



# Society of Mountain Artists Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT – March 2026

Geoff and I have just arrived home after spending a week and a half with family in Queensland. The weather was beautiful and we enjoyed our time with the grandchildren.

Time spent with family is so important.

My apologies for cancelling the AGM last month. Unfortunately, I had been ill prior to going away. I would like to thank everyone for sending me their well wishes.

I look forward to the AGM tomorrow and hopefully the election of a new secretary and treasurer. Please think carefully about nominating yourself or nominating another for these positions.

At tomorrow's meeting, apart from holding the AGM, we will have a Bring and Buy event. The last one we had was quite successful. Consider what art-related items you have at home, that are no longer of any use, and bring them along to the meeting. Put a price on each item and if you sell them, the money goes to support the SMA. The event also allows you to buy, at a very reasonable price, something that you might need. We will also hold a card store so if you have cards that you would like to sell, please put a price on them and 25% will go to the SMA.

I do hope that as many people as possible can attend the AGM on Thursday. Please check if your membership has lapsed. SMA relies on funds to support our activities. We have a lot to offer. I will be sending out reminders to members in the next week.

I would also like to welcome members that have joined in the last month. We look forward to seeing everyone at tomorrow's meeting.

Regards,  
Anne.

**Albert Einstein:**

**“Creativity is contagious, pass it on.”**

### **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**

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**March Winners:**

**Theme: Urban Landscape**



**First Prize: Dennis West**

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**Highly Commended: Sheree Wilson**

**Mini Exhibition April**

**“Autumn”**

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## **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**

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### **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.

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### **SPECIAL EVENT**

#### **BRING AND BUY**

#### **Bring and Buy Art Sale**

**Please bring any art-related items that you no longer need to sell in a Bring and Buy art sale to raise funds for the coming year. You're welcome to bring your cards for sale and retain 75% of the sale price as per the usual exhibition pricing.**



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**There will be no Demonstration in March.**

**Program as Follows:**

AGM

BRING and BUY

MINI EXHIBITION: Autumn

LIBRARY BORROWING

EXTENDED AFTERNOON TEA

**The AGM is on tomorrow, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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.**

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

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**ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>APRIL 2026</b>			
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Management Committee Meeting</b>	<b>RSL Club Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member's welcome</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month</b>	<b>10.00am – 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5</b>

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<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. –</b> <b>3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>AGM</b> <b>Elections</b> <b>Mini</b> <b>Exhibition</b> <b>Autumn</b> <b>Art Sale</b> <b>Bring and Buy</b> <b>Proceeds to SMA</b> <b>Card Sale</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls</b> <b>\$5</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>10.00 a.m. –</b> <b>3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls \$5</b>
<b>MAY 2026</b>			
<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>1st Monday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. –</b> <b>2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Management</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>RSL Club, Lurline St</b> <b>Katoomba. SMA</b> <b>Member's welcome</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>10.00am –</b> <b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls \$5</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. –</b> <b>3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Demonstration</b> <b>Jenny Dean</b> <b>Watercolour</b> <b>Urban</b> <b>Landscape</b> <b>Mini Exhibition</b> <b>Farm Animals</b> <b>and Pets</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls</b> <b>\$5</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>10.00 a.m.</b> <b>- 1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls \$5</b>
<b>JUNE 2026</b>			
<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>1st Monday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. –</b> <b>2.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Management</b> <b>Committee</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>RSL Club, Lurline St</b> <b>Katoomba SMA</b> <b>Member's welcome</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>10.00am –</b> <b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls \$5</b>

<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. –</b> <b>3.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Demonstration</b> <b>Phil Went</b> <b>Oils</b> <b>Still Life</b> <b>Mini Exhibition</b> <b>Your Favourite</b> <b>Hobby</b> <b>Realistic or</b> <b>Abstract</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls</b> <b>\$5</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> <b>of the Month</b>	<b>10.00am –</b> <b>1.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Paint Together</b>	<b>School of Arts Great</b> <b>Western Highway</b> <b>Wentworth Falls</b> <b>\$5</b>

## **Phil Went Portrait Workshop**

Beginning April 14th, 2026

Member, Phil Went, is holding a Portrait Workshop for 5 consecutive weeks, starting Tuesday, 14th April at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts, Wentworth Falls. 9am to 12pm. SMA members receive a substantial discount. If interested please use our Contact form to receive the discount code and link. Details also on our Facebook page.

## **Blue Mountains Portraits 2026**

**21 Feb – 19 Apr. Last Days**

*Blue Mountains Portraits* is the Cultural Centre's annual celebration of the local community and its diverse members. The exhibiting artists portray the unique people that make up the cultural fabric of the Blue Mountains and tell the stories behind the person. Over forty artworks in a broad range of styles and media such as painting, photography, drawing, collage and mixed media will be exhibited together with a selection of local students' work.

