



# Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

Featuring the works of Artists from the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, Australia

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## President's Message

Here's hoping everyone had a happy and peaceful Christmas break and that 2015 is a very healthy and fulfilling year for you all.

With a New Year we start off with the annual picnic at Wilson Pk Wentworth Falls [next to bowling club in Falls Road] and a week later the life drawing workshop at Mont Victoria with David Newman White.

Our formal year starts with the February meeting at the School of Arts which our treasurer has managed to secure for our meetings throughout the year. Julie Simmons of Castlereagh has kindly agreed to provide the demonstration which I anticipate will be in watercolour, a medium in which she is particularly accomplished.

That leads on to our March meeting which will be centred around the AGM where you the members elect the officers of the Society for the following year. It is also a time when you may nominate yourself or others [with their approval] for the Management Committee positions and the exhibition and website sub committees.

As usual there are lots of opportunities for anyone to assist in other ways like publicity, library, catering, holidays and outings or simply with YOUR ideas about what you want from the Society?

As always I have found the term as President of the Society generally enjoyable and rewarding and am indebted for the help of and support of many of you without whom the Society would not be the friendly and cooperative organisation it is well known for. Thank you everyone and lets have a great 2015 !!

*Peter Ayres*

**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM 2015**

I (we) wish to nominate for the position of:

President .....

Vice President .....

Secretary .....

Treasurer .....

Committee Member ( 5 positions ) .....

In the Society for the year 2015.

Proposer .....

Seconder .....

I accept my nomination (s)

Signed .....

Nominations must reach the Society by  
**Friday 13th March, 2015**  
 Send to:  
**Nomination of Committee Members**  
**The Secretary, Society of Mountain**  
**Artists Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 76 Wentworth Falls, NSW**  
**2782**

**Please return the form below with your Renewal payment.**  
**It helps keep our Membership Records Up to Date**



**SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.**  
**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL FORM - DUE JANUARY 2015**

Name(s): .....(Please Print)

Please find enclosed Cheque / Cash / Postal Order / Direct Debit Transfer Code

**DIRECT DEBIT: SMA BSB: 633108      A/C No.: 149824328**  
**Your Reference: ..... (SMA1+your initials +surname. ie SMA1jfcitizen for John F Citizen)**

Single Membership - \$40 ☐ or  
 Family Membership - \$70 ☐ two family members at the same address  
 Website Gallery Joining Fee - \$20 ☐  
 Website Gallery Annual Renewal Fee - \$10 ☐

**Total = \$** .....

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**FORM**

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**For renewal of my**  
**membership in the Society**  
**for the year 20 15**




**PO Box 76, Wentworth Falls, NSW, 2782**

ABN Number

**HOBBYIST      YES      NO**

Please Tick    ✓    ☐    ☐

# Activities Diary

<b>JAN 2015</b> Thurs 15th	<b>Start of Year Picnic</b>	 Wentworth Falls Park Behind Bowling Club BYO Everything	
<b>Jan</b> Tues 20th	<b>Paint Together</b> No Oils	10am <b>Wentworth Falls Country Club</b> Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Mem- ber ship
<b>JAN</b> Wed 21st	<b>Life Drawing Day</b> David Newman-White	<b>Blue Mountains Manor House Montgomery St</b> <b>Mount Victoria</b>	Bookings
<b>FEB</b> Thurs 5th	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
<b>FEB</b> Tues 17th	<b>Paint Together</b> No Oils	10am <b>Wentworth Falls Country Club</b> Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Mem- ber ship
<b>FEB</b> Thurs 19th	<b>MONTHLY MEETING</b> <i>Followed by Special General Meeting</i> Julie Simmons Demonstration	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
<b>FEB</b> Thurs 26th	<b>Plein Air Painting</b>	<b>10 am Everglades Garden Leura</b> Coffee Shop available for coffee and lunch Members' Free Entry Wear Badge	NO
<b>Mar</b> Thurs 5th	<b>Paint Together &amp; Morning Cuppa</b>	10am <b>St. Andrews</b> Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
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<b>Mar</b> Thurs 19th	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>ELECTION OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b> <i>Members Choice Bring a Painting</i> <i>Website Presentation See Details Page 4.</i>	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
<b>Mar</b> Mon 23rd to Fri 27th	<b>Autumn Holiday</b>	<b>Shalom House Carcoar</b> Bookings at Monthly Meetings	Irene Miller
<b>Mar</b> Thurs 26th	<b>Plein Air Painting</b>	<b>Glenroy Crossing</b> bring lunch	\$5 Entry
<b>Apr</b> 14th—18th	 <b>Easter Exhibition</b> 	<b>St Albans Hall in Leura</b> Entry Form in February Newsletter	

Management Committee Meeting 2nd Feb 2015 1pm  
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 2nd Feb 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

**NOTICE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
under Clause 26 of the Rules of the Society of Mountain Artists Inc.  
To be held on February 19th 2015  
At 1.00 pm Wentworth Falls  
School of Arts**

**Change to Rules of the Society as detailed on page 6**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR***

The Society starts the New Year with the ANNUAL: PICNIC    Pack a picnic lunch & maybe a chair or two

**Thursday 15th January  
11am Wilson Park, Falls Rd  
Wentworth Falls  
*New Members and Friends all welcome*  
Behind Bowling Club**

**NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Mountain Artists Inc. will be held at 1.00 pm on Thursday 19th March 2015 at **Wentworth Falls School of Arts Great Western Hwy Wentworth Falls**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Adoption of the Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20th March 2014
- 2 To receive and accept Annual Financial Report (year ending 31st December 2014)
- 3 To receive and accept President's Annual Report
- 4 Election of Management Committee
- 5 Appointment of Auditor and determination of remuneration
- 6 Motions, notice of which must be received by the Secretary in writing **fourteen days** prior to the meeting

The Society's Constitution provides for the yearly election for a Management Committee of nine members.

The Committee consists of executive positions of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and five (5) ordinary members.

**REMEMBER YOU MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER TO STAND, VOTE OR NOMINATE FOR ELECTION  
OR EXPRESS AN INTEREST TO ANY COMMITTEES OR RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER  
RENEWAL FORMS PAGE 2 OR DOWNLOAD FROM WEBSITE**

### **LIFE DRAWING**

David White to demonstrate with a model at

**Blue Mountains Manor House Montgomery St Mount Victoria**

Wed 21st January from 10.00am to 3.00pm

We can stay a bit later if we wish without model.

No meals will be provided but tea etc will be.

Cost for artists \$50 each

Torn left at the Mount Victoria Station in Station St into Montgomery St



### **Members wishing to join the Web Gallery HELP IS AVAILABLE**

Bring along some artworks to the March AGM Meeting  
and we will try to photograph them for you

There have been some reorganising done to make the Website more relative to members

*A short presentation will be done at the AGM Meeting*

Checkout the new changes to the website **www.mountainartists.org**

### *Autumn Exhibition Raffle*

#### **Forward Notice**

To have a painting as the **Raffle Prize for the Autumn Exhibition**  
there will be a **Members' Choice at the AGM.**

If you wish to be considered bring a painting for members to choose a winner.  
Artist of the selected acquisitive work will win \$100

This is in addition to the offer to photograph paintings for the Web Site Gallery as noted above.

A number of Members have indicated that they are interested in  
an Autumn Painting Holiday to Carcoar at **Shalom House as before**

**March Mon 23rd to Fri 27th**

**Bookings required by February Meeting Contact Irene Miller**

### ***UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVITY!***

IRENE MILLER is planning to hold small Watercolour Classes in her home/studio in Blackheath, starting January/February. She has been teaching Watercolour since arriving in Australia in 1997 for Woollahra Council – with great results!

Beginners and intermediate students are welcome. We will explore subjects such as landscapes, portraits, still life, and the "Turner Technique". Individual ideas for subject matter are encouraged – feel free to be creative!

For more information contact Irene on 4787 7831 / [i\\_miller@tpg.com.au](mailto:i_miller@tpg.com.au)

I had an interesting phone call the other day from Keith Sherlock

Longer standing members will recall Keith who became President during our inaugural year 1986 and again in 1990.

On the 3rd February Keith turns 99. *Happy Birthday Keith and Many More*

**PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION AT SPECIAL MEETING  
ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**Proposed that**

**Nomination for Membership of the Society Clause 4 of the Society of Mountain Artists Inc. be renamed as *Application for Membership* and no longer require *Proposal and Seconding by a Society Member*. Also payment may be made by *Direct Bank Debit*.**

**Proposed Alfred Blakers Seconded Peter Ayres**

**4. Nomination for membership (Current)**

- (1.) A nomination of a person for membership must be made in writing by a member in the form as set out in appendix 1 and must be lodged with the secretary.
- (2.) The secretary must refer the nomination to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the nomination.
- (3.) The secretary must notify the nominee of the committee's decision and if approved request the nominee to pay within 28 days the sum payable by a member under these rules as annual subscription.
- (4.) The secretary must, on payment of the amount referred to, enter the nominee's name in the register of members and, on the name being so entered, the nominee becomes a member of the Association.

**4. Application for membership (Proposed)**

- (1.) *A application of a person for membership must be made in writing in the form as set out in appendix 1 and must be lodged with the secretary.*
- (2.) *The secretary must refer the application to the committee which is to determine whether to approve or to reject the application.*
- (3.) *The secretary must notify the applicant of the committee's decision and if approved request the applicant to pay within 28 days the sum payable by a member under these rules as annual subscription.*
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Appendix 1 Nomination for Membership Clause 4 (1)

PROPOSED (Society Member)..... SECONDED (Society Member).....

Appendix 1 be renamed *Application for Membership Clause 4 (1)*

***PROPOSED (Society Member)..... SECONDED (Society Member)..... Be Deleted***

***Direct Debit to be added to Application for Membership***

***DIRECT DEBIT: SMA BSB: 633108      A/C No.: 149824328***

***Your Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ (SMAI+your initials +surname. ie SMAIjfcitizen for John F Citizen)***

## *JULIE SIMMONS February Demonstrator*

Born in western Sydney, Julie's early interest in art was fostered by her mother. She was constantly drawing on anything and everything with charcoal, pencil and cheap poster paint. Her first painting was exhibited when she was twelve, a pastel landscape, in a local western suburbs shopping centre show.

Her love of the visual arts was further encouraged in secondary school and every year she would attend the open day at East Sydney tech, the mecca for aspiring would be artists. Julie had to get a real job in an art studio in Sydney where she was taught all the basics of good drawing and the application of fresh and free washes. After leaving she continued to freelance for a number of years whilst raising her family. During this period she became enamoured with pottery and completed two diplomas at Penrith Tafe. Julie continued on this path for the next sixteen years, working from her studio at Castlereagh and building and firing a wood fired kiln.

Julie paints in oils, pastels and mixed media but it is the medium of watercolour that excites her the most. She also paints plein air on a weekly basis as well as on numerous week long painting trips each year. This painting outdoors is a crucial aspect of her work as it makes her concentrate on shape and tone and consequently the subject is simplified with detail being kept to a minimum.

Julie is an associate member of the Royal Art Society. Her paintings can be viewed at Purple Noon Gallery, Freemans Reach [www.purplenoongallery.com.au](http://www.purplenoongallery.com.au). Breathing Colours Gallery, Balmain <http://>



SMA Christmas Pics by Patricia Carruthers

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