



NEWSLETTER

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The Next Event – APCS Members-only Auction 17th November

A “catch-up” auction will be held on 17th November in the AMRA Hall that will include a significant quantity of Canon items along with lots of quality items ranging from Leica cameras through brass lenses through to ready-made collections of single-use cameras, mostly arising from deceased estates, to a few of the most recent photographic products. The viewing will be on the Sunday morning only and the auction will start at 1pm. You can download an interactive illustrated catalogue from <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/Nov17-2024Catalogue.pdf> , or a simplified version that you can print locally from: <https://www.apcsociety.com.au/Nov17-2024CataloguePnt.pdf> . About 200 items are on offer.

Absentee bids may be sent by email indicating your MAXIMUM bid to president@apcsociety.com.au no later than Thursday 14th November. If you wish to make a phone bid, please include your maximum as an absentee bidder in case we are unable to contact you by phone.

As this is the final event for the year and in celebration of the Christmas Season, there will be appropriate refreshments including a level of “Christmas Cheer”. If you plan to imbibe then maybe bring along a designated driver...

The APCS Program for 2025

Many of the clubs and societies that follow our hobby are failing as their members age and are not being replaced by a new generation of collectors. The APCS has been fortunate that over its 50-year history, its activities through markets and auctions as well as strong member support means that we have good financial reserves. Indeed there is no indication that the APCS is under stress financially in the immediate future.

But there is indication that the primary focus – collecting cameras – has changed to “trading cameras” and based on a simple analysis, 10 times as many people trade cameras as collect them. It is commercially logical for the APCS to change from “Collecting” towards “Trading” and that could well change the activities that are not auctions and markets. Indeed we already have more members-only markets than we do public markets, and that is evident in the APCS Calendar for 2025 that you can see on the web-site already. The program for 2025 is largely a repeat of the last few years as we gradually come out of the COVID era.

To ensure that we keep in contact with all APCS members who do not use the internet, we will be sending the January 2025 newsletter including more about the program for 2025 by Australia Post.

Enjoy what is left of 2024 as we enter the festive season and have a productive new year.

WestLicht Auction in China

A major development in the photographic auction world is that WestLicht Auctions are conducting a major auction in China – hosted by “OstLicht Auctions Shanghai” – on 16th November (nice play on words in German!) at Fotografiska Museum, Shanghai – where some 250 highly collectable lots are being offered.

Highlights in this auction have been shown at https://www.ostlicht-auction.com/highlights_shanghai_2024/ and more specific details can be seen from the links on that page. Readers can request further details on condition etc by sending an email to coeln@ostlicht.org .

Advance Notice – the Max Amos estate.

The APCS will be conducting an auction of the photographic part of the estate of Max Amos which is predominantly miniature cameras – the special interest part of Max’s collecting. It is expected that this auction will take place in April 2025.

Back Focus

We rely on members to submit articles for inclusion in Back Focus and it is not too early to submit for the 2025 edition. A theme has not emerged yet but there is an article already on the Thornton-Pickard Company and a special view camera that has been restored for an exhibition in Melbourne.

There is advertising space available in Back Focus at commercial rates. Enquiries to backfocus@apcsociety.com.au

Membership renewals for 2024

Annual renewals are due on 31st May each year and the fee for 2024 is \$50. Membership renewal to 2025 is due NOW. 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 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 at P.O.Box 126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097. If you have changed any of your contact details, 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>

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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

Photoshop and Lightroom Tuition

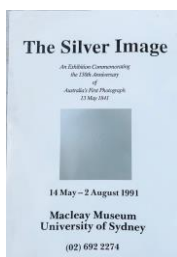
Do you need help furthering your understanding of Photoshop and Lightroom? I can visit your home or office. You are welcome to visit my Melbourne home studio or we can do an online session if you are further out of town. Details at www.photoshoptutor.com.au or call and speak to me directly 0402562267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

For Sale

A few more copies of the British Journal Photographic Almanac are available at \$5 each. 1940, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1957, – mostly in yellow covers. Call Rod on 0408 173662 or Email to president@apsociety.com.au.

Wanted

Seeking copy of the Macleay Museum catalogue of “The Silver Image” which was a display of early camera equipment and early photo images, that coincided with the 150th Anniversary of the first photo taken in Australia. This was ~A4 ‘booklet’ soft cover, catalogue of the items in the display, over half of the camera came from my collection. (My copy was destroyed in the 2011 floods, along with almost everything else.) The Cover to the catalogue is similar to this promotional poster (that amazingly survived the flood) Contact Sandy on 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. Phone Mike on 0407 774489 or Email at mccaw@cbl.com.au



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 **anted**

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

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.

Forthcoming Events

**THE SYDNEY
CAMERA MARKETS
CALENDAR
2024**

10AM-2PM
4 AUGUST • 24 NOVEMBER

Newington College
Centenary Hall
200 Stanmore Rd, Stanmore

**Entry Fee: \$5 General,
\$3 for Students**