



NEWSLETTER

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APCS NEWSLETTER No.135 – May 2023

Next Event – May 28 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)

A now-traditional members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on May 28 from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

Please note that the date has been changed to the 28th May as a result of an event clash at the AMRA Hall.

Members-only auction 16th April - RESULTS

The first auction for 2023 was on Sunday 16th April. This was preceded by the now standard inspections on the Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. For members unable to attend these a fully illustrated on-line catalogue and absentee bidding was available.

The auctioneer was Steve Mills and volunteers assisted by holding items up and handing them to the winners. Behind the scenes the Auction Manager Paul Ewins got everything to where it had to be, and as usual our Treasurer John Young made sure that absentee deliveries and the whole financial side happened.

The auction was well attended and competition was evident for the more desirable items with absentee bids being a significant part of the result list.

Members can see the results of the auction on-line at <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/April2023AuctionResults.pdf>

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.

July 16 – 2pm Annual General Meeting AMRA Hall

Our Annual General Meeting for the 2022-23 year will be held on Sunday 16th July at 2pm at the AMRA Hall, for the purpose of receiving reports, electing a committee for the next year and dealing with specific items of business. The Annual Report will be in the pages of Back Focus which should be in the mail to you at the end of June.

The APCS is run by the elected committee and volunteers. 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 Web-site, 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 – that the Society may have to cut back 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 technology skills that are now needed. That is not something that can be learned instantly so if you have skills in web production, or can roll up your sleeves to produce illustrated auction catalogues etc please let us know.

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 20th August.

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 be a "market".

Back Focus No 118

Back Focus No 118 is on schedule to be sent to members in the first week of July. It will include a fairly wide range of subjects, including an interesting 19th Century camera that turned up in the last auction, an unusual Schneider lens casket set, a technical article on the chemistry of modern wet-plate photography, a printed version of the February presentation on Magic Lanterns with full details on the use of new solid state LEDs to replace the traditional projector globes. This article features a newly found LAVERNE Magic Lantern from a very early period, and construction details for the LED illumination of the very common Leitz Prado projector series. There are also articles on the Canon APS film cameras, an interesting camera/viewer, and a "meet the member".

We are always on the lookout for articles for Back Focus and it is not too early to start preparing something for the next edition. There is already a plan in place to make this a special edition around historical photographs. The new printing quality that can be achieved for Back Focus will allow the photos to be included at high resolution. If you have photographs or plates that have turned up of historical importance, let us know and we can help in the reproduction if that is necessary. Importantly, we are NOT looking for images that are readily available or are encumbered by copyright, and there should be a story around them.

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 – Annual fee now \$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>

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

Member John Werrett is looking for a Bayonet adapter that when attached to the front body mount of a Zenza Bronica S2 allows the use of a long focal length interchangeable lens, (specifically a Nikkor 400mm f4.5). This adapter was originally supplied with the lens. Contact: j.werrett@bigpond.com Ph: (03) 9388 1972

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

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 2022 Christmas week. If you come across this item, please send a message to secretary@apcsociety.com.au and we will pass the information on to the member concerned.

Wanted

Member John Slater is restoring a Thornton Pickard Half-Plate "Amber" field camera similar to the more common "Ruby" and is looking for a set of bellows and a lens with its flange – probably marked "Thornton Pickard Beck" or similar. Individual items or even a camera that can be used for parts would be OK. John intends the restoration to be at a cosmetic rather than functional level so working condition is not essential. Phone John on 0414809848 or email him at john@johnslater.com.au

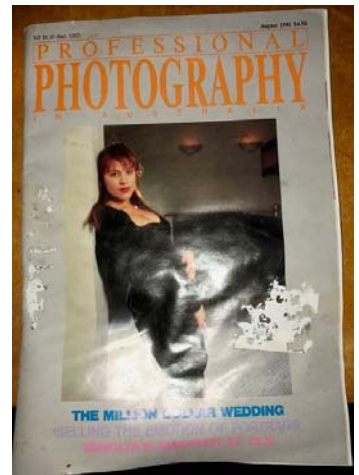
For Sale.

ZENZA BRONICA
ETRS 645 CAMERA
OUTFIT Japan's answer
to the Hasselblad in the
1980's. Immaculate
condition. Only 2 owners,
both of whom treasured it
and treated it with
respect. With f2.8 75mm
lens, speedgrip and
comprehensive set of accessories. Details from:
robinsonpeter1929@gmail.com or (02)44763900. \$750
plus freight for the lot, or make an offer.



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



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.

Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of
Photoshop and Lightroom? Work on your computer with
your images learning what's relevant to you. I can visit
your home or office, if you are a little further out of town
you are welcome to visit my Melbourne home studio or
we can do an online session. Details at
www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me
directly 0402562267 – Your personalised tutor David
Ewing.

Geelong Camera Market

Focal Point
Studio, Darkroom
and Gallery is
holding another
Camera Market on
Sunday 28th May
from 9.30am at 46
Douro St Nth
Geelong. Phone
Craig Watson on
0427537443 for
further details.

