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Great news the new Website/Gallery is on line.

Check it out

www.mountainartists.org



President's Report

Having gone on the SMA painting holiday a week after returning from overseas there seems to be a lot to catch up on, not least getting up to date via recent Society newsletters.

Thankfully Dennis West finalised the painting trip to Kiama and so eight of us have just returned from a very enjoyable and productive week in well appointed cabins next to the ocean. Plenty of varied subject matter to choose from and though most elected to take advantage of being so close to the sea, the Bombo quarry headland and Minnamurra rainforest offered a strong contrast of interesting material for photography and painting. It was a surprise that so few elected to go as it was a very easy 2 ½ hour drive and a delightful venue.

Thank you to Dennis for so ably acting in the Presidents role and to everyone who helped in that. A dozen or so members took advantage of painting in the church hall in Falls Rd which Dennis kindly arranged and hopefully this can become a regular event. The Spring exhibition and Painting in the Gardens are fast approaching so be sure to get those entry forms in on time and contact the exhibition committee if you are able to assist. Jenny Morrison is coordinating screen sponsorships which help meet the cost of hiring our exhibition venue. Many of the shops and businesses we each support as customers during the year will be happy to oblige but you have to ask them !

I have not caught up with everything that is on or coming up in the art world in Sydney but the exhibition of natural history work by the Scott sisters at the Australian Museum until November has been recommended as well worth a visit. Good to see the website up and running and hope that all our members access and use it regularly.

I was fortunate to see some major exhibitions during my trip including Miro at the Tate Modern in London and a very impressive Surrealist show, mainly from US. private collections in Vancouver. A stand out for sheer excellence and variety would have to be the Royal Academy Summer exhibition. This is a massive annual show with a mix of academician and public entries well worth putting on your calendar when next you plan a trip to Europe.

Happy painting-good to be back [I think ?]

Peter Ayres

**Website Official Launch
25th Anniversary
Christmas
Luncheon**



Canapes

Mixed canapes,
toppings include:
Bruschetta, smoked salmon, prawns, ricotta,
camembert, tomato etc

Meal

Basket of Assorted Breads

Herb Encrusted Chicken Breast
Beef stroganoff with sour cream and shallots
served with Basmati rice
Vegetarian Lasagne

Vegetables

Lemon, thyme, garlic roasted baby potatoes
& onions
Panache of seasonal vegetables tossed in parsley butter

Dessert

Cheesecake
Sticky Date Pudding

Tea & coffee

**PRICE \$30 per person
Drinks included
Bookings by
Oct Meeting**

**Victoria and Albert Guesthouse
19 Station St. Mount Victoria
11.30 for 12 noon
Thursday 3rd November**

Welcome New Members

Barbara Hall
Wentworth Falls



**NEW DONATED ITEMS
IN THE LIBRARY**

Flower painting for the Seasons Video by
Ann Brockley
Masterstrokes Watercolour—Hazel Harrison
The Half-Hour Painter (Watercolour) - Alwyn Crawshaw



Next Plein-air Painting Day

Thursday 22nd September
Wentworth Falls Reserve and Falls Gallery
at the end of Falls Road Wentworth Falls

Meet 10 am at the Reserve.

Valley Views
Gallery Gardens
Art Exhibitions



**Leura Gardens Festival
Plein-air Painting Competition**

12 Gardens will be participating this year
Plenty of choice

The Society has been asked to again be part of the Festival.

Paintings must be substantively painted in the Gardens.

Paintings to be delivered to Fairways Friday 7th Oct.

Joe Cartwright will be judging the paintings

**Official Opening and Awards Leura Fairways
5pm Sat 8th Oct**

Entry Forms and Conditions will be available at the
September Meeting or by contacting Fred Blakers

This Years Gardens

Shenstone	15 Craigend St	Elouera	18-24 Sublime Point Rd
The Braes	64 Grose St	Abbotsford	48 Sublime Point Rd
Rustlings	39 Woodford St	Everglades	Everglades St
Brabourne	42 Woodford St	Ilion	89 Railway Pde
Tandella	6 St Andrews Rd	Wai-Ila	111 Craigend St
Dead End House	32 Fitzroy St	Tanglewood	109 Craigend St

The gardens will be open for viewing for those wishing to paint in them,
on Sat September 24, & Wed September 28 between 12 noon & 2 p.m.

Please wear your Name Badges

This enables artists to choose suitable places to paint.

Be careful not to block access pathways for visitors.

Holiday Report

Kiama must be one of the most beautiful areas in the country. Pity only a small number came on the holiday but it was their loss.

Accommodation was the best we have had so far. As attested to by those who made use of the spar baths.

I think the amount of paintings exceeded that done in past years. Seascapes and historical buildings abounded

We made contact with the Local Art Society. A very friendly group who asked us in to see their meeting rooms in a bluestone coach house. They were having a most interesting demonstration and workshop on printing with Procion Dyes. We were also invited to share morning tea.

I must admit was very envious of their facilities

**WENTWORTH FALLS ARTFEST
OCTOBER 28th—30th 2011**

Enquiries to: art@fallsartfest.org.au
Jo Griffiths—0419444872

Entries Due: 30th September 2011

Work should not have been previously exhibited at Wentworth Falls Artfest.

If you have not previously exhibited at the show and wish to do so, then please contact the email address or the number above.

Feature Artist this year will be Sophie Seeger

ENTRY FORMS DUE FRIDAY 23rd SEPT

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOKINGS
Sept Thurs 15th	MONTHLY MEETING Peter Gonzalez Demonstration Plus talk on Art in the Philippines & Vietnam	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Sept Fri 16th	Spring Art Exhibition Entry Forms	Closing Date	
Sept Tues 20	Paint Together	Leura Golf Club No Oils	NO
Sept Thurs 22nd	Plein Air Painting Wentworth Falls Reserve and Falls Gallery	Meet 10am in Reserve at the end of Falls Road Wentworth Falls	NO
Sept Fri 23rd	Plein Air Painting in the Leura Festival Gardens Entry Form Part B	Closing Date	
Sep 26	Management & Exhibition Committees Meetings		
Oct Sat 1st	Official Opening & Awards Presentation of Spring Art Exhibition	11.00 am Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura Drinks/ refreshments	NO
Oct Sat 1st- Sun 9th	Spring Art Exhibition	Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura	NO
Oct Fri 7th	Plein Air Painting in the Leura Festival Gardens	Entry forms and details available at meetings in August & September	
Oct Sat 8th	Leura Festival Gardens Plein Air Painting Official Opening & Awards	5pm Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura	NO
Oct Tues 18th	Paint Together	Leura Golf Club No Oils	NO
Oct 20th	MONTHLY MEETING Robyn Collier Oil Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Oct 27th	Plein Air Painting	Ambermere Rose Inn– Hartley (To be confirmed)	NO
Nov Thurs 3rd	Christmas, 25 Anniversary, Official Website Launch Luncheon	11.30 for 12noon Victoria and Albert Guest House Luncheon Details Page 2	YES With payment 20th Oct Meeting
Nov 7th	Management & Exhibition Committees Meetings		
Nov Tues 15th	Paint Together	Leura Golf Club No Oils	NO See Page 4
Nov Thurs 17th	MONTHLY MEETING Christmas Afternoon Tea and art activity	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a small Plate of Food to share	NO
Nov Thurs 24th	Plein Air Painting	Eskbank House. Bennett St Lithgow	NO
Jan 19th 2012	Annual Picnic Starting the New Year	Location to be Advised	NO

Spring Exhibition Forms due Friday 16th September

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October Demonstration Robyn Collier – Oils

Robyn Collier has been a professional artist for 35 years and has been conducting workshops for the past six years, both within Australia and in New Zealand. She has had many published articles, television appearances and held over 30 exhibitions. Her work is very popular and in prestigious collections worldwide. She has partaken in many 'Artists in Residence' programs across the mainland of Australia and many of its' islands. Her work in oils is in the realist tradition, depicting our Australian Wilderness in its' many stunning aspects. She is a member of the Guild of Realist Artists and the Blue Mountains Artists Company and is a keen bush walker and environmentalist.

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