



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2024 – the Email version

Welcome to 2024 “post-COVID” as the world has learned to deal with the disease and its complications. The APCS was having difficulty responding to social changes a decade ago – but COVID forced the Society to rethink a lot of what it does, reacting to a rapid change towards using the Internet where historically we would have met face to face more regularly. Electronic communications are nearly costless and available to all. It is curious that the history of the postal service and the history of photography that relied on chemical processing are highly parallel!

Just as the mail service is changing, so is photography. What we do as photographic users and collectors is bound to change and in many ways photography and communications are changing together as they interact. A consequence is that the APCS program for 2024 is different from a decade ago, and in the APCS and similar organisations around the world, the members focus is changing from being collectors to traders in a valuable commodity – cameras and related items.

And there is a major trend to abandon traditional mail services and rely on Email services. This edition of the newsletter is being sent by Email to all who are members now and all who did not renew in 2023 or 2022. All current and non-renewals from 2023 should have a hard copy of a January newsletter via Australia Post (it was sent on 15th January – but there are indications that some deliveries have been delayed). If you are getting this copy by Email and you did NOT get a copy in the post then according to our records you are at least two years behind in subscriptions. If you DID get a copy in the post you're your financial status is shown on the bottom left hand corner of the envelope.

You can always get the latest version of the newsletter from the web page under “Newsletters” and where necessary they will be updated during the month/

The program for 2024 has been available on the website for a few weeks and is summarised below:

February 18 – 2pm – Meeting, show and tell, and trading tables: AMRA Hall

The meeting on 18th February at 2pm at AMRA Hall was to have been a presentation but we have been unable to find a willing presenter. A “show and tell” and a mini market are likely to be the format for the day.

Maybe choose the most “unusual” item from your collection and bring it along and speak for a few minutes on it. To assist in planning the day, please send an email to the President president@apcsociety.com.au to register

the item. Please do that as soon as possible so that we can make it a feature of the February newsletter that will be distributed a week before the meeting. As usual there will be light refreshments available.

March 17 – Public market Box Hill Town Hall Table bookings are now being recorded.

The traditional Box Hill markets are back, and the experience of last year shows that they are more popular than ever. Table bookings are now open and details and booking procedures can be downloaded from <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/market.html>

Register early to assure that you get the tables that you want.

Bookings are already coming in and preference on table selection will be given to those who book early and where possible, traditional locations will be assigned. The indications are that this event will be fully booked, and if the popularity follows the trend of the last couple of years then the number of buyers is likely to exceed 1,000 for the day. To assure that you get a table, please book early.

April 21 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

Inspections will be from 2pm on Saturday 20th 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. A feature of this auction is a large collection of photographic light-meters.

There is still space for extra items at this auction. Please contact Paul on 0403 567544 and/or send him an email at auctions@apcsociety.com.au as soon as possible so that we can manage the catalogue etc. Full details and procedures are available from the APCS website.

May 19 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A now-traditional members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on 19th May from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

June 16 – 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 21 – 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.

August 18 – Noon – Members-only auction AMRA Hall

An auction is planned for 18th 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 15 – 9am – Public market at the Box Hill Town Hall

The traditional Box Hill markets are back, and the experience of last year shows that they are as active as ever. Details and booking procedures can be found at <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/market.html>

Register early as recent history shows that the tables are all booked very quickly.

October 20 – 2pm – Members-only market at AMRA Hall

A members-only market will be held at the AMRA Hall on 20th October from 2pm. Bring along your better items to sell to our collecting membership.

November 17 – Social Dinner

We are going to attempt another social dinner in 2024 but it will depend on interest – keep checking the newsletters.

Date to be determined – 9am Adelaide market – venue TBD

The Adelaide market is tentative at this time. The traditional Hungarian Club venue is being replaced at present and an alternative is needed. Details will be included in the APCS newsletters and on the website.

Vale: Max Amos

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of Max Amos after a long health struggle – in December. He joined the APCS back in 1987 and is remembered as a market organiser in the early days and more recently as a highly respected auctioneer. He was made a life member in 2010. We extend our condolences to Barbara and the family.



Back Focus

Back Focus No.119 will be published in June 2024 along the lines of the last few years. A tentative theme for 2024 is “important images from photography”. 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 least at 300dpi.

Membership renewals for 2024

Thankyou to those who have paid in advance. Annual renewals are due on 31st May each year and the fee for 2024 is \$50. The envelope containing this newsletter includes your membership number and status on the front – 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.Box 126, 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. Please try to keep the text down to under 50 words per item. We request 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, glass plate negatives, photo postcards & street photos from all Australian states and New Zealand. Also 19th century family albums with photo contents. I am an avid collector who has 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

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

Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit your home or office. You are welcome to visit my Melbourne home studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me directly 0402562267 – Your personalised tutor David Ewing.

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



For Sale SHANGHAI CAMERA - Mike McCaw

Written by APCS member and long time Chinese Camera collector Mike McCaw, Shanghai Camera is a definitive record of the cameras produced by the Shanghai Camera Factories between 1958 and 1986. The 76-page, hard cover book details 63 cameras from this period and contains 101 photographs. The book is priced at AUD\$65.00 plus postage. Contact Mike at mccaw@cbl.com.au or mobile 0407 774489.



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

For Sale

A few copies of the British Journal Photographic Almanac are available at \$5 each. 1940, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1953, 1954 and 1955 – all in Yellow covers.

Email to president@apsociety.com.au or call Rod on 0408 173662.

For Sale

Yashica Super 40K Super 8 film CINECAMERA with case, remote control lead and instruction manual. In good condition and working, \$75 plus postage (Est. \$18).

Please contact Peter on robinsonpeter1929@gmail.com or phone 0491 483 959 anytime.

CATHs Cine Collectables Fair – 14th April

The CATHs Cine Collectables Fair will be held on 14th April 2024 in Seddon (W.Melbourne). This is the only market in Australia for collectors of "reel" films and equipment (i.e. 8mm, Super-8, 9.5mm, 16mm and 35mm formats). It is a "must go" for anyone interested in movies, with people attending from Melbourne, Victoria and interstate.

Keep an eye on the webpage at <http://www.reeldeals.com.au/events/events.htm> as more details will be added in time.