

Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY



1986 ~ 2011

May 2011

NEWSLETTER

Issue No 250

Mail P.O. Box 76 Wentworth Falls 2782—Email societyofmountainartists@hotmail.com
Meetings at St Bonaventure's Church Hall Cnr. Hartley Espl & Railway Pde. Leura

Patron: John Wilson FRAS

Management Committee

PRESIDENT Peter Ayres 4758 9005
VICE-PRESIDENT Dennis West 4757 3135
SECRETARY Patricia Carruthers 4758 7172
TREASURER Ron Anderson 4757 2423

ORDINARY MEMBER Nancy Dodd 4757 1535
ORDINARY MEMBER Maunie Kwok 4757 3550
ORDINARY MEMBER Anna Marshall 4784 1148
ORDINARY MEMBER Marie Morris 4787 1257
ORDINARY MEMBER Kath Milowski

Membership Records John Finnerty 4757 4324
jsfinnerty@bigpond.com

Editor: Alfred (Fred) Blakers 4787 5870 afieb@eftel.net.au
Articles required by 2nd Monday of month

President's Report

I anticipate that most of you will now know that our valued colleague and friend Geoff Lane passed away on the 6 May during surgery in WA. This is a very sad loss to the Society and the world at large of a gentle and lovely human being and one of the stalwarts of the Plein Air painters.

The small group of members that spent the week in Hill End missed the local memorial service for Geoff but he was very much in our hearts and minds. We mourned his passing in the peace and tranquillity of Hill End which he shared with many of us on our holiday there last year.

Autumn, some glorious colours and clear light provided a wealth of subject material and some excellent paintings were completed. The weather was very kind to us but radio reports of snow heralded an exceptionally cold night. Sketching outdoors with frozen fingers the following morning seemed like some kind of madness [which it probably was] but the sun returned for yet another superb day.

In this month's newsletter you will find details of the proposed mid-year luncheon and annual SMA holiday. As this is the 25th anniversary year of the Society I hope that members and friends, past and present, will come together to mark the occasion and also help launch the new web site. Lists will be available at the ordinary monthly meetings where you can register your interest in either or both of these activities.

As the weather cools down our plein air painting activities will be suspended for a few months after the May excursion to Megalong Valley.

However there are lots of interesting exhibitions [see exhibition calendar in this newsletter] so the colder months will give us the chance for some social outings to the city and for the more determined, some sketching and photo opportunities too.

The Spring Exhibition of the Society seems awhile off at this time but it will soon come around so start planning your entries now and get those brushes busy.

Peter Ayres



Geoff Lane
1916-2011

It is a sad occasion to note the passing of Geoff after an operation in Perth

An avid plein-air painter, he would stand at his easel all day often not breaking for lunch. Always eager to come to the annual painting holiday and until recently he played tennis two or three days a week.

Geoff made all the original exhibition screens and the signs for the Everglades Gallery

Geoff apparently always wished to reach 95 years - this he did in April. It will not be the same without him. He was an inspiration to us all.

June Demonstration.—Joe Penn FRAS—Drawing

Joe is a sought after tutor, judge, demonstrator of many years experience. Joe is a past president of the SMA and has given very informative Critique sessions at some of our monthly meetings.

His training as a commercial artist at East Sydney Technical College (now National Art School), and a career running a mobile art gallery, provides him with a wealth of knowledge to pass onto his students.

Joe has been painting full time since 1984, working in a variety of mediums. Although he is well known for his Impressionistic oils of landscapes, portraits and figures, Joe is passionate about developing the ability to draw. A fellow of the Royal Art Society, Joe has had numerous solo exhibitions, as well as being exhibited in Cromwell's Art Prize 2004, the Archibald Salon de Refuses 2002 and 2008.

He is also twice winner of the Landscape Prize in the North Sydney Art Prize.

Joe is currently on the teaching staff at the [Royal Art Society of NSW](#).

Society 25th Anniversary Luncheon at Fairmont Resort Leura ,30th June

Provisional arrangements have been made to hold a mid year luncheon to mark the 25th anniversary of the Society and officially launch the new web site at the Fairmont Resort Hotel on Thursday the 30 June at 12.30 for 1pm.

The package quoted to us is \$35 per head [for numbers of 35 attendees [plus] and consists of the following;

Chef's selection of gourmet wraps and sandwiches.

Mixed leaves with salad dressing

Traditional Caesar salad with chicken

Vegetarian pasta [served hot]

Seasonal sliced fruit

Individual cakes and tarts

Australian cheeses with lavosh



Please note we have to sign a contract with the Resort and provide a 20 % deposit to secure a booking so please be prepared to pay the \$35 per head to the SMA
BY THE JUNE 16 MEETING AT THE LATEST !

A sheet will be provided at the May & June meetings on which you can indicate whether you wish to attend this special event.

Autumn Exhibition

The change of venue to St Albans Hall proved a good choice even though we were not able to hire the hall over the weekend. Leura as usual was packed for the school holidays. Numbers of visitors was good despite the bitter weather on some days.

The end result was 14 paintings sold. This is not the only way to judge the success of an exhibition. The standard of exhibits was noticeably higher than last year. What is the reason to hold an exhibition of members' works ? It is surely to enable artists to learn and gain confidence in their art journeys.

Card sales were lower than usual but still respectable. The raffle was about the same as before. The painting by Beth Burgess was won by White Ticket 09 in name of K. Bell Cherrywood.

The use for the first time of Pay Pal for sales was a great success. There are some lessons to be learned always when assessing a new venue. The exhibition sub committee was seen taking notes and will make adjustments for the future.

Congratulations to all for participated, artists , helpers and especially the hard working exhibition committee.

Exhibition Calendar-notes for your diary

National Trust SH Ervin Gallery .Observatory Hill Salon Des Refuses the Alternative Archibald and Wynne prize selection. 16 April until 19 June
The Promised Land– Art of Lawrence Daws. [landscapes] 24 June until 7 August

Museum of Contemporary Art, Circular Quay.
Michael Stevenson installations.6 April until 19 June

NSW Parliament, Fountain Court. Macquarie St
4th Annual NSW Parliament Plein Air Prize
8.30am -5.45 pm Mon to Fri. Opens 3rd May until 27 May

State Library of NSW, Macquarie St.
Moran prizes for Portraiture and Photography . Opens 21 April until 26 June

ART GALLERY OF NSW
Photography and Place-Australian landscape photography from 1970's onwards;
10 March until 29 May Archibald ,Wynne and Sulman prizes 16 April until 26 June

THE SCULPTORS SOCIETY
The Towers Exhibition. Over 90 sculptures; Chifley Tower and Governors Phillip and Macquarie Towers. 8am-6pm Mon to Friday until 20 May

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA
Eugene von Guerard 'Nature Revealed' Starts 16 April until 7 August

NORMAN LINDSAY CAFÉ GALLERY ,Faulconbridge.
Sherrie Erlich exhibition until 22 May

NOLAN ON LOVEL GALLERY, Lovel St Katoomba
Denise Campbell 'My Big Backyard' paintings 5 May until 22 May



LIBRARY

Sill some Videos available \$5 each.

Books donated by Margaret belonging to the late Robert Seach will be offered for sale at the June monthly Meeting

Congratulations to Helen Hudson on winning First Prize at Blackheath Art Show.


Marilyn Ecob was also successful with an award.

Good work both of you.

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOKINGS
May Thurs 19th	Web Question Session ~~~~~ MONTHLY MEETING John Perkins FRAS Oil Demonstration <i>Drawing raffle of Jane Canfield painting</i>	12 noon—1 pm ~~~~~ 1.00pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp Leura	NO ~~~~ NO
May Thurs 26th	Plein Air Painting Megalong Valley	10am Megalong Valley Tea Rooms	NO
May 27th-29th	SMA Plein-Air Painters Exhibition Part of Great Train Weekend	Victoria and Albert Guest House Railway St. Mount Victoria	NO

Down The Road 2011

June Thurs 16th	MONTHLY MEETING Joe Penn FRAS Drawing Demonstration View proposed Changes to our Constitution	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
June Thurs 23rd	Plein Air Painting, Sketching, Photographing	Rocks Area Sydney 8 am Train from Mt Victoria Second Last Carriage	NO
June Thurs 30th	Silver Anniversary Luncheon & Launch of Website	Fairmont Resort Leura Time to be confirmed 	YES See page 2
July Thurs 21st	Special General Meeting Vote to adopt new Constitution Monthly Meeting David Newman-White Portraiture Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Aug Thurs 18th	MONTHLY MEETING Jamison Award (Members' Choice)	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a painting and a small plate of food to share	NO
Aug Thurs 25th	Plein Air Painting	Location to be Advised	
Sept Mon 5th- Fri 9th	Annual Painting Holiday	Kiama Surf Beach Holiday Park www.kiamacoast.com.au/Surf_Beach	YES With Deposit
Sept Thurs 15th	MONTHLY MEETING Robyn Collier Oil Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Sept Thurs 22	Plein Air Painting	Location to be Advised	NO
Sept Fri 30	Official Opening & Awards Presentation of Spring Art Exhibition	7 for 7.30pm Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura Details to be Advised	NO
Oct Sat 1st- Sun 10th	Spring Art Exhibition Plein Air Painting in the Leura Festival Gardens	Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura Details to be Advised	NO
Nov	Christmas & end of year celebrations	Details to be confirmed	

NOVELS with a “touch of Art”

As recommended by Shirley Williams

‘LYDIA CASSATT READING THE MORNING PAPER’ ...Harriet Scott Chessman

‘This richly imagined novel explores the life of famous American painter Mary Cassatt.

It takes us into the world of Cassatt’s early Impressionist paintings of her sister Lydia and breathes life into the intimate moments captured on canvas.’ Quote.

‘THE SWAN THIEVES’... Elizabeth Kostova

‘Psychiatrist Andrew Marlowe has a perfectly ordered life –solitary, but full of devotion to his profession and the painting hobby he loves.’ Quote.
A complex journey from America to Normandy: from the late nineteenth century to the late twentieth.

**Notice Special General Meeting
to be held at 1pm on Thursday 21st July.**

Meeting business to vote to

**“Adopt a new Constitution in accordance
with the Associations Incorporation Act
as Amended 2009 and Regulations 2010.”**

The Associations Incorporation Act has been amended and we are required to amend our Rules (now Constitution) to comply with the new Act.

We have decided to adopt the Model provided by Fair Trading with some minor alterations particular to the SMA and two clauses required by Aust Taxation Office.

Adoption requires a vote by members.

Copies of Proposed Constitution will be available for members to peruse at the June Meeting or by contacting me alfieb@eftel.net.au

Fred Blakers. Public Officer

If Not Delivered Return to
Society of Mountain Artists Inc.
PO Box 76
Wentworth Falls 2782