

# 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 2025.

2024 was a year of growth.

At our last AGM, we were considering whether the SMA would be able to survive because essential roles still needed to be filled for 2024.

We have received nominations for President, Treasurer, and Committee members. Although we can double up for some essential roles, the Society cannot continue without a Vice President and a Secretary.

I am pleased to say that we have started the Saturday "Paint Together" and so far, those who have joined this group are enjoying the opportunity to spend a couple of hours pursuing their art.

The numbers remain small for the "Paint Together" groups but this year I am sure that they will grow. Consider joining us on the first Thursday and fourth Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

The Spring Exhibition at Fairways was an outstanding success with 33 paintings being sold amid much interest in the society. Although we didn't raise as much money as the previous year, (no paintings of John Wilson's sold) the Exhibition was more successful in selling the art works of members.

Last year we held a workshop at the Wentworth for School of Arts using pen and ink as the medium. Thirteen attended and produced some wonderful works of art. Our teacher Margaret Ng was both enthusiastic and encouraging.

This year, we hope to have three workshops. The first workshop will be on card making. The date is to be announced.

Last year we were unable to continue the En Plein Air group. However, this year we are encouraging members to attend the outing to Milthorpe from 7th to 9th of May. There will be more information given in next month's newsletter.

I am looking forward to this year, particularly to the demonstrations. We have many new demonstrators who have previously not attended SMA. They will encourage us to extend our knowledge of art, medium, and technique.

I would like to thank the members for their encouragement and assistance throughout the year. Please support our new committee as they seek to work for and promote the SMA.

Anne

## MONTHLY MEMBERS MINI EXHIBITIONS

First Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at Colour Art Springwood and a Highly Commended Award. Entries can be any style or medium, old, or new work

This Month – MARCH 2025 Theme – “Still Life”

APRIL 2025 – Theme – “Seasons” (Autumn).

## MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE.

Help raise funds for the Spring Exhibition. \$2 a ticket or \$5 for 3.  
This Month Raffle Prize a painting by Ann Warnes

## AGM – THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Please remember the Society is run by our members who volunteer their time to fill the roles necessary for the Society to operate. Come March we need you to consider helping if you can. Whether it be on the Management Committee or helping in other roles such as, Newsletter Editor, Facebook Admin, Exhibition Co-Ordinator’s, Plein Air Co-Ordinator  
Your help – assists us to keep going!

Please refer to the attachment for Meeting Agenda.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder to Members, Membership is required to vote in the March AGM for the coming year.

## PLEIN AIR – PAINTING EXCURSION.

MILTHORPE - 7<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> May. Self-Book.  
Further Information to be advised.

## THIS MONTH’S GUEST ARTIST/DEMONSTRATOR

### LINDA AUBRECHT

Linda lives in the Blue Mountains and is an artist who has many interests and is multitalented. She is involved in the, “Love Local Makers Market” and also the Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub. Linda is a talented artist whose work is not only restricted to brush and paper. At the demonstration this month, she will be focusing on a portrait, using watercolor and pencil



Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month. No meeting for December and January. Next meeting: Monday 07<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at Katoomba RSL Club Conference room at 1.00 p.m. Note new time. All SMA members are welcome to attend.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location
<b>MARCH 2025</b>			
03 <sup>rd</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member’s welcome
06 <sup>th</sup> March 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
20 <sup>th</sup> March 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	AGM/Demonstration TBA Linda Aubrecht	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Morning Tuition / Workshop	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
<b>APRIL 2025</b>			
7 <sup>TH</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member’s welcome.
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
17 <sup>th</sup> April 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	General Meeting/ Demonstration Phil Went	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
26 <sup>th</sup> April 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Morning. Tuition / Workshop	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
<b>MAY 2025</b>			
05 <sup>th</sup> May 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member’s welcome.
1 <sup>st</sup> May 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
15 <sup>th</sup> May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	General Meeting/ Demonstration Frances Feasey	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
24 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Morning. Tuition / Workshop	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
<b>JUNE 2025</b>			
02 <sup>nd</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member’s welcome.
5 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
19 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	General Meeting/ Demonstration Joe Cartwright	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5
28 <sup>th</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Morning. Tuition / Workshop	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
<b>JULY 2025</b>			
7 <sup>TH</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA member’s welcome
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5

<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>General Meeting/ Demonstration Patrick Hromas</b>	<b>School of Arts Great Western Highway. Wentworth Falls \$5</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> July 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month</b>	<b>10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together Morning. Tuition / Workshop</b>	<b>School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5</b>