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President's Report

For those members who visited our Spring Exhibition I'm sure you were impressed with the standard of works. We were very lucky to have had wonderful weather for most of the week.

For those of our membership who worked on the Friday to setup the exhibition and catering, especially those spouses of members who also worked long hours to help, MANY THANKS. We also must again thank Margaret Latty who gives of her time and truck to help in a wonderful way.

We sold thirty-eight paintings, some of these were during the last weekend when the paintings done in the gardens were also shown. Many of these sold. It is to be noted that the last painting sold at 3.20pm. This emphasises that members are not to take down the exhibition until the time advertised in the rules.

Also only committee members are to remove the paintings as they know how to do it without damaging the screens and loosing the hanging hooks.

My congratulations to all those members who received awards. Unfortunately although the Judge, Joe Penn generously gave his time to come back on Saturday for the Opening, present the Awards and talk about the works in general. This cannot be said of the awardees.

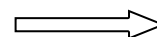
I know some were away, but as this is our major Exhibition during the year I personally thought it could have been attended by more members. I found it embarrassing to have to keep saying that a member was not available to receive their Award. Particularly when there was such a show of hands to continue having a judged exhibition. I have here the certificates for those missing on the day if you could come up and collect them later.

After I left the exhibition on Saturday I went to see Blackheath Art Society's opening, I could hardly get in the door. We are now discussing having your Official Opening and Award Presentation at 5pm on Friday evening to see if more members will come.

I am sure we were all impressed with how our new demonstration equipment worked during our talk on sketch books. The day seemed to be very popular and we may have a repeat next year.

Remember there is a list for members to put down their names for the Christmas Luncheon. It will be at Wentworth Falls Golf Club at a cost of \$27.50

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President's Report continued

There is also a list for those members interested in going to the Toulouse Lautrec Exhibition at the National Gallery in February. Half the cost will need to be paid in advance at the November monthly meeting.

At our November Plein-air painting day there will be several members who will explain how they go about plein-air painting to help newcomers to get started. We will meet as usual at 10am talk about our approach to a chosen subject and then members may wish to begin a painting. This is in response to some members who have asked us to do this. If there is a call for it we may repeat this at a different site next year.

There is a Paper at the Blue Mountains Library on the Future of Arts in the City, under the heading "Arts and Cultural Activities Policy". The time for submissions has been extended until 22nd October, or you can go online under Blue Mountains Have your Say Arts and Culture. Google it, I did. It would be good if members commented.

Happy Painting

Marie Morris



Christmas Luncheon ***Wentworth Falls Country Club*** ***Blaxland Road Wentworth Falls*** *12 noon for 12.30*



Traditional Buffet Menu

Ham, Pork, Turkey
Roasted Vegetables—
Potato, Pumpkin,
Sweet Potato & Parsnip
Green Vegetables.
Continental Cold Meat Platter
Salads Coleslaw, Potato & Garden

Desserts

Christmas Pudding
with Butterscotch sauce
Hot Apple Crumble
Cake Tray
Cream

Bread Roll,
Tea & Coffee & Bon Bon

Bookings & payment by November Monthly Meeting

Pay Pal will be Available

\$27.50 per person

Some Exhibitions of Interest

Hawkesbury Sketchbook - Greg Hansell FRAS
Sat 27 & Sun 28 Oct 10am—5pm

Studio Exhibition 31 George St Windsor
Sat 3 & Sun 4 Nov 10am—5pm

Portia Geach Memorial Award [portraiture by women artists] National Trust SH Ervin Gallery, Observatory Hill Sydney.
Open from Tuesdays to Sundays daily 11am to 5 pm, 25 September to 4 November.

Artisans in the Gardens, daily 10am-4pm Lion Gate Lodge, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney 27 October to 4 November




Sculpture by the Sea ;Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk ,over 100 new works. 18 October to 4 November

Art gallery of NSW, Domain Sydney .**Francis Bacon-Five Decades**; 17 November 2012 to 24 February 2013

Blue Mountains Cultural Centre Parke St Katoomba. **Picturing the Great Divide**; visions from Australia's Blue Mountains.
11 November to 3 February 2013

Sculptors Society have another exhibition started October 6 until 2 November at 2 locations, Australia Square 264 George St and MLC Centre, Castlereagh and George Sts.

Activities Diary

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	BOOKING
Oct Thurs 18th	MONTHLY MEETING Demonstrator Mel Jones -Pochoir	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura	NO
Oct Thurs 25th	Plein Air Painting	10am Pugh's Lagoon Richmond Map in September Newsletter	NO
Nov Thurs 1st	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 donation
Nov Thurs 15th	MONTHLY MEETING Christmas Afternoon Tea Demonstrator Lea-ann Jones Watercolour/Mixed Media	1.00 pm St Bonaventure's Church Hall, Cnr Railway Pde & Hartley Esp. Leura Bring a Small Plate to Share	NO
Nov Tues 20th	Paint Together No Oils	10am Leura Golf Club Yearly Social Membership to Club Required \$10 1st July to 30th June	NO
Nov Thurs 22nd	Plein Air Painting	10am Hartley Historic Village Outside the Court house	NO
Nov Thurs 29th	Christmas Dinner	Wentworth Falls Country (Golf) Club \$27.50 Menu Page 2	YES
Dec Sat 1st	Display and sell your art works Market Day	Frazer Memorial Hall behind the Presbyterian Church in Springwood Details Page 5	YES \$10 a Table
Dec 25th	Christmas Day		
Jan 2013 1st	New Years Day		
Jan 2013 Thurs 17th	 Annual Picnic Starting the New Year	11am Wilson Park, Falls Rd Wentworth Falls Behind Bowling Club	BYO Everything
Feb 2013 Tue 5-Wed 6	Toulouse Lautrec Exhibition Bookings still to be confirmed See Page 6	National Gallery Canberra Approx \$150 See Page 6	YES \$70 Dep Nov Meeting



Leanne Jones October Demonstration Watercolour / Mixed Media
Leanne is a watercolourist working on paper, YUPO paper and canvas. Also draws with Pen and Ink and Pen and Wash. Her subjects include landscapes, buildings, waterscapes and urban scenes in representational and impressionistic styles. Also paints 'en plein air' with group of local artists. Exhibits locally and regionally. She has won numerous awards for Watercolours. Is available for workshops and demonstrations. Teaches Watercolour and Drawing in her studio "Mellow Crest" located at 22 East Street, Kurrajong Heights NSW



Works held in private and public collections in Australia, UK and US.

Member of Macquarie Towns Art Society and the Hawkesbury Artists and Artisans Trail.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Rhys Jones of Hazelbrook
Coral Gilkeson of Hazelbrook



Spring Exhibition

An outstanding success from any point of view. Congratulations to all who exhibited and assisted to mount the exhibition. Many visitors commented that they thought that the standard was the best that we have presented.

The Judge Joe Penn FRAS made the following Awards and Comments

Small Paintings Section

- First** "Jamison Valley" By Helen Hudson. A Great Image of the Blue Mountains. Beautifully executed.
Second "Crab Apples" by Sylvia Beresford. What can I say, the apples are good enough to eat.
Highly Commended. "Evening Blue" by Marie Morris
Commended "Blue Mountains Tree Frog" by Jenny Ross Brown

Works on Paper Section

- First** "The Albert Bridge" by Dennis West Although this picture is not 100% correct, eg aerial perspective, it is a nice piece of work. I like the pastel strokes in the foreground as well as the looseness in the background.
Where you went a little wrong with perspective, you made up with magic.
Second "Grace" by Joy Dennis Nicely handled flowers, shows good drawing ability, also has nice tones which give depth.
Highly Commended "The Girl in the Blue Hat" by Jenny Ross Brown
Highly Commended "A natural Balance" by Joy Dennis
Commended "Flower Image" by Corinne Bray"
Commended "Forest Elder" by Maunie Kwok

Watercolour Section

- First** "Shadow Shadow" by Ruth Dengate What a lovely piece of work, nice composition with a very sensitive feeling, the medium expertly handled.
Second "QUINCES" by Esther Mc Farlane A nice powerful work with good basic drawing. If I had to pick on something, it would be the placement of the subject, too central. A bit of cropping does wonders sometimes.
Highly Commended "Rosa Rugosa" by Shirley Jones
Highly Commended "Orange Roses" by Marlene Short
Commended "Soft Roses" by Irene Jenkins
Commended "The Amazing Race" by Dixie Wilmott

Oil and Acrylic Section

- First** "Fantasia" by Anna Marshall A beautifully balanced picture with cheerful colours, great composition..
Second "Balranald Reflection" by Helen Hudson Nice composition, good brushwork
Highly Commended "Rylston Rocks" by Alfred Blakers
Highly Commended "Little Path" by Ruth Dengate
Commended "Clanwilliam Street Autumn" by Marilyn Ecob
Commended "Megalong Valley Blue Mountains" by Dorothy Cleverley

Contemporary Section

- First** "Access Prohibited" by John Marsh I always try and tell my students a beautiful painting is like a jigsaw puzzle, you put it together with shape, colour and form, This painting is living proof.
Second "And All That Jazz" by Anna Marshall A splash of colour & good composition, all that's missing is a glass of red

Peoples Choice Award

An amazing painting called "An Amazing Race" by Dixie Wilmott

Painting in the Leura Festival Gardens

A great response from our members who made use of the good weather and magnificent gardens.

Judged by John Caldwell and opened by Ray Wyles (Festival Chair)

The Official opening was a fun affair with most Garden owners, Festival committee and some SMA members attending.

Awards went to

- First** Peter Ayres
Second Ann Warnes
Third Dennis West



DISPLAY AND SELL

Here is a chance to display and sell your art works

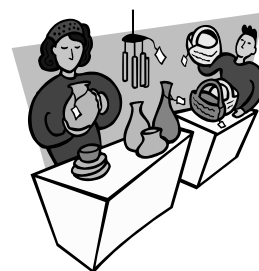
The Society has booked for a display and sell market

on Saturday 1st December

10am to 4 pm

Organised at the Frazer Memorial Hall

behind the Presbyterian Church in Springwood.



Members to manage and market their own work.

Table for hire \$10

NO Commission payable.

Set up a table and to display of your work.

Paintings *****Cards *****Etc

Pay \$10 and book a space at the October or November Meetings.

Take the opportunity to paint or draw for visitors to see how its done while selling your work

En Plein Air Painting



Thursday October 25th

Pughs Lagoon Richmond

Water views - Trees - Birds - Historic Buildings

Hope you kept the map in September's Newsletter

Have you thought you might like to try plein-air painting but not sure how to go about it.

At The painting day at Hartley Historic Village experienced members have offered to show how they go about it.

Tips on structure - Different media - What to avoid -Etc..

Nov Thurs 22nd Hartley Historic Village Outside the Court house

10am to 12 noon demonstration and instruction

Short break to have lunch (which you will have brought with you)

Then have a go till 4pm.

Bring some art materials and some lunch



LIBRARY

New Items for the Library

Watercolour Bold and Free - Lawrence Goldsmith

The Watercolour Painting Book -Wendon Blake

Flower Painting in Watercolour - Charles Reid

NOTE There will be NO Library borrowing at the November Meeting.

There will be RETURNS only

We find it is over the Christmas break that members forget that they have items to return in the New Year



We are hoping to get the community bus to go down to Canberra on Tuesday 5 Feb 2013 and come back on Wednesday 6 Feb but can't book it yet so no idea of exact cost.
Probably around \$25-to \$30 per person for the bus.

The Forrest hotel and apartments have a Package @\$120 per person twin share standard room including exhibition tickets, hot buffet breakfast and complimentary bottle of wine [per room].

Exhibition called Toulouse –Lautrec; Paris and the Moulin Rouge starts December 14 til 2 April 2013.

Maximum of 19 people so first come first served,

Must pay deposit of \$70 by November meeting **non refundable**. List will be out at October meeting.

As the society must pay deposits on bookings we cannot meet the costs when members change their mind

Pay Pal will be available for payments at the meetings

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