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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – July 2026

My apologies for the lateness of the August Newsletter. I have been away to see family in Kingaroy Queensland for the last few weeks. Geoff and I also spent time at Bellthorpe in the hinterland and at Noosa. The scenery was magnificent.



There are so many beautiful places to paint.

I hear the meeting went well and members enjoyed Cheryl Simpson's demonstration and critique.

A big thank you to those who entered the Mini Exhibition, "Spring Abundance". The painting to be chosen for the poster advertising the spring exhibition, may not necessarily be the winner or the highly recommended of the Mini Exhibition. Not only the size of the painting, but also the pixel count has to be taken into consideration, when the painting is photographed, to make the poster both eye catching and the right size. In this case however, Pat Carruthers is to be congratulated. Her painting was not only chosen as the winner in the Mini-Exhibition but also of the SMArt Award. Pat's painting will now be on the poster advertising the Spring Exhibition.

I would also like to thank all those people who were able to help when I was absent from the demonstration in August. We are finding it very difficult on the committee to cover all aspects of the work that need to be done. It would be very good if you would consider seriously joining our committee because as the number of members grows, we need more people for the committee to work effectively.

The Spring Exhibition is fast approaching, so please make sure that you have your paintings ready. This is a time when members can display their talents and skills for public viewing. I'm sure that this year will be as successful as the previous years and we look forward to accepting many entries.

Entry forms are available on the Website. A paper copy is available on request from any of the committee members.

You can also text me and I will make sure that one is delivered.

I look forward to warmer weather and lots of painting.

Anne

MONTHLY MEMBERS EXHIBITIONS

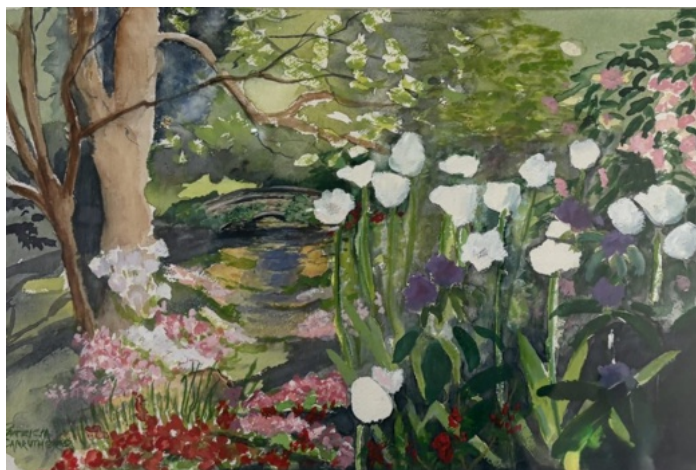
First Prize is a \$25 voucher, redeemable at The Artists' Store, and a Highly Commended Award.

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

September: Transport

August Mini Exhibition Winners

"Spring Abundance"



First Prize: Pat Carruthers



Highly Commended: Ruth Dengate

Mini Exhibition September

Theme: “Transport”

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, September 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 17^h September 2026
Judy Denby: Creating Collages**



Monthly Meeting and Demonstration, Thursday, 17th September, 2026

Judy Denby will be demonstrating “Creating Collages” at our Monthly Meeting to be held on Thursday, 17th September, 2026, from 1pm to 3pm. Cost is \$5, including afternoon tea. All welcome, just come along. Our members’ Mini Exhibition theme is “Transport”. Judy is an accomplished visual artist. Her collages are created from her archive of maps of places she has visited, collected ephemera, discarded books, etc. She lives and works in the Blue Mountains. She also paints in acrylic on canvas and common themes are floral studies and landscapes.

**Phil Went Workshop
Long Pose Portrait
Phone Number - 0400609368
SMA Members have a discount
Workshops begin again on Tuesday 8th September**

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



October 2026 Spring Exhibition

Our October 2026 Spring Exhibition will be held at Leura Fairways, sponsored by Bendigo Bank.

Thank you to the joint judges for the exhibition who will be Robyn Collier, Blue Mountains Artist and SMA Patron, and Geoff White, owner of the Lost Bear Gallery, Katoomba.

The exhibition will be open from Friday, 2nd October to Monday, 5th October, 10am to 4pm each day and will include over 100 paintings, greeting cards and bookmarks created by our members. Entry is free.

Patricia Carruthers won the SMArt Award for her work entitled "Springtime in Ewanrigg Garden" which is featured on the Art Show poster.

There will be raffle prizes each day and Patricia's work will be the exhibition major raffle prize.

Please read the Conditions of Entry first.

Last day of entering is Friday 25th September.

You must be a current financial member to enter The Spring Exhibition.



SMA
Society of Mountain Artists Inc.
In conjunction with Leura Fairways
SPRING 2026
Exhibition Raffle Painting

A R T S H O W

"Springtime in Ewanrigg Garden"
by Patricia Carruthers

Admission Free

Leura Fairways
19-21 Fitzroy Street
Leura

Exhibition Judges: Robyn Collier, Blue Mountains Artist
and Geoff White, Katoomba Lost Bear Gallery

EXHIBITION TIMES

Friday October 2 nd	10.00am to 4.00pm
To	
Sunday October 4 th	
Monday October 5 th	10.00am to 3.00pm

www.mountainartists.org

Daily unframed Small Painting Raffle Prize.

Exhibition Proudly Sponsored by:

Bendigo Bank
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Cut Outs from the Gazette

Solo exhibition opens at Leura

BLUE Mountains artist Corinne Loxton will present *Near and Far*, a new solo exhibition of landscape paintings at the National Trust's Everglades Gallery, Leura, from August 29 to September 20.

Drawing on years of close observation of the Blue Mountains and Capetee landscapes, *Near and Far* explores the 'shifting relationship between landscape, reflection and perception. Inspired by waterways, trees and changing light, the exhibition presents paintings in which reflected forms dissolve the distinction between what is seen and what is imagined.

Working in oil on panel and canvas, Loxton combines expressive palette knife passages with finely observed brushwork, creating richly textured surfaces that reward close viewing.

Loxton has exhibited widely throughout New South Wales and continues to receive recognition for her work. In 2026 she was awarded both the People's Choice Award and Highly Commended at the St Columba's



Corinne Loxton, *Falling Upwards III*, 2025, Oil on Canvas, 122 x 91.5 cm

Art Prize and was selected as a finalist in the inaugural Hill Landscape Art Prize. Her work is held in private collections across Australia and internationally.

Visitors are invited to the exhibition opening on Saturday, August 29 at 1pm, and to a special artist talk, *The Meaning of Marks*, on Saturday, September 12 at 11am.

Set within the beautiful heritage gardens of Everglades House and Gardens, *Near and Far* offers visitors the opportunity to experience contemporary Australian landscape painting in one of the Blue Mountains' most significant cultural destinations.

BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

Hill Painting Prize
8 Aug - 20 Sep

The exhibition is a collection of 66 unique paintings that connect audiences to the iconic views, romanticised scenes and realistic depictions unique to the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

This new painting prize is benefactor David R Hill's tribute to the medium and process of painting.

Animal Dreams: Bria McCarthy
1 Aug - 20 Sep

Animal Dreams is a compelling, sensorially considerate exhibition that recognises the importance of cross-species connection through imaginative empathy, and playful approaches to the unknown... with puppets!

A Blue Mountains Cultural Centre *Altitude* exhibition

Image: Winner of the 2020 Hill Painting Prize - JANE CANFIELD *Fellows detail* 2020, acrylic on perspex, 800 x 800 cm

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Open 10am - 5pm Mon - Fri • 10am - 4pm Sat & Sun
bluemountainsculturalcentre.com.au



A Vase of Magnolias watercolour pencil on paper 40cm x 30cm 2023

AILSAL MORGAN

From my Garden

Exhibition showing until 13th September 2026



DIGITAL CATALOGUE



Lost Bear Gallery 98 Lurline Street, Katoomba Ph. 4782 1220 Open 10am daily lostbeargallery.com.au

**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
AUGUST 2026			
31st 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	10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
SEPTEMBER 2026			
31st August	1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba SMA Member's welcome
3rd September 1st Thursday of the Month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
17th September 3rd Thursday of the month	1:00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.	Demonstration Judy Denby: Creating Collages Mini Exhibition Transport	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

26th September 4th Saturday of the month	10.00am – 1.00 p.m.	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
OCTOBER 2026			
12th October	1.00 – 2.00 pm	Management Committee Meeting	RSL Club, Lurline St Katoomba. SMA Member's welcome
8th October	10.00-1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
15th October 3rd Thursday of the month	1.00 – 3.00 pm	Demonstration Eric Hagan: Watercolour / people Mini Exhibition Mountains and Rivers	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5
24th October 4th Saturday of the month	10.00 am- 1.00 pm	Paint Together	School of Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls \$5

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