



NEWSLETTER

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February 19 – 2pm – Meeting and presentation on “Magic Lanterns and their illumination” AMRA Hall

The meeting on 19th February at 2pm at AMRA Hall includes a demonstration of Magic Lanterns and the images of as much as 170 years ago and maybe more. Those Magic Lanterns were very dull and eventually electrification was problematic. New developments in solid state illumination have changed that and this presentation will be at a brightness that you have not seen previously. You will be able to see the new light sources close up and examples of how you might adopt the new technology to a wide range of projectors.

Three “Magic Lanterns” from 1870 to 1950 will be on show: a total restoration of a French LAVERNE – one of the pioneers of this form of entertainment, a mature electric “Optiscope” by Butcher from 1926, and a radically different American design made for military usage from 1952.

By way of demonstration a wide range of images will be presented covering most of the classifications that were common over the last couple of hundred years, and virtually all for the first time that they have been seen since they were originally presented. They come from a collection of original slides that has been accumulating for at least the last 75 years.

A late addition to the presentation is a converted Leitz Prado slide projector from the 1950s where the old P28 lamp has been replaced by a super-bright LED producing about 10 times the brightness of the original and rather more than the very latest of the Leitz QI projectors. These old Prado projectors are usually very cheap and the lamphouse modification turns them into a very usable and desirable unit.

And don't forget the “free to a good home”, & swap and sell tables.

March 12 – 9am – Public market at the Box Hill Town Hall – TABLES BOOKED OUT!

The traditional Box Hill markets are back, and recent experience shows that they are maybe more popular than previously. The next one is on Sunday 12th March – open to the public at 9am.

The demand for tables has been such that they are already booked out, and any applications now will be put on a “reserve list” pending cancellations. If you wish to be placed on the reserve list please send an email to market@apcsociety.com.au.

A “confirmation” email has been sent to all registered table holders. If you did not get that email and believe

that you have registered, please send an email to market@apcsociety.com.au and we will sort it out. Virtually all “table preferences” have been satisfied but a couple are adjacent as there were multiple requests for some tables, and some adjustment due to the demand for double and triple tables together.

There are some legislated rules and insurance conditions, that will restrict the sale of some items. Electrical goods that run from the power mains are not permitted to be sold, and there are now exclusions on ANY photographic chemicals. The APCS has arranged Third Party Liability Insurance for table holders but please note the above restrictions.

April 16 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

An auction is planned for April and it will be conducted as for pre-COVID times. Inspections from 2pm on Saturday 15th and from 10am on the Sunday morning. All items will be photographed and you will be able to view them from an on-line catalogue. The auction will start at NOON on Sunday. We have a new Auction Manager for 2023 and new procedures are in place.

Goods for the auction must be delivered to Paul Ewins in DONVALE VIC by 26th March, and you should contact Paul on 0403 567544 to get the specific address and discuss any issues. Please note that due to the aging nature of photographic items and the extreme difficulty in assuring working condition, all items for auction will be offered in an “AS-IS” condition, but items that are in a notable cosmetic condition will be offered as such. There will be a total auction limit of 250 items so get in early to be certain of making this auction.

The intent is that the illustrated catalogue will be available on-line on 9th April. Absentee and Phone bidding will be in place, and instructions for that method will be included in the next newsletters.

May 21 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A now-traditional members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on May 21 from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

June 18 – 2pm – Meeting with Presentation at AMRA Hall

We are looking for a presenter and subject for the June meeting – any subject relevant to the collecting of cameras and photographic equipment. We do have a couple of subjects in reserve but would appreciate some new ideas..

July 16 – 2pm Annual General Meeting AMRA Hall

Our AGM is for the purpose of receiving reports, electing a committee for the next year and dealing with specific items of business to be determined. The Annual Report will be in the pages of Back Focus which is planned to be in the mail to you before the end of June.

The APCS is run by the elected committee and volunteers when they offer. Now that the COVID restrictions are essentially over, what about being part of the revitalisation of the APCS and join the committee. There is plenty to do managing the events as well as ensuring that members are kept up to date with what is happening – via the Newsletter, Back Focus, the Website, the FaceBook page, Advertising for individual events, and being part of the management group that does the planning etc.

In recent years we have not had a ready list of volunteers to call on and it is recognised that unless that changes – and changes quite soon – that the Society will not be able to continue in its present form and may have to cut back very significantly on what we do. It is also observed that the management of an Association like the APCS is taking more total effort than it used to, and there are a few skills that are now needed – many of which rely on the thorough grounding in technology. That is not something that can be learned instantly so if you have skills in web production and marketing, or can roll up your sleeves to produce illustrated auction catalogues etc please let us know if you are prepared to help.

August 20 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

An auction is planned for 20th August. Inspections will be from 2pm on Saturday 19th and from 10am on the Sunday morning. All items will be photographed and you will be able to view them from the catalogue via on-line links. The auction will start at NOON on Sunday.

September 17 – 9am – Public market at the Box Hill Town Hall

All going well this will be the second traditional Box Hill market in 2023. Note some new restrictions as for the March Market.

October 15 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on October 15 from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

November 19 – Social Dinner

Following the success of the reception for the visit of Jim McKeown last year we are planning a fully catered event at one of Melbourne's better venues and will be attempting to organise some form of entertainment.

Date to be determined – 9am Adelaide market – Hungarian Club Norwood

The Adelaide market is tentative at this time. Due to ongoing bookings at the Hungarian Club for all Sundays in 2023, the APCS Adelaide market will be on a MONDAY that is also a public holiday in the Adelaide area. Details will be included in the APCS newsletters and on the website.

Please note: In the version of the January newsletter that was mailed to members via Australia Post, the Adelaide event was referred to as an "auction". That should of course been a "market".

Other events

Keep a look-out for other events in 2023 – they will be advertised in the newsletters and on the website as they come to notice.

Back Focus

For the last couple of issues of Back Focus there has been a "theme article" like "My favourite camera". For the next issue we would like to hear stories about unusual acquisitions – they don't have to be unusual cameras but the story about finding them should be more entertaining than just "finding it in a shop".

Please consider writing a full article for Back Focus – a wide range of subjects can be included. This is also a way of making a bit of money from your hobby – we pay \$50 per page for articles if you ask for it. Submissions should be provided electronically and illustrations should be in colour if appropriate and at a high enough resolution that supports 300dpi when printed.

Membership renewals for 2023 – new fee – \$50

Thankyou to those who have paid in advance. Annual renewals are due on 31st May each year and the fee for 2023 is \$50. The envelope containing the January newsletter included your membership number and status on the front. If you are uncertain about your status you can send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au – and renewals can be made at any time by direct deposit into the bank account:

Account name: Australian Photographic Collectors' Society. BSB: 083166 – Account: 515315423 and be certain to put your name or membership number in the reference field.

Alternatively you can pay at any APCS event or you can send a cheque (made out to the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society), to the Treasurer to P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097. If you have changed any of your contact details – address, phone numbers, email address etc, please let us know by mail to the Treasurer or send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au. You can use the membership application form which you can download from <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html>

The APCS Photographic Competition deferred....

The APCS launched an open photographic competition in 2022 but with no submissions, it led to deferral to a date to be determined.

Classified Advertisements

This column is available to you to publicise what you wish to buy and sell. To place an ad, send an email including all the details to adverts@apcsociety.com.au with a JPG photo if you wish. Rather than include your name and contact details we can add an enquiry code and pass information on to you – then you can deal directly with the responders. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. At present there is no charge

for placing an ad but it is now requested that for successful sales you remit a fee of 3% of the sale value, with the fee capped at \$15 for items sold for \$500 and above. This is an honour system and you may electronically transfer such fees in the same way as for membership fees – just mark the reference with your membership number and the word “Sale”.

Wanted

Old photographs - cartes de visite, cabinet photos, tintypes and photo postcards from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also intact 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am avid collector and I have conducted decades of research into 19th and early 20th century Australian and New Zealand photographers. Contact: Marcel Safier, Brisbane, msafier@ozemail.com.au; 0411 238 612

Wanted

Copies of Leica News and Technique British from January 1933, LEICA TORPEDO Finders, and copies of the Morgan & Lester Leica Manuals with publication dates of December 1936, May 1942 & 1943, January and October 1944, July 1962 and 1963 and December 1973. Phone Steve on (03)94292152

Wanted

Committee Member Andrew Korlaki is looking for a Polaroid 110 or 120 for a camera building project. Andrew is also looking for an AGFA PARAT Half Frame camera. Call him on 0400081738 or best to email andrew.korlaki@gmail.com

For Sale

PHOTOGRAPHERS OF AUSTRALIA Dupain, Sievers and Moore covered In Film Australia production (1992) Narrated by Ruth Cracknell: DVD 43min new \$20.

Also, various surveys of Australian film history. Prices include postage. David Donaldson Ph 08 8267 5069 filmart@dodo.com.au

Wanted

Information on Leica cameras. I am researching the history of the Leica camera in Australia and am particularly interested in any information on the importation, distribution arrangements, sales, and use and users of Leica cameras during the period 1925 to 1960. Brochures, manuals, sales records and early photos (1925-1930: Is there a first Leica photo in Australia?) taken with a Leica are especially wanted. Contact Bryan Kalms leicahistory@icloud.com.

Stolen...

A member has reported that a green NIKKO backpack with a recently restored Conon AE-1 Program camera Serial number 1862197 (without lens) was “lifted” in the Melbourne CBD in the Christmas week. The camera was loaded with a roll of Fuji [Space cat Moon 800T](#) film. The bag also contained a [Crumpler Triple A Top Loader 150 - Black](#) case and an empty [Adventura SH 100 II - LP36866-0WW | Lowepro AU](#) pack. If you come across these items, please send a message to secretary@apcsociety.com.au and we will pass the information on to the member concerned.

Wanted

Member Sandy Barrie is looking for a copy of the Australian Magazine “Professional Photographer” for August 1991 to replace his existing copy that has gone solid as a result of the February 2022 floods. You can contact Sandy at apbarrie52@dodo.com.au

