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President's Message

I have had a couple of meetings with Brooke Broughton of the Leura Gardens Festival Committee to appraise him of the SMA involvement in the Painting in the Gardens. They are keen to continue this long association with the Society and this year there will be thirteen gardens open including some new ones and others reopening this year. For those members who have not participated before which we run in conjunction with the Spring exhibition why not have a go this year?

Many of you will remember Beth Burgess who was a foundation member of the society and retired to the southern highlands. We have learnt that Beths' eyesight is failing and she has moved into aged care at Camden close to her daughter. The SMA have sent best wishes to Beth and the website is going to feature a painting by Beth which she gifted to the Society.

We have arranged to hire St Andrews church hall at W Falls for a whole day [Saturday] in September to give prospective new members an introduction to the Society and a paint together. Please let anyone you know who cannot attend our meetings and if it is successful we will endeavour to repeat at intervals in the future.

Once our plein air at Hartley Vale /Comet inn area is over we will switch to a winter [programme of Gallery /city visits and perhaps some sketching too. Watch the diary for details.

This months demonstrator is Dennis West who in contrast to the Joe Cartwright presentation will focus on pen/ink and watercolour and show what a versatile medium can be .In June we welcome back Ray Harrington working in oils –not to be missed.

Don't forget to make a start on work for the Spring exhibition especially the 9 x 5 inch section which will have to be submitted early for framing

Get those brushes out , no excuse now its getting colder outside

Peter Ayres

Exhibition Calendar

Manly Art Gallery; 'Out of Quarantine' ,paintings prints and ceramics until 19 June 'Map space' Co

BM Cultural Centre Katoomba. Robert Malherbe ;'Resist the spirit of the times until 5 June.

Lost Bear Gallery ,Lurline st Katoomba. "Drop Bear Gorgeous' Ian Swift paintings until 23 May

Royal Art Society Lavender Bay Gallery. 'Depth of Field', traditional and contemporary landscape. Until 29 May;

Wentworth Gallery, Wentworth Hotel Phillip St ; Recent Venice paintings by Ken White until 5 June.

AGNSW,Sydney.; Tang Treasures from the Silk Road capital until July 10, 20TH Bicentennial of Sydney until June 5

.SH Ervin gallery Observatory Hill; 'Genius of a Painter' Guy Warren at 95 until 29 May

Revealed ;the Gallery collection in conservation action.; starts 7 June until 24 June

Penrith Regional Gallery; 'Punuku Tjukurpa' Artwork from Maruku Arts Coop , Mutijulu until 22 May

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery Windsor; 'Wait , Weep and be Worthy' ;Women ,the home front and War ' until 22 May

Orange Regional Gallery'Best in Show' Dogs in Australian Art Until 3 July

Cowra Regional Gallery; 2016 Calleen Regional Art Award until 19 June

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From the Archives

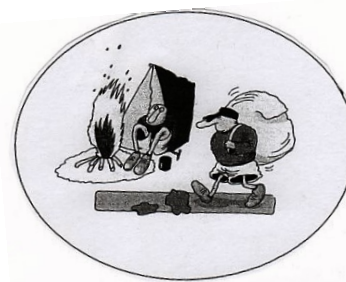
Recently found this rather interesting report on a Society BUS TRIP to CARCOAR written by Shirley Hickey.
(Alas Shirley, Bill and Peter are no longer with us, but I know lots of our members remember them fondly.)
Compiled by Bev Leiter, Editor in the March 2008 Newsletter.

September 1992 Newsletter

"CARCOAR CARRY ON"

Shirley reports,

"despite the changeable weather, twenty enthusiastic artists who travelled to Carcoar for two days managed to produce some creditable works of art while there."



AND at the end of the painting day

"....our co-operative, capable and keen coach captain happily drove us to Blayney to spend the night in a motel, complete with electric blankets."

AND

"Five more hardy members, who went under their own steam and camped out in cold, cold Carcoar"

AND

" Our campers had arrived the previous day and the weather was not at all welcoming, so President Bill and his pal Peter, our Publicity officer and Minutes Secretary, tried some socialising in the local hotel to pass the time.

Thoughts of a night in their little tent planted on sodden ground brought them cold comfort it seems, so the publican was approached re beds for the night. They were rather taken back when told that the pub was full. Having accepted that, they later collected their courage asked about the chances of an evening meal, and were staggered when told "Nope we don't serve meals to strangers", so they cooked their own steak and crept into their sleeping bags, boots 'n all apparently!

Activities Diary

Management Committee Meeting 7th June 2016 1pm
Exhibition Sub-committee Meeting 7th June 10am Wentworth Falls Country Club

May Thur 19th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Dennis West	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
May Thur 26th	Plein Air Painting (2)	Hartley Vale Comet Inn area	No
June Thurs 2nd	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
June Tues 14th	Plein Air Painting (1) Trains See Below	Old Government House Parramatta Park Historic buildings, river views, gardens Close to Parra Rail Station	No
June Thur 16th	Monthly Meeting Demonstration Ray Harrington	1.00 pm Wentworth Falls School of Arts	NO
June Tues 21st	Paint Together No Oils	10am Wentworth Falls Country Club Blaxland Road Downstairs Meeting Room	Social Member ship
July Thur 23rd	Plein Air Painting (2) Trains See Below	Old Government House Parramatta Park Historic buildings, river views, gardens Close to Parra Rail Station	No
June Thurs 30th	30th Anniversary Luncheon	Grand View Hotel Wentworth Falls Details Below	YES
July Thurs 7th	Paint Together & Morning Cuppa	10am St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Hall Falls Rd Wentworth Falls	\$5 cost
29th Aug To Fri 2nd Sep	Annual Holiday	Location and Details to be Decided	

Train Timetable Suggest 2nd carriage from front (not quiet carriage as most will want to chat)
am Mt Vic **8.07** (WWF**8.36**).....Parra **10.03**
pm Parra **14.45**.....Mt Vic **16.40** or Parra **15.45**.....Mt Vic **16.40**

30th Anniversary Luncheon

Thurs 30th June
Grand View Hotel
Wentworth Falls

Menu

Main Choice

Slow Cooked Lamb Shanks on Mash Potato with Gremolata (GF)
Barramundi with Mash Potato & Tomato Olive Salsa (GF)

Dessert Choice

White Chocolate Pannacotta with Passionfruit & Coconut (GF)
Salted Caramel Slice with Banana in Rum Syrup served with Ice-Cream

All Served with a Bread Roll

Booking List at April meeting Deposit \$20 Full Price \$40 by May Meeting



Steps in Time 1986-2016

Taken from 20th Anniversary Booklet and past Newsletters

The Society of Mountain Artists owes its beginning to a chance remark from Sheila Todd to Kath Kelly whilst discussing art at an exhibition. The two friends wondered why there existed no local Art society within the area, An exploratory meeting was held at Sheila Todd's home to discuss the feeling of local artists towards establishing an art society within the region..

The inaugural meeting was held at Kath Kelly's home at 2pm on **Thursday 20th February 1986**.

28 people attended the meeting. It was unanimously voted to establish such a Society, and the name "Society of Mountain Artists" was chosen.

Office bearers and committee members were elected by the meeting as follows:-

President:-	Audrey McCartney
Vice President:-	Sheila Todd
Secretary:-	Joyce Humphreys
Treasurer:-	Roma Stirling
Publicity Officers:-	Keith Sherlock and Paul Nielsen
Committee:-	Beth Burgess. Barbara Scott. Kath Kelly Patrick Livens
Auditor:-	Harvey Scott



The Meeting agreed to an annual fee of \$10.00 and \$5.00 for social members.

The meetings were then held at the Holy Trinity Church Hall, Wentworth Falls. At this time, Mr. Harvey Scott put before the meeting the prospects of the Society becoming incorporated as a Co-Op Ltd under the Co-operative Act.

The First Few Years 1986

The second meeting, Keith Sherlock was elected the first President as Audrey McCartney had regarded her occupancy of the chair as temporary.

The first art demonstration

During the first year, Beth Burgess became the first of a long line of well appreciated demonstrators

The first field day was held at Wentworth Falls Lake.

Several bus outings were arranged by Paul Nielson.

The first three workshops were held by:-

Watercolour by Sheila Todd. Drawing by Beth Burgess. Oils by John Wilson.

The first bi-monthly newsletter was published thanks to Beth Burgess and Sheila Todd.

A competition to design a **logo** for a Society badge was announced, with Patrick Livens being the winner.

Faulconbridge Artist Les Graham, accepted **Patronage** of the Society.

- 1987 The next meeting was held at the C.W.A. Hall in Leura. Joe Shanahan was elected as president but his term was tragically cut short by his untimely death due to a heart attack. At the June meeting two minutes silence was held as a mark of respect. Ron Middleton was then elected as president.
Demonstrations were done by Jack McDonogh, John Wilson, Harold Scott, John Barber, Helen Goldsmith, Sheila Todd, Patrick Livens, Keith Sherlock and Kath Kelly
- 1988 At the AGM the Society became the **Society of Mountain Artists Co-Op Ltd.**
- 1989 **First Spring Exhibition** held 14th – 16th October. 13 paintings were sold from the 227 hung.
John Wilson became **Patron** of the Society.
The Spring Exhibition was opened by Shane Porteous.
- 1990-91 A wall mural was painted at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Wentworth Falls by Lloyd Jones, Pat Godfrey, Val Beck and Margaret Rathore.
Art in the Garden was held in the Page's historic home "Kubba Kundi". Demonstrations and exhibitions by members were well received with many sales.
- 1992-93 Started with 60 members attending a bar-b-cue at Bill Douglass' "Mole Hole" which became a favorite venue for many years.
The Society received a grant of \$250 from Blue Mountains City Council for the purchase of necessary assets.
The **Jamison Award** was instituted. This gave the Society a quality painting to raffle at the **Sixth Spring Exhibition** which was held at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts. Opened by Deputy Mayor Terri Hamilton 31 paintings sold. **Art in the Garden** was again held in "Kubba Kundi" with the additional hire of a marquee.
Society was invited to **exhibit at the "Echoes" guesthouse**. 40 paintings were submitted with 20 being hung.
Shirley Williams instituted a most successful **Beginners Classes in Oils**.
- 1994 **Tuition Classes** were begun before the monthly meetings.
In March a three day holiday trip to "**Yerranderie**".
In September a three day **Holiday to Hill End staying at Royal Hotel**.
Geoff Lane designed the **screens** for the **Society's exhibitions**.
- 2000-2010 **Everglades Garden Gallery** run by Society
- 2003 Society became **Society of Mountain Artists Incorporated**
- 2007 Three Exhibitions held. Invited to paint Plein-air with **Leura Garden Festival**
- 2008 Newsletter available by Email
- 2011 **Twenty-fifth Anniversary and Official Launch of Website** Lunch at Victoria & Albert Guest House Mount Victoria.
- 2012 **Video Projection Equipment** purchased for Meeting Demonstrations
- 2013 Initial purchase of **Exhibition Screen Lighting**. Completed in 2015
- 2014 Monthly Meetings returned to Wentworth Falls School of Arts
- 2015 **Face Book Page** created
- 2016 **Thirtieth Anniversary**

Welcome New Members

Catherine Sandifer Leura
Margarita D'heureux Toongabbie
Jacqueline Martin-Miller Velasco Leura



News from the Website Sub-committee

Check out the additions to the
Members Gallery
New Members Added



Website / Gallery
www.mountainartists.org



Society of Mountain Artists
30th Anniversary
9x5 Exhibition Entry Form
Friday 30th September to 9th October
At Fairways Leura

Conditions of entry

*We have arranged for the works to be framed by Hope Tree Framing Wentworth Falls
Cost \$56 completely framed ready to be hung*

Open to all financial members

Maximum number of paintings two MUST BE ORIGINAL WORK , NO COPIES.

Any medium may be used

All works must be for sale. Price not negotiable.

25% commission will be charged for the society

Minimum charge for works \$200

There is no entry fee for this part of the Spring Exhibition

Entries close July 15th entries must be accompanied by framing cost. The frames will then be ordered.

Paintings to be delivered by the August Monthly Meeting or to Ann Warnes phone 0406318502 prior to that date.

Name. (Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss)

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