

SOCIETY OF MOUNTAIN ARTISTS INC.

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Meeting at Wentworth Falls School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls 1pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - APRIL 2024.

I would like to begin by thanking the previous committee for all their hard work during the last few years, particularly during Covid. The new committee has met together several times already to organise the SMA program for the rest of the year.

We look forward to engaging new demonstrators and inviting previous demonstrators to return. We have also planned to continue the demonstrations on the third Thursday of the month at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts as well as the "Paint Together" classes at the Presbyterian Hall. A "Paint Together" on a Saturday at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts is also being considered, beginning next month. More information will be given during the next two weeks.

I would like to encourage existing members to pay their fees.

Leaflets, small business cards and banners will be created so that we can advertise the SMA throughout the Blue Mountains.

It is also important to be able to contact all our members easily, so I have begun to use not only emails and phone calls, but text messages as well.

The Facebook page and Webpage will be updated, so that more information and the advertising of future events can be circulated. We are also considering beginning an Instagram account, which will allow people to keep in touch with SMA activities.

The Exhibition on the October long weekend will be held as usual at Fairways and it is hoped that many of our members will be to contribute.

Thank you to those who continue to support the SMA, which is here to encourage all those who are interested in art, from the professional to the beginner.

Please do not hesitate to contact members of the committee if you have any suggestions, ideas, or comments.

Thank you again for all your support and encouragement.

MONTHLY MINI EXHIBITIONS Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at Colour Art Springwood. All entries can be any style or medium, old or new work.

APRIL. A fabulous fake – copy an old master, a famous painting, or an artwork you admire.

MAY. Landscape. Any medium. **JUNE.** A 'bush' scene (interpret as you wish).

JULY. Native Australian Animals/Birds. These mini exhibitions were aimed at encouraging new members and artists who are begin their artist's journey, to show their work, and gain confidence, everyone has their own style and story to depict. Many entries, more interesting.!

Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month.

Next meeting: Monday 6th May 2024, at Katoomba RSL Club Conference room at **1.00 p.m.**

Note new time. All members welcome to attend.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
APRIL			
4 th April	10am – 1 pm	Paint and tuition morning.	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Falls Road Wentworth Falls \$5
18 th April	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Members meeting. afternoon tea. Guest- Vanessa Joret Pastel/charcoal. Topic wildlife	School of Arts Wentworth Falls
TBA		Plein Air. TBA. Will continue in different form.	
MAY			
6 th May 1 st Monday each month	1.00 p.m.- 2p.m. approx.	Management Committee Meeting.	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba All SMA members are entitled to attend.
2 nd May 1 st Thursday each month	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Paint, Tuition morning	St. Andrews Church Hall, Falls Road, Wentworth Falls \$5
16 th May	1pm – 3 pm.	Monthly members meeting Guest Artist – Vanessa Joret Pastel/charcoal - wildlife	School of Arts, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls. \$5 entry
TBA		Plein Air painting.	
JUNE			
3 rd June	1.00 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Management Committee meeting	RSL Club, Lurline Street Katoomba. All welcome
6 th June	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Painting/tuition morning.	St Andrews Church Hall Falls Road Wentworth Falls
20 th June	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Monthly members meeting. Guest artist TBA	School of Arts Wentworth Falls. \$5 entry

THE SOCIETY HAS SURVIVED AND WILL CONTINUE + SOME NEW IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES.

A New Committee. At the conclusion of the demonstration after the AGM, Lewis Johanesen (a new member) came forward and offered to become the Secretary, John Marsh will act as Treasurer. Anne Atwood is the President, and Peter Ayres will fill in as Vice President when needed.

The Spring Exhibition will take place at Fairways, Leura as usual, possibly held over the October long weekend, dates to be confirmed. It is envisaged that for the first time, cash prizes will be awarded, and a variety of new categories.

Plein Air excursions will commence later in the year, it is planned to have bus trips using the RSL courtesy bus. We have a driver. New places to paint, and a nice day out.

Paint together mornings on one Saturday morning each month, at the School of Arts Wentworth Falls is being organized.

Assistance is still needed in minor ways, and for the Spring Exhibition. Please see Anne Atwood if able to assist.—