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## Presidents Message

Slowly recovering from my trip and very gratifying to read via minutes of the Management and Exhibition committees how busy everyone has been getting the organisation of the forthcoming Spring exhibition and Leura gardens shows finalised and I hope that members will support both events. Special thanks to Fred who took on the Presidents role in addition to many other tasks at a time when many of us were away.

A timely reminder that the Society can offset some of the not inconsiderable costs associated with exhibitions by getting sponsorship donations from friendly trades people and businesses. My own experience is that most are more than willing to help with a \$25 donation but you need to ask !

Our demonstrator for September is Ray Harrington who always produces an informative and interesting session for us and in October, Ruth Dengate has kindly agreed to provide a demonstration of her own very distinctive work. Our plein-air excursions also restart this month which hopefully will see some warmer and sunnier conditions so maybe many of you who have not participated in the past will give it a go The Activities Diary has full details of upcoming venues and dates.

Hopefully everyone has got their entries for the Spring Exhibition completed in accordance with the entry conditions and categories and volunteered to help out where possible. The combined exhibitions represent a major commitment by the Society extending as they do for an entire week.

Sincere thanks to Marg Beale and Heather Skarratt for producing some very professional looking flyers and invitations for the exhibitions and the members who have so ably set up video equipment for the demonstrations. .

Here's to a very successful future for the Society which continues to go from strength to strength-thank you to all who have made that possible.

Enjoy your painting

*Peter Ayres*

## **Exhibition Calendar-September onwards 2014**

**Art Gallery of NSW** ; 2014 Archibald, Wynne and Sulman prizes until 28 September.  
European Prints and Drawings 1500-1900 on until 2 November

**S H Ervin Gallery** ,Observatory Hill; ‘Five Decades at Watters Gallery’ features artists who have exhibited in the gallery. Starts 18 September to 2 November.

**Gallery Blackheath**, Govetts Leap Rd; Spring Exhibition-various artists until 2 November

**Museum of Contemporary Art**; Primavera 2014 Young Australian Artists starts 23 September.

**Royal Art Society** Lavender Bay Gallery; Annual Spring Exhibition. Until 5 October.

**Penrith Regional Gallery** Emu Plains; ‘River to River: Woven Landscapes’ until [16 November](#)

**BM Cultural Centre** Katoomba; ‘West of the Divide’, Brett Whitely paintings drawings and sculpture. Starts 26 September until 30 November

**National Gallery** Canberra; Arthur Boyd, Agony and Ecstasy from 5 October

**John Wilson Gallery** 46 Narrow Neck Rd Katoomba. Exhibition and Book Launch “ The Journey Continues” Sat 20th Sept until Sat 11th Oct. 10am –4.30 Thurs –Sunday Book Launch 1pm on 20th

### **September Monthly Meeting Demonstration— Ray Harrington FRAS**



Starting working life as a Typographical designer in London, Ray frequented both the Tate and National Galleries where he was particularly influenced by the works of J. M. W. Turner and the French Impressionists.

He migrated to Australia in 1958 and worked in Advertising as an Art Director, eventually turning freelance and running his own Graphic Art Studio. He always dabbled in painting as well as photography, ceramics, etching and book design. When finding himself in a position to retire from the commercial scene he turned to his love of Fine Art as an outlet for his creativity. Over the last decade he has developed his own style of impressionism in oils with emphasis on light and colour. His first love is the natural landscape but paints anything he finds visually exciting. Ray is a member of the Royal Art Society of NSW and was elevated to a Fellow. He is also a member of the Society of Mountain Artists and Blackheath Art Society.

Ray received an invitation from the Australian Artist magazine to submit feature articles in 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2004 they also featured him in Master Painters of Australia in 1999. Ray has exhibited as a finalist in the Wynne and the Mosman Art Prize, has received several awards from International Artist magazine 2003 and 2004. His works are exhibited in various galleries around the mountains and feature in several corporate and many private collections around Australia and overseas. Ray shares his love of paint and painting with aspiring local artists from his studio at Mt.Irvine and runs occasional workshops.



# Activities Diary

<b>Sep</b> Thurs 18th	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> Ray Harrington Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO
<b>Sep</b> Thurs 25th	Plein Air Painting	Everglades Gardens Leura No Entry fee Please wear your name tag	No
<b>Oct</b> Thurs 2nd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
<b>Oct</b> Fri 3rd	Deliver Paintings 9am-10am Official Opening Spring Exhibition 4.30 pm	<b>Leura Fairways</b> <b>Fitzroy Street</b>	
<b>Oct Sat 4th</b> - Sun 12th	<b>Spring Exhibition</b> <b>And Leura Garden Festival Plein-air</b>	Leura Fairways Exhibition and Open Gardens Plein-air Painting	NO
<b>Oct</b> Fri 10th	Official Opening Leura Gardens Plein-air Exhibition 4.30 pm	<b>Leura Fairways</b> <b>Fitzroy Street</b>	
<b>Oct</b> Thurs 16th	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> Ruth Dengate Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy	NO
<b>Oct</b> Tues 21st	Paint Together No Oils	10am <b>Wentworth Falls Country Club</b> Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
<b>Oct</b> Thurs 23rd	Plein Air Painting	10am <b>Merry Garth (Show Garden)</b> <b>Mount Wilson</b>	No
<b>NOV</b> Tues 4th	<b>Melbourne Cup Lunch</b> 	1pm Ann Warnes' Home 26 Lawson View Pde Wentworth Falls	
<b>NOV</b> Thurs 6th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
<b>NOV</b> Tues 18th	Paint Together No Oils	10am <b>Wentworth Falls Country Club</b> Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
<b>NOV</b> Thurs 20th	<b>Christmas Meeting</b> <b>Members Choice</b> Bring a Painting and a small Plate to share	<b>Katoomba Old Library</b> <b>City Centre</b> <b>Katoomba Street</b>	
<b>NOV</b> Thurs 27th	<b>Christmas Luncheon</b> 	<b>Wentworth Falls Country Club</b>  <b>Details to come later</b>	YES Payment at October Monthly Meeting
<b>JAN 2015</b> Thurs 15th	<b>Start of Year Picnic</b>	Wentworth Falls Park Behind Bowling Club BYO Everything	
A forward note St Albans Hall in Leura has been booked for the Easter Exhibition 14th—18th of April 2015			

Management Committee Meeting 29th Sept 1pm / Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 29th Sept 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

Web Sub-committee Meeting Fri 26th Sept 10.30 Heather Skarratt's home

## *Apologises*

*There was a mistake on the Conditions for the Spring Exhibition*

*The larger Painting size should be 384cm (150") not 130"*

Please adjust your Condition Page

## *SPRING EXHIBITION*

NOTE Please read and change Conditions for the **Spring Exhibition**  
as there is a change to Painting Size **One at 384 cm (150")**

**David Newman-White has agreed to be the Judge**

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## *Leura Garden Festival Plein-air Painting*

Details and Entry Forms will be available at September Monthly Meeting or contact Fred Blakers

Entry Forms will be printed on coloured paper to avoid confusion with the Spring Entry Forms

**Judge for the Garden Plein-air will be Colin Judge**

**Exciting News the new managers at Fairways have agreed  
to allow the use of the Dining Room for both Official Openings**

Volunteers still required to help collect Screens from storage at 8am Leura Fairways  
And Return at close of Exhibition



Volunteers to provide Food for both Official openings

Volunteers to approach local business for sponsorship

## **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

1pm Ann Warnes' Home  
26 Lawson View Pde Wentworth Falls

Bring a SMALL plate of food to share.  
Prize for best painting of Theme "Heads or Tails"  
Prizes for best Fancy Hat



Cup Sweeps



[www.mountainartists.org](http://www.mountainartists.org)

The website Sub-committee has recently updated the site and made it more user friendly. One development is that the layout of the site is now compatible with Smart Phones. This is important for visitors to the Mountains wishing to find Art Societies and exhibitions in the local area.

We are also adding information to the Gallery so it will assist with searching for art topics covered by our artists.

We welcome members to join the gallery as a way of displaying their art abilities.

If you require help with photographing you paintings please contact us. I will be available to photograph entries in the Spring Exhibition and will also be featuring Award winners from the exhibition.

### **Go on line check it out for yourself**

#### October Monthly Meeting Demonstration—Ruth Dengate

Ruth became an exhibiting member of the Royal Art Society in the early 1980s. Her teachers in watercolour and oils were Garrett Kingsley and Ron Stannard.

Ruth held her first exhibition at Windsor, New South Wales in 1983, and also exhibited with other female artists in an exhibition entitled 'Women in the Hawkesbury'. In 1994 she had an exhibition of Mixed Media, watercolours and oils at the Braemar Gallery in Springwood.

Ruth joined the Society of Mountain Artists in 2001, and has since won many awards for her still life paintings in watercolour, oils and pastels. She has won 'Best in Show' for a watercolour judged by John Wilson, also a First Prize in oils and Second Prize in watercolour judged by Warwick Fuller.

Ruth lives in Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains.



The Society's Spring Exhibition plus Leura Gardens Plein-air is the longest exhibition of any Art Society exhibitions in the Blue Mountains. It requires the full support from all members both during the Exhibition and for the two Official Openings. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend both occasions.

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