

# 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 March 2024

### PLEASE READ: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**This month we have our usual general meeting, followed by our AGM (it will be a short meeting) then our demonstrator. Please remember, to vote at the AGM, you will need to be a financial member.**

At our last committee meeting it became clear that we were not going to have enough members putting themselves forward for the essential roles at the AGM to keep the Society legal. Therefore, the committee has proposed some changes that would keep us legal and possibly encourage some new membership for the Society. We would like as many members as possible to come to our March meeting to give their vote on these changes.

What we are proposing is:

1. Stop the monthly meetings with the last meeting to be in April. The meetings require a lot of organising and setup and are a big strain on the committee members. To eliminate the meetings would reduce that strain on the committee.
2. Introduce a Paint Together session on a weekend day, probably a Saturday at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts. That would give access to our library and the lighting is good. Being a weekend, hopefully it would attract possible members who are unable to attend on a week day.
3. Go ahead with the major exhibition in October. This is usually very successful for us. Also, with the exhibition this year, we would like to have some significant prizemoney. Again, that will hopefully attract members and a good number of entries.
4. For the essential executive roles that remain unfilled at the AGM, the current executive will remain in place until the end of the year when our insurance expires. We will reassess at the end of the year.

These proposals will be put to members at the usual General Meeting that precedes the AGM.

Just a reminder that the AGM will be very short so please don't let that deter you from coming to the meeting.

We will still have a demonstrator. **Our March/April demonstrators have swapped around so the demonstrator for this month will be Patrick Hromas doing a portrait using grisaille techniques. Vanessa Joret will be demonstrating in April.**

This is hopefully my last President's Report. It has been my privilege to be your President for the last year and I am hopeful that I have many more years of association with the SMA.

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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, at Katoomba RSL Club Conference room at 12.30 p.m.  
All members are welcome to attend.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

### ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>MARCH</b>			
7 <sup>th</sup> March	10am – 1 pm	Paint and tuition morning.	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Falls Road Wentworth Falls \$5
21 <sup>st</sup> March	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Members meeting. afternoon tea. AGM followed by guest artist Patric Hromas, portrait using Grisaille method.	School of Arts Wentworth Falls
		<b>Plein air discontinued due to lack of interest, and bad weather</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>			
1st April	12.30 p.m.- 2p.m. approx.	Management Committee Meeting.	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba All SMA members are entitled to attend.
4 <sup>th</sup> April	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Paint, Tuition morning	St. Andrews Church Haall, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls \$5
18 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm – 3 pm.	Monthly members meeting Guest Vanessa Joret Pastel/charcoal. Topic Wildlife	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls. \$5 entry
		<b>Plein Air painting.</b> Discontinued temporarily	
<b>MAY</b>			
6th May 1ST MONDAY	12.30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Management Committee meeting	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba. All welcome
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 1ST THURSDAY	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Painting/tuition morning.	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road Wentworth Falls
16 <sup>th</sup> May	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Monthly members meeting.	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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.....

**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAINS ARTISTS INC.**

**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: 663000 - A/C NO: 149824328

Your reference: \_\_\_\_\_ (SMA1 + your initials +  
surname, i.e., SMA1 citizen 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><b>We need you to keep the SMA going!</b></p> <p><b>New ideas are needed.</b></p> <p><b>PLEASE</b></p> <p><b>S SAVE O OUR S SOCIETY</b></p>	<p><b>DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND EDITOR.</b></p> <p>Nine members elected yearly. Organises and runs the Society. Appoints and delegates to Sub-committees.</p> <p><b>PRESIDENT.</b> Chairs meetings. Organises and represent the Society when required,</p> <p><b>VICE-PRESIDENT.</b> Chairs meetings in President’s absence. Represents Society as required.</p> <p><b>SECRETARY.</b> Keeps Minutes of meetings. Handles correspondence.</p> <p><b>TREASURER.</b> Keeps financial records, receipts payments, manages banking and creditors accounts. Insurance. Compiles yearly Financial Statements.</p> <p><b>FIVE GENERAL MEMBERS.</b> 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><b>SUB-COMMITTEES.</b> 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><b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR.</b> 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><b>PUBLIC OFFICER</b> -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 mush 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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