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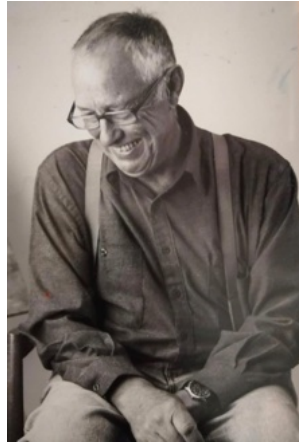
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www.mountainartists.org

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School of Arts,
Great Western Highway,
Wentworth Falls: Start 1pm

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – July 2026



Last Thursday a number of members attended the funeral of Geoff Tonge. Geoff has been a committed member of the SMA for many years and died suddenly of heart failure. Geoff was also a member of the committee, always willing to help no matter how small or large the task. His artwork was admired by many. We shall miss his friendly personality and big smile. Because of Geoff's funeral, July's demonstration was cancelled.

Cheryl Simpson will be demonstrating at the August meeting and we look forward to hearing her ideas about painting birds in acrylic.

At that meeting, we will also be choosing a painting, from the Mini Exhibition, which will win the 2026 SMArt award. It will also appear on the poster advertising the Spring Exhibition in October. The topic will be Spring Abundance. The committee hopes that there will be many paintings to choose from as the painting that wins will not only appear on the poster, but will also be the raffle prize for the Spring Exhibition.

I will be away in August travelling, with my husband, to see family in Queensland. I look forward to being able to spend time painting and drawing. I am also looking forward to warmer weather.

This year the SMA will turn 40 and we hope to have celebrations not only at the Spring Exhibition but also at Christmas. If you have any knowledge of the history of the SMA or any information that can be added to the archives, please see me as I would like to keep this information for the records. This could include past leaflets, pamphlets, or photographs.

Happy painting,

Anne

Henri Matisse: “Creativity takes courage”



Those who attended the Collage Workshop with Prue Mogg certainly had to step out of their comfort zone and try something new. Many who attended had never attempted such collage making with scraps of paper, tissue, paint and glue. No two creations were alike, and each participant had an enjoyable time working under Prue’s guidance. Here are some of the almost finished artworks.



Mandy Hodge



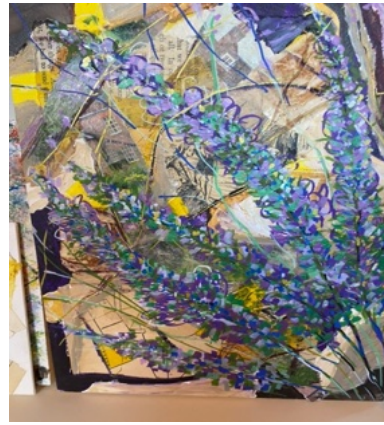
Lida Szabunia



Liz McCowage



Prue Mogg



Sheree Wilson



Carole Arratoon

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.

August: Spring Abundance

June Mini Exhibition Winners

First Prize: Roslyn Brasier



Highly Commended: Lorraine Harvey



Mini Exhibition August

“SMArt AWARD”

Theme: “Spring Abundance in the Blue Mountains”

The winner of the Mini- Exhibition will not only win \$25 but also have their painting displayed on the poster advertising our Spring Exhibition at Fairways held on the long weekend in October.

Please make sure you bring an entry to the meeting.

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 Demonstration and Meeting
Thursday 20th August 2026
Cheryl Simpson: Acrylic
Birds



Phil Went Workshop
Long Pose Portrait
Phone Number - 0400609368
SMA Members have a discount
Workshops begin again in August

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

**Management Committee meeting: First Monday of each month.
Next meeting 3rd August 1pm. All SMA members are welcome to attend.**

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2026

Date	Time	Event	Location
JULY 2026			
13th 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.	Cancelled Geoff Tonge's Funeral	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
25th July 4th Saturday of the Month	10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
AUGUST 2026			
3rd August 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
6th August 1st Thursday of the month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
20th August 3rd Thursday of the month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Cheryl Simpson Acrylic Birds Mini Exhibition SMART Award Spring Abundance	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
22nd August 4th Saturday of the month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

SEPTEMBER 2026

7th September 1st Monday of the Month	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member's welcome
3rd September 1st Thursday of the month Monday of the Month	10.00-1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
17th September 3rd Thursday of the month	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Demonstration Judy Denby: Creating Collages Mini Exhibition Transport	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
26th September 4th Saturday of the month	10.00 am- 1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5



BRAEMAR GALLERY
VOLUNTEERS EXHIBITION 2026
30 July - 30 August
Braemar Gallery invites you to the exhibition launch
on Saturday 1 August from 2 - 4 pm
All welcome!

Free admission
Open 10am - 4pm, Thursday to Sunday
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