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Management Report

In lieu of the continuing vacancy in the position of President of the Society, the Management Committee will, in the interim, share the chair of the regular monthly meetings and prepare this note for the newsletter to keep members abreast of current and future plans. For better or worse this month of June it is my turn !!

Marie Morris has secured a booking for an exhibition at the NPWS Heritage Centre in Blackheath for December next year (2014), NOTE this is in lieu of the Great Train weekend at Mt Victoria which is not being held this year. Marie is also planning to have a solo exhibition at the Heritage Centre in August.

To address a concern by the Leura Gardens Festival committee this years exhibition of garden paintings will be opened exclusively to garden owners prior to the formal opening so that anyone wishing to purchase pictures of their own gardens may do so. There was some debate as to whether the Society should continue to accept financial support from the Festival [for judges fees and cash prizes] or donate the monies to the charity objectives of the Festival. Members views will be canvassed at the June meeting of the Society so please give the matter some serious thought beforehand.

The website committee has reconvened under Heather Skarratt so please let her or members of the committee [John Finnerty; Marg Beal; Robyn Berglund; Fred Blakers] know of any issues/suggestions/comments.

We are fortunate to have David Newman White attending our June meeting to give a critique of members work. I am sure this will be a constructive, informative and worthwhile process so don't be shy and bring a painting along for David to see.

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Some reminders and diary additions;

Mid year luncheon at WF Golf club 25 July .Payment of \$32 per head due on or by June meeting if possible.

Canberra trip to Turner exhibition [see notice inside] \$40 per head to cover costs [bus ,driver accom,fuel] due by or at July meeting.

Workshop at WF golf club 3 August \$30 per person payment due at or by July meeting.

Painting holiday Sept 9 -13th at Lower Portland on the Hawkesbury being organised now –watch this space!!

I am sure all members will join with me in wishing Fred Blakers a full and speedy recovery from his operation - we look forward to having you back Fred.

Peter.A.Ayres

LEARNING WORKSHOP

Wentworth Falls Country Club

Saturday 3rd August

10am till 4pm

Assistance will be given in all Media except oils

Bring a painting that you are working on
Or bring a subject that you would like to start
Bring your own materials

Charge \$30 full payment when booking Maximum 16 artists

Bookings will not be refundable. If unable to come it will be your responsibility to find a replacement

Bookings at the Monthly Meetings

Website News

The website Sub-committee has started work on updating and refining our Site. We hope to make it more dynamic and user friendly.

A major change will be the Gallery. In future members will be able to display their work with an Artist's Statement/Biography for an initial fee of \$20. There will be no annual additional charge.

If a member wishes to sell through the site contact will be made directly to the artist. Members will have the option of displaying contact details or not.

If a members wishes to only display their work and an inquiry is made it will be forwarded as it is Society Policy that we do not give out members details directly unless given permission by the member.

We hope this will encourage more members to participate in the Gallery

Jamison Award

Each year we hold the Award which is acquisitive judged by peer acclaim. The painting then becomes the Raffle Prize for the Spring Exhibition
If you wish to take part bring a painting to the July meeting.
Members vote on which they think is the most suitable.
The Society will reimburse or pay for the cost of framing.

**The painting may be any medium
Must be the original work of the artist.
Not a copy or done as part of a workshop**

New Library Books

Ron Lang's "Sea & Sky in Oils"
"Painting with Pastels" - Maggie Price
"Creative and Abstract Painting Techniques"
- Brian Ryder
"Vibrant Watercolours" - Shirley Trevena
Jean Haines "Atmospheric Watercolours"

Turner exhibition at the National Gallery Canberra.

The Society have organised to visit Canberra, primarily to see the above.

The bus, driver and hotel have all been booked and it is proposed that we depart from Springwood station at 8am on Tuesday 13 August. The bus will bring everyone back to Springwood on Wednesday 14 August between 5 and 6pm. There will be a per head charge of \$40 to cover fuel, driver accommodation and bus hire, in addition to your personal Accommodation costs. These are: twin singles \$125 per person per night; double \$250; single occupancy \$200. Prices include tickets to exhibition, full hot buffet breakfast and complimentary bottle of wine per room.

At this stage it appears that the bus is fully booked but if you are likely to be interested in a cancellation please let Peter Ayres know [47 58 9005] or ayres42@bigpond.com. I will be in touch with everyone re final arrangements well before the planned trip.

Exhibitions which may be of interest?

Shipleigh Gallery, Blackheath 'June 2013 Art Show'. Open 10am to 4pm Saturdays and Sundays only .

Katoomba, Blue Mountains Cultural Centre; 'Art Express' until 23 June

National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. 'Monet's Garden', masterpieces from Musee Marmottan Monet, Paris. Finishes 8 September.

Canberra, National Gallery of Australia, 'Turner from the Tate-the making of a master'. June 1 to 8 September

Newcastle Regional Gallery, 'Illumination - the art of Philip Wolfhagen', 22 June until 11 August. [note scheduled to come to Sydney later next year?]

Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney. 'Lloyd Rees-paintings, drawings and prints' open until 7 July Followed by; 'Sydney Moderns-art for a new world 1914-1941'. Opens 6 July until October 7

ACTIVITIES DIARY

DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE / CONTACT	BOOKINGS
JUNE THURS 20 TH	MONTHLY MEETING DAVID NEWMAN-WHITE CRITIQUE SESSION	1.00 PM ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH HALL, CNR RAILWAY PDE & HARTLEY ESP. LEURA <i>BRING A PAINTING</i>	
JUNE THURS 27 TH	PLEIN AIR PAINTING SYDNEY UNIVERSITY AND VICTORIA PARK	TRAIN 8.08 FROM MT VICTORIA SECOND CARRIAGE BUS FROM RAILWAY SQUARE	
JULY THURS 4 TH	PAINT TOGETHER & MORNING CUPPA	10AM ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL FALLS RD WENTWORTH FALLS	\$5 COST
JULY THURS 18 TH	MONTHLY MEETING DENNIS WEST DEMONSTRATION VOTING FOR THE JAMISON AWARD SEE PAGE 2	BRING A PAINTING JAMISON ACQUISITION AWARD BY PEER VOTING PAINTING BECOMES RAFFLE PRIZE SPRING EXHIBITION	
JULY THURS 25 TH	MID-YEAR LUNCHEON	WENTWORTH FALLS COUNTRY CLUB \$32 PER HEAD BUFFET DETAILS AT MEETING	YES
AUG THURS 1 ST	PAINT TOGETHER & MORNING CUPPA	10AM ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL FALLS RD WENTWORTH FALLS	\$5 COST
AUG SAT 3 RD	LEARNING WORKSHOP HELP WITH ALL MEDIA EXCEPT OILS	WENTWORTH FALLS COUNTRY CLUB 10 TIL 4PM SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS	YES
AUG 13 TH -14 TH	NATIONAL GALLERY TURNER EXHIBITION	BUS WILL PICKUP AT SPRINGWOOD RAILWAY STATION	YES
AUG THURS 15 TH	MONTHLY MEETING JULIE SIMMONS DEMONSTRATION	1.00 PM ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH HALL, CNR RAILWAY PDE & HARTLEY ESP. LEURA	NO
SEP THURS 19 TH	MONTHLY MEETING JODY GRAHAM DEMONSTRATION	1.00 PM ST BONAVENTURE'S CHURCH HALL, CNR RAILWAY PDE & HARTLEY ESP. LEURA	NO
SEPT 9 TH -13 TH	ANNUAL HOLIDAY	TBA	
OCT 4 TH —13 TH	SPRING EXHIBITION AND LEURA GARDEN FESTIVAL PLEIN-AIR	LEURA FAIRWAYS AND GARDENS	
NOV	ACTIVITIES + CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON	TBA	

Interesting Opportunity

Barbara Kelly has recently returned to Norfolk Island to live and is organising "En Plein Air" painting trips with some well known artists, to the stunning island. For more details of how to join Susan Farrell's group Oct 14 to 21st, call 1800 1400 66 or email maria@travelcentre.nlk.nf

I am also looking for artists who might want to lead future groups, all expenses paid. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact me on: barbarajoykelly@gmail.com

Annual SMA Painting Holiday 9-13 September 2013

Ferndale Conference Centre, River Road Lower Portland on the Hawkesbury River [see www.fernconf.com.au]

2 bedroom cabin, 2 people sharing \$390 per person.

2 bedroom cabin, 3 people sharing \$340 per person.

1 bedroom single occupancy \$500 per person

All cabins have reverse cycle a/con, ensuite bathroom, small refrigerator. Coffee, tea and milk supplied. The rooms also have ceiling fans and an electric convection heater (if the a/con is too noisy)

Prices are for the 4 nights stay, and include continental breakfast [hot breakfast \$5 extra], lunch, and dinner..

Booking sheet available at June meeting or by contacting Peter Ayres

[ayres42@bigpond.com or 47 58 9005]

Society members who have visited noted the following:

- There is a hall/convention room available to guests, that would serve our requirements well. The hall has a small kitchen included.
- The dining room is in the main house (late 19th century with lead glass features)
- There is a swimming pool, and a games room (table tennis and pool)
- The only television on the site is in the hall
- There are only a very few locations on site with any mobile phone access. All cabins have a landline phone.
- All cabins are at the top of the site and have great river and bush views.
- Getting to Ferndale is via the narrow and twisty River Road. With everything being supplied it would be no hardship to not go out of the gate for the whole of the stay.
- Speaking to a group of scrapbookers there for the weekend we found that there were many repeat group bookings – some for over 10 years.

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