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Presidents Report

We had a very busy month with the Autumn Exhibition, Thanks must go to all the helpers for this exhibition. With it being the second year at St Albans we are more experienced with what to expect and some changes were made. We sold 11 paintings framed with 2 unframed and our cards proved very popular. The raffle was also popular with the daily small bonus paintings giving their winners pleasure. Ron will tell you our final figure but it is in the vicinity of a thousand dollars.

With regards to this exhibition the numbers of exhibiting members was down, it is to be hoped that this will not be the case for the Autumn Exhibition. On this note members who do not exhibit would be very welcome to come and volunteer on a day, this can be a good way of taking part in your society and gives you a chance to meet the public and receive feedback about the society.

On another note the Plein Air group had a wonderful day again at Margaret Latty's farm. The numbers were up and many paintings were accomplished with others not quite finished, I wonder if this is due to Margaret's marvellous hospitality. The seats under the trees were just too inviting. Thank you again Margaret. The next plein air day is at Dry Ridge winery in the Megalong valley, anyone who needs transport from Blackheath please let me know.

The Exhibition during the Great Train Weekend is in the process of planning, help on Friday 25th or during the weekend would be appreciated. This is a plein air members exhibition, the rules as set out in the entry form which is available at the meeting. If all goes as it did last year we should see many visitors.

The mid year luncheon on the 4th Thursday in July is to be at the Mountain Heritage Retreat, it is to be buffet style with an extensive menu for \$32.00 dollars, We decided on this venue for its easy access, no stairs. I hope many members will come.

We had a very interesting and busy day on May 5th where we showcased our society to Springwood area. With many enquiries for membership we aim to to more in this area. Thank you Peter for organising it.

Marie Morris

Welcome to our New Members

Margaret Aalders Kanimbla
Shaun Gleeson Leura
Stephen Norris Wentworth Falls
Marion Westmacote Leura
Marlene Short has returned after a break away

Dennis West has kindly donated the pastel painting he did as the April demonstration to be use as a lucky door prize at the May Meeting.

**Great Train Weekend
Plein Air Painters Exhibition**

Open to all financial members who have taken part in at least three (3) plein air days. The annual holiday counts as one day.
Exhibited paintings do not need to have been done plein air.
Entries due 18th May.
Marie Morris for details

SPRING ART SHOW

The exhibition will again be held for nine days at Leura Fairways at the same time as the Leura Garden Festival.

The Garden Festival has again requested the Society to conduct the Plein Air Painting Competition. Members will be asked to paint in the open gardens with an exhibition of the works on the last weekend.

This is the busiest time of the year for the Society and members are encouraged to give as much support as possible.

At the Autumn Exhibition a daily bonus raffle prize was drawn with all tickets going in final draw.

To implement this for Spring members who are willing to give a small (about postcard size) painting are asked to speak to the Exhibition Sub-committee

The main raffle prize will be the painting chosen for the **Jamison Award** at the July 19 Meeting

The Award is acquisitive
Is judged by members choice.
The paintings must be original work of the artist.
Not done in a workshop
Not copied from other people's photos.
Any medium, framed or unframed.
Society will reimburse framing cost if required
Members must agree for painting to be used for publicity

June Meeting Demonstration

David Newman-White — Portraiture

Born 1952, Nowra New South Wales, Australia. Fine Artist and painter of the human form and portraiture. The two art disciplines I currently work with are painting and drawing. Oil paint on canvas is my preferred medium and I sketch with a variety of drawing media, charcoal, conte crayon and pastel.

My inspiration for subject matter for the past few years has been based on the human form in relation to architecture. I have had a fascination with merging the two on paper and canvas using the contrasts between organic human form and geometric nature of architecture.

Exhibitions

Sculptors Society exhibitions in forecourts of Governor Macquarie and Governor Phillip towers 1 Farrer place near cnr of Bent and Phillips St and in Chifley Tower nearby open daily M-F 8am to 6pm until 1 June .

See sculptorssociety.com

NSW Parliament Plein Air Prize Paintings from the 42 finalists of this years \$20,000 prize competition. NSW Parliament Building Macquarie St, M to F 8am until 5.30 pm and Sunday 20 May from 10am to 4pm. Finishes May 31st.

See www.pleinair.com.au

Shipley Gallery 2012 Art Show
166 Shipley Rd. Shipley Plateau
Sat & Sun 10-4

Official Opening Sat June 9 at 2pm
SMA Member Ray Harrington FRAS Oils
Ce Jorgensen Acrylics
Birgitte Hansen Acrylics
Corrine Gwyther Enamels
Kayo Yokoyama Etched Glass

Train & Ferry Art Trip Thurs 26 June

The Manly Art Gallery & Museum is a cultural facility of Manly Council and is magnificently situated on Sydney Harbour, only three minutes' walk from Manly Wharf. Opened in 1930 as the first metropolitan-based regional gallery in New South Wales, the Gallery has become a popular destination for thousands of visitors each year. MAG&M stands out among the regional galleries for two distinctive reasons: its focus on Australian ceramics and its extensive holdings of paintings by Antonio Dattilo-Rubbo.

Manly Art Gallery & Museum also holds a superb collection of contemporary and early Australian paintings and works on paper. The collection was established through the generosity of artists and donors including Margaret Preston, Thea Proctor, Will Ashton, Antonio Dattilo-Rubbo, Lloyd Rees and many more.

The most famous painting, Tom Roberts' 'The Flower Sellers' was donated in 1936 by Colonel Spain.

Also one of Australia's finest ceramics collections representing many major ceramics artists including Peter Rushforth, Ivan Englund, Janet Mansfield and Gwyn Hanssen Pigott to name just a few.

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	BOOKING
May Thurs 17th	MONTHLY MEETING Suzy King Demonstration Tips on use of various art materials	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
May Fri 18th	Great Train Weekend Plein Air Painters Exhibition	Entry Forms Due	
May Thurs 24th	Plein Air Painting Picnic and / or barbecue lunch	Dry Ridge Estate Winery Megalong Valley Map Page 4	NO
May Sat 26 - Sun 27	Great Train Weekend Plein Air Painters Exhibition	Victoria and Albert Guesthouse Mount Victoria	
June Thurs 7th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 donation
June Thurs 21	MONTHLY MEETING David Newman-White Demonstration NOTE Booking plus money for July Luncheon	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
June Thurs 26	Train & Ferry Art Trip All travel on the 0807 train from Mt Victoria or our respective equivalent stations Second carriage We will be at Central by 1030 change to Circular Quay and ferry to Manly	Manly Regional Gallery See page 2	NO
July Thurs 5th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 donation
July Thurs 19th	MONTHLY MEETING Jamison Award Conditions Page 2	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a Painting if you wish to be part of the Award	NO
July Thurs 26th	Mid-Year Buffet Luncheon Cost \$32 per person	Mountain Heritage Hotel Corner of Apex & Lovel Streets Katoomba	Yes Plus Money June Meeting
Aug	MONTHLY MEETING Leo Robba Demonstration	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Sept Mon 10- Fri 14	Railway Hotel Kandos	See Below	YES
Oct Sat 1st- Sun 9th	Spring Art Exhibition	Leura Fairways 19-21 Fitzroy St Leura	NO

SMA Annual Painting Holiday

Monday 10 Sept. until Friday 14 September 2012

Venue ; Railway Hotel **Kandos** [see www.railwayhotelkandos.com]

Room rates [including breakfast] 6 twin singles at \$95 per room
6 double rooms at \$85 per room

Please note there are at present no ensuite rooms ie shared facilities only
The hotel has recently been extensively renovated and offers a number of facilities
in the midst of country with a wealth of subject material
The area has mountain vistas, historic old buildings, rural vistas and is a short drive to Dunns Swamp.

Plein Air Painting Thursday May 18th

Many thanks to Margaret Latty hosting the April plein air at her Little Hartley farm. One of our most successful events for years.

I Hope every one will turn up again at 10 am Dry Ridge Winery Megalong Valley. There is plenty of under cover seating so weather will not be a consideration.

Bring your lunch maybe buy some wine to share.

Allow some time to explore the rain forest at Coachwood Glen on the way down into the valley. The cascades at the moment are wonderful.

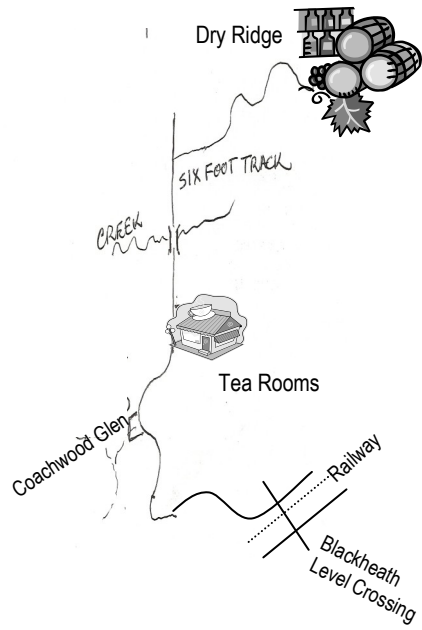
Turn left over the railway crossing at Blackheath then left and follow the signs to Magalong Valley

*9 Km to Tea Rooms
6 Km Tea Rooms to Six Foot Track*

15 km Blackheath to Six Foot Track which is on the left up the hill from the creek crossing

2 km Six Foot Track to Winery

There is a green sign up high at Six Foot Track detailing all the properties.



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