22 May

Noel Burgess: The Sound of Memories. at Woodford Academy

until 24 April

Woodford Academy, GWH, Woodford

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/places/woodford-academy/>

Woodford Academy Artist in Residence Talk - Rhonda Dee.

Join Rhonda on the following dates: 18 June and 20 August

Braemar Gallery, Macquarie Rd, Springwood

<https://bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au/braemar-gallery/>

Art Rising Out of a Pandemic Curated by Tim Newman.

until 8 May

Justin Morrissey, Kath Barcan, Bron Newman, Jane Lennon,

Julie Parkin, Kathryn Knight, Mark Deny, Tim Newman & Tim Johnson.

Hawkesbury Gallery, Deerubin Centre, George St, Windsor

<https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery>

Tom Moore - Abundant Wonder. 22 April

until 5 June

Penrith Regional Gallery, Emu Plains

<https://www.penrithregionalgallery.com.au/>

A Tangled Bank.

until 25 April

Art Gallery NSW, Domain, Sydney

<https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/>

The Way we Eat.

until 14 June

23rd Biennale of Sydney.

until 13 June

Art Express 2022.

until 25 April

Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes 2022. Tickets on sale 14 May

until 28 August

Brett Whiteley. Blue and White. at Brett Whiteley Studio, Surry Hills. 30 April

until 16 October

SH Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill, Sydney

<https://www.shervingallery.com.au/>

Steve Lopez Encountered.

until 8 May

YOUR SAY

I'll start the contributions page by saying that this Newsletter malarkey is not easy. I wanted to introduce some colourful images as the vast majority of members will receive an emailed digital copy; and I am now using InDesign and one of their free templates.

At our recent Committee Meeting there were forthright opinions about this first attempt and I welcome more from the members. As I am to email this newsletter tonight I will keep it as it appears... it is a work in progress. Maryanne Bell

YOUR SAY



