

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

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Meeting at Wentworth Falls School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls 1pm

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President's report February 2024

This will be our first meeting for 2024. We have some great demonstrations arranged for the next three meetings. For February we have Dennis West, our own very talented member. He will be doing a watercolour demonstration with a lot of emphasis on perspective. Many of us have struggled at times with perspective so this will be helpful do get some tips from someone who manages to get it right.

Vanessa Joret will be demonstrating in March. She will be doing a wildlife subject using charcoal/pastel. Vanessa is an established artist who runs drawing classes for adults and children.

Our April demonstrator is Patrick Hromas who will be doing a portrait using grisaille techniques.

Many thanks to Pat for arranging these demonstrators.

Our March meeting is also our AGM. The AGM is at the beginning of the meeting and is very brief so please don't let that discourage you from attending the meeting. The demonstration will be worthwhile.

Plein Air will not be organised for this year. We had so many problems last year with the weather so the committee has decided that Plein Air will be an informal arrangement depending on the weather. More about that at the meeting.

Just a reminder, we would appreciate an indication at the February meeting from anyone who might be able to help on the committee for 2024. Most of the jobs on the committee are small and not onerous. The problem in the last couple of years is that almost all of the roles have fallen to a couple of people and that is not sustainable. If anyone can help with even the smallest of jobs, that would be wonderful.

Pat is attaching a lot of information about the various roles on the SMA committee to the Newsletter so please have a look through those and consider if you can do anything to help.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Coral Jones

MINI MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at Colour Art Springwood. All entries can be any style or medium, old or new work.

February. A personal favourite: an artwork of your own that you think is "super."

March. An artwork depicting some aspect of the Blue Mountains.

APRIL. A fabulous fake – copy an old master, a famous painting, or an artwork you admire.

Management Committee meeting. First Monday of each month.

Next meeting: Monday 4th March 2024, at Katoomba RSL Club Conference room at 12.30 p.m.
All members are welcome to attend.

Sadly, our Plein Air excursions will be discontinued for the time being hopefully.
The weather has been against us last year, and members seem to have lost interest in painting outdoors it seems.
If there is someone interested in revitalizing and organizing this activity, even changing the day from Thursdays, or finding some new destinations, please give us your ideas.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
FEBRUARY			
1 st February	10am – 1 pm	Paint and tuition morning.	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Falls Road Wentworth Falls \$5
15 th February	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Members meeting. Dennis West will demonstrate the intricacies of perspective and watercolour. \$5 entry incl. afternoon tea.	School of Arts Wentworth Falls
		Plein air discontinued due to lack of interest, and bad weather	
MARCH			
7 th March	10am – 1 pm	Paint and tuition morning.	St. Andrew's Church Hall Wentworth Falls. \$5
5 th March	12.30 – 2pm. approx.	Management Committee meeting.	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba. All members welcome to attend.
21 st March	1pm – 3 pm.	Annual General Meeting 1pm. And monthly members meeting. Guest artist Vanessa Joret Pastel/charcoal. Topic Wildlife	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls. \$5 entry
		Plein Air painting. Discontinued temporarily	
APRIL			
1 st April	12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Management Committee meeting	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba. All welcome
4 th April	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Painting/tuition morning.	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road Wentworth Falls
18 th April	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Monthly members meeting. Guest artist Patric Hromas Using Grisaille technique	School of Arts Wentworth Falls. \$5 entry

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 pm on 21st March, 2024, at the School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls.

AGENDA

- 1. Adopt the minutes of the previous AGM, March 2023.
- 2. Receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2023)
- 3. Receive and accept the Presidents Report.
- 4. Election of Management Committee.
- 5. Appointment of Auditor and determine remuneration (if required).
- 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 (9) members.

The Committee consists of executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) general members.

Expressions of Interest

I wish to be considered for Selection on any or some suggestions below:

- Exhibition planning.....
- Website / Facebook updating.....
- Library activities.....
- Membership records.....
- Plein-Air painting days.....
- Social activities.....
- Organising meeting demonstrations (suggesting / contacting artists?.....
- Publicity reports to newspapers.....
- Catering - organizing coffee and biscuits served at monthly meetings.....
- Luncheons - mid-year / Christmas.....
- Holidays.....
- Name / Contact.....

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2024

I wish to nominate for the position of:

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Committee Member (5 positions) _____

In the Society for the year 2024

Proposer _____

Secunder _____

I accept my nomination (s)

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**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM – DUE JANUARY
2024**

Name (s) _____ (please print)

DIRECT DEBIT: SMA BSB: 663108 - A/C NO: 149824328

Your reference: _____ (SMA1 + your initials +
surname, i.e., SMA1 jfcitizen for John F Citizen

Single membership: \$40, or

Family membership: \$70 (two family members at the same address)

Newsletter postage: \$10

TOTAL: \$ _____

Hobbyist: Yes/No (please circle relevant response)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE? Please add your email address below:

**TEAR
OUT
AND
RETURN
FORM**

For renewal of my membership in the Society for the year 2024:

PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782

<p>We need you to keep the SMA going!</p> <p>New ideas are needed.</p> <p>Some of us have been on the committee for a long time and need a rest.</p> <p>“Many hands make Light Work”</p>	<p>DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND EDITOR.</p> <p>Nine members elected yearly. Organises and runs the Society. Appoints and delegates to Sub-committees.</p> <p>PRESIDENT. Chairs meetings. Organises and represent the Society when required,</p> <p>VICE-PRESIDENT. Chairs meetings in President’s absence. Represents Society as required.</p> <p>SECRETARY. Keeps Minutes of meetings. Handles correspondence.</p> <p>TREASURER. Keeps financial records, receipts payments, manages banking and creditors accounts. Insurance. Compiles yearly Financial Statements.</p> <p>FIVE GENERAL MEMBERS. These members take on various duties and share the load of other duties such as Publicity, Planning Trips, En Plein-air, Workshops, Demonstrators, organising Exhibitions, Social Activities, Archives, and whatever is needed to keep the Society running.</p> <p>Membership records – keep all addresses and email details up to date, mailing list.</p> <p>SUB-COMMITTEES. Appointed by the Management Committee to organise certain activities...</p> <p>Such as Exhibitions, Web-site, Library, Afternoon teas.</p> <p>Sub-Committees can only organise within the duties delegated to them by the Management Committee.</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR. Compile a monthly newsletter, with information obtained from the monthly Management Committee meetings. Receive the President’s Report, and Exhibition</p> <p>Calendar, by the weekend prior to the monthly General Members meeting.</p> <p>Email to membership in PDF form. Post copies to members who request mailed copies.</p> <p>PUBLIC OFFICER -Appointed by Management Committee.</p> <p>A Public Officer is both the official point of contact for incorporated association and one of the authorised signatories.</p> <p>A Committee member, an ordinary member or person outside the association may hold the position of public officer. The Public officer must be over 18 years of age and reside in New South Wales. An association’s incorporation may be cancelled if it does not have a public officer or it its public officer does not comply. Every association must have an official address.</p> <p>The official address must be a physical address in NSW where the public officer can generally be found. It must be the premises where documents can be received by post. The official address cannot be a post office box.</p> <p>The Public officer must advise NSW Fair Trading of a change of official address by lodging the approved form Notice of Appointment of Public Officer and Notice of Change of Association Address. (formA9) within 28 days after the current address becomes obsolete or unusable with these requirements.</p> <p>The public officer is automatically one of the authorised signatories for the association. However, the public officer is not automatically a signatory to the association’s bank account.</p> <p>Prepare and send an Annual Summary of Financial Affairs to Department of Fair Trading,</p> <p>(Form A12-T2). To be lodged within one month of Annual General meeting or addition fees apply</p> <p>The Society’s Constitution is available on line on the Society’s website.</p>
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