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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – June 2026

I've always admired people who can paint still life. I look forward to Phil Went demonstrating how to paint a still life in oils this month and learning from his expertise. Phil is also holding his portrait classes every Tuesday at the Wentworth School of Arts.

A raffle will be held at the June demonstration with a \$50 voucher from the Art Store in Katoomba as the prize. The mini exhibition theme is very broad: "Your Favourite Hobby" (realistic or abstract).

Planning has begun for the Spring Exhibition at Fairways and we look forward to receiving many entries from our members. The Smart Award will be held in August. The theme will be, "Spring in the Mountains" and the winner will have his or her artwork featured on the poster for the Spring Exhibition.

Another exciting event will be held on the 18th July at the School of Arts. Prue Mobb will be holding a workshop on mixed media and collage. It should be a fun event. I do hope that you can come along to support SMA. A delicious morning tea will be provided, however you will need to bring your own lunch.

John Marsh will be resigning from his role as Treasurer at the end of July, and we thank him for all that he has done. He is willing to train up a new Treasurer so if you are interested in helping out, please get in contact with me. Annette Hamilton has offered to look after the Newsletter, but along with a new Treasurer, we still need a Secretary to take care of correspondence, minutes and agendas.

The committee is planning an "En Plein Air" in a Spring garden, which will give everyone an opportunity to draw and paint scenes outside. Morning tea will again be provided. More details will be given soon.

Dennis West has kindly offered to hold a pastel workshop at our Paint Together on Saturday June 27th. You may wish to do your own painting, but if you are interested you are most welcome to join the workshop, with the cost being \$10 instead of the regular \$5.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the June demonstration.

Anne

Edgar Degas

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

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

May Mini Exhibition Winners

Theme: Farm Animals and Pets

First Prize: Di Clark



Highly Commended: Jacqueline Cole



Mini Exhibition June

Theme: "Favourite Hobby (Realistic or Abstract)"

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**

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.

**Monthly Demo and Meeting
Thursday 18th June 2026
Phil Went: Still Life in Oils**





**Phil Went Workshop
Long Pose Portrait
Phone Number
0400609368**

SMA Members have a discount

<https://www.philwent.com.au/workshops/>

**Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month.
Next meeting 4th July 1pm. All SMA members are welcome to attend.**

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
JUNE 2026			
1st June 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
4th June 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
18th June 3rd Thursday of the Month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Phil Went Oils Still Life Mini Exhibition Your Favourite Hobby Realistic or Abstract	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
27th June 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
JULY 2026			
6th July 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
2nd July 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
16th July 3rd Thursday of the Month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Cheryl Simpson Acrylic Birds Mini Exhibition Transport	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

25th July 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together Dennis West Pastel Introduction	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5/\$10
JULY 2026			
3rd August 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member’s welcome
6^t August 1st Thursday of the month	10.00-1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
20th August 3rd Thursday of the month	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Demonstration Mini Exhibition Grant Eyre Oil Pastel Realism Mini Exhibition SMART AWARD Theme: Spring in the Blue Mountains	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
22nd August 4th Saturday of the month	10.00 am- 1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
<p>Special Programs: JUNE Phil Went Portrait Workshop</p> <p>Beginning June 2nd, 2026 Member, Phil Went, is holding a Portrait Workshop/Life Drawing Class 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.</p>			gement Meeting

Special Programs: JULY Saturday 18th

Prue Mobb: COLLAGE WORKSHOP

Prue will be facilitating a mixed media workshop incorporating collage, acrylic paints and paint markers. It will be a wonderful opportunity to experiment and learn new skills.

If you are interested please write your name down at the next Demonstration on the list provided, text 0402156142 or contact SMA through the Website.



Details of cost and time to be advised shortly.





Early Morning, Cassiopeia oil on poly canvas 60cm x 60cm 2026

HERMAN PEKEL

Exhibition of New Work

6 – 28 JUNE 2026



DIGITAL CATALOGUE



LOST BEAR GALLERY

98 Lurline Street, Katoomba NSW 2780
Ph. 02 4782 1220 Open from 10am daily lostbeargallery.com.au

NEIL LAREDO

Identity - A Self Portrait

21 May - 21 June 2026

Braemar Gallery invites you to the
exhibition launch
on Saturday 23 May
from 2 - 4 pm

All welcome!



NEIL LAREDO Marking Time (detail), 2024, aspartone, beechwood, clock movement, 25x20x25cm

**BRAEMAR
HOUSE**

Braemar Gallery - free admission
Open 10am - 4pm, Thursday to Sunday
104 Macquarie Road, Springwood - braemargallery@gmail.com

**blue mountain
City Council**

Our thoughts are with Lida, our Vice President, as she travels to Western Australia in a car and on a motor bike to raise money for gastric cancer.

