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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – March 2026

Many parts of the world at the moment are in turmoil. We have many members in the SMA that I'm sure have been affected, in some personal way, by the ongoing violence. It is a difficult time for many families who have loved ones overseas and I hope that this period of upheaval will be over soon. Our thoughts and prayers are also with those people who have been affected by floods in country areas.

The SMA held the Card Workshop on Saturday, 28 February. My thanks go out to all those who were involved and helped on the occasion, particularly Coral, Lewis, and Lida. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the day and I feel many people have been inspired to make their own cards using one of the creative methods demonstrated at the workshop.

The March AGM has been transferred to April. Robyn Collier will be demonstrating at our next meeting. It will also give the society a chance to welcome Robyn as our new Patron.

We have the positions of secretary and treasurer to fill. These are essential roles and it will be very difficult to continue as a society if no-one volunteers. Voting sheets have been emailed to members, so please think carefully about the future of SMA.

Rose Gilbey was to be holding a workshop on art creativity involving collage and print making. We look forward to participating in this activity at a later date.

The SMA has much to offer its members. Please refer to the new website and Facebook for all information.

We also look forward to meeting our new members at the March meeting.

Regards,

Anne.

Aristotle:

“The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.”



"I'm moving up! It finally costs more to buy my work than it does to *frame* it!"

MONTHLY MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS

First Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at The Artists' Store, and a Highly Commended Award.

Entries can be any style or medium, old, or new work

March:

Theme: Urban Landscape

Bi-MONTHLY RAFFLE PRIZE for 2026

**Help raise funds for the Spring Exhibition. \$2 a ticket or \$5 for 3.
\$50 Voucher to be won in February, April, June, August and October**

February Winner: Anne Atwood

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Reminder to Members: If your membership has lapsed please consider renewing it. The SMA relies on member's fees to support all activities.

SPECIAL EVENT

**WORKSHOP ON ART CREATIVITY
Including Collage and Print Making
To be held at a later date.**

Cost: \$ 50.

Where: Wentworth Falls School of Arts

Time: 10am – 3pm

Morning Tea provided

Lunch: please bring something to eat at the School of Arts

WORKSHOP IS WITH ROSE GILBEY

Unfortunately, this workshop has to be postponed until later this year due to unexpected family commitments.

Rose Gilbey - Fine Art Teacher

Rose grew up with art all around her. Her parents met while studying art at East Sydney Technical College so it was natural for Rose to follow in their footsteps. Rose has produced art in many forms and is not limited to the traditional painting and drawing genre for example, after leaving school she became a Florist and worked in this trade for 30 or so years. This was a career in which she could combine her creativity and her love of nature as an art form. After having a family and while still working as a florist, she decided to pursue her formal art education. After attaining an Associate Diploma in Fine Art at the Penrith Technical college, Rose completed a B.A of Fine Art at The National Art School in Sydney, majoring in painting and drawing. Her work has been shown in group and solo exhibitions and now resides in many private collections both here in Australia and overseas.

As an artist Rose's work is often based on nature and the simple beauty of things around her. Rose has taught art at TAFE, secondary school level and in community colleges. She takes great pleasure in enhancing the natural ability of her students using media such as graphite, charcoal, pastel and paint to name a few. Together with her ability for painting and drawing comes her love of creating and sharing her knowledge. She believes that behind every work of art there should be a strong foundation of drawing and composition.



March Demonstration

Welcome to our new Patron Robyn Collier.
She will be sharing her skills, painting a landscape or seascape, in oils.

19th March



The AGM has been postponed until April 16th. Please consider being a part of the Committee. We need both a Treasurer and a Secretary. The roles are not onerous.

If we are to grow as a Society we need to have a strong Committee.

**Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month.
Next meeting 2nd March, 1pm. All SMA members are welcome to attend.**

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
MARCH 2026			
2nd March 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member’s welcome
5th March 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
19th March 3rd Thursday of the Month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Robyn Collier Mini Exhibition Urban Landscape	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
28th March	10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
APRIL 2026			
30th March 5th Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member’s welcome
2nd April 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
16th April 3rd Thursday of the Month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	AGM Elections Mini Exhibition Autumn Art Sale Bring and Buy Proceeds to SMA	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

25th April 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
MAY 2026			
4th May 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA Member's welcome
7th May 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
21st May 3rd Thursday of the Month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Jenny Dean Watercolour Urban Landscape Mini Exhibition Farm Animals and Pets	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
23rd May 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
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