

APCS NEWS

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Meetings & Auctions are held at the
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Have you booked your place for our Christmas Social Meeting on November 18?

Our final meeting of the year on will be held on Sunday the 18th of November at the Willira Gallery Café, 45 Wandong Road, Kilmore. People are welcome to arrive from 10.30AM onwards, with lunch starting at 12 Noon.

To find the Gallery follow Route B75 (Northern Highway), go through Wallan until you get to the turn-off on your right for Wandong (this is just before you get to Kilmore), and turn right onto the Kilmore – Wandong Road, (also known as the Epping – Kilmore Road), and in about 450 metres you see a white signpost with a sign for the APCS printed upon it, turn left into the driveway and obey the parking instructions!

The gallery is owned and run by club member Trevor Thomas and his wife Trish.

We will be having a display of some older large Format equipment, plus a display of club member's photographs – many taken on club outings throughout the year.

Trish and Trevor's property will offer some excellent photographic possibilities (they have over 28 acres), so all members are encouraged to

bring a camera (or two...) with them and explore the property.

Please be aware that as this is a very fire prone area there is a NO SMOKING BAN across the entire property.

Also as the property is a wildlife refuge NO DOGS are allowed on the property.

As Trish & Trevor will be catering for us on the day it's important that you let Margaret Mason know if you are planning to come along **NO LATER than the 9th of November** on 03 9836 3719, or via email - secretary@apcsociety.com.au

When confirming your attendance can you please let Margaret know if you have any special dietary requirements?

Cost is \$10 per person.

PS – if you get lost call 0418 536 562 and we'll work out where you are ☺

January 20th 2013 - club outing to Scienceworks in Spotswood

On January 20 we are planning a club outing to Scienceworks, 2 Booker St Spotswood 3015. Why not come along and explore the old Victorian era architecture of the old pumping station, along with the various scientific exhibits.

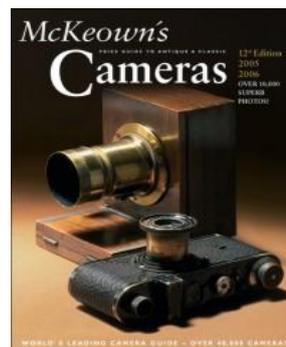
Entry is free for concession card holders and children, and only \$10 for Adults.

This gives you access all areas of the complex (except for the Planetarium Show and Lighting Show (an electrical extravaganza of man-made lightning bolts) – entry to either of these events is \$6 Adults/\$4.50 Children/\$5 concession.

Afterwards why not visit near by Williamstown and wander the pier, or take a cruise on the Bay?

If you are interested in coming along please let Bob Showers know before Friday 11 Jan 2013 on 0418 536 562, or email him on president@apcsociety.com.au

NEW McKeown's Price Guide – Coming soon!



In case you missed the news in the last Newsletter Margaret Mason received an email from Jim McKeown, who has confirmed that a new price guide is in preparation.

We have no confirmation of publication date or pricing. If you are interested in getting a copy when it is published please let Margaret know and she will add your name to the list.

From Margaret Mason

DEAR MEMBERS

Sometimes items for the Auction get separated, mislaid, or have no identification. Consequently I have accumulated a store of goodies.

If you have not been paid for lots submitted please get in touch on Ph 03 9836 3719, or secretary@apcsociety.com.au so that I can rectify the situation.

Cheers, Margaret (Secretary)

Who said film cameras were not being made?

Just as manufacturers like Kodak and Fuji announce they are discontinuing various types and sizes of film, a NEW film camera was announced by the people at **Lomography.com!**

Even more surprising are the specifications – harking back to the “golden days” of photography the new camera is a folding bellows camera taking 120 films...

There are 3 models in the new BELAIR X 6-12 range, the main difference being the finish of the camera, which ranges from the basic black of the “City Slicker”, to the chrome with tan leatherette “Jetsetter”, and the top of the range “Globetrotter” with faux snakeskin covering.



The specifications are pretty comprehensive:

- Shoots multiple formats – 6x6, 6x9 & 6x12
- Auto exposure between EV4-EV15
- Shutter speeds from B to 1/125
- Aperture priority automatic exposure
- Interchangeable bayonet mount lenses (comes with 58mm & 90mm lenses – both have a maximum f8 aperture)
- Film speeds from 50-1600 ASA

- Flash hot shoe
- Tripod socket

The cameras were announced for pre-sale on October 19th on the Lomography website, with delivery guaranteed before December 19th (just in time for Christmas!). And the price?

At between \$249 - \$349 (US dollars) depending on the model (which includes *both lenses*) this camera is something of a bargain.

And if you pre-order one before December 10th (or before they run out) you save a further 30%, meaning you can get one for as little as \$174.30 US!

For more info visit <http://microsites.lomography.com/belair/>

APCS October Auction

Sunday morning saw a keen group of members gather to look over a range of items for our October club auction being held at the AMRA Hall in Glen Iris.

Starting at 1PM, this auction, while smaller than previous auctions with 276 lots, more than made up for the “lack” of quantity with some interesting/quality items.



The surprise for me (and a few others?) was the sale of 3 Leica instruction books for a IIIa (camera, Leica Lenses and Leica accessories) Which sold for over \$200!

Other highlights were 2 wooden cameras in lovely condition, both of which sold for around their reserve prices (\$250 & \$300) to an absentee bidder (who said you have to be there to get a bargain??)

On a personal note I also felt the Foca Universal rangefinder I got for under \$100 was also a bargain ☺

Thanks to everyone who helped on the day, and special thanks to Max Amos for once again being our Auctioneer.

And the next Auction...

WILL NOT be held in February 2013.

As you will have read earlier Margaret Mason has come into the possession of a number of items from unknown owners, so it has been decided that if no one comes forward to claim these items we will be disposing of them in February in a “Clearance Sale”.

The committee have not worked out what format the sale will take, whether it will be a general sale or an auction, but the club will not be taking any lots from members for this event.

The next Auction will be in July 2013.

Speaking of the next Auction the committee are in the process of revamping the entire auction process, so that it will be easier to get an accurate description of each lot entered, and to make it easier for members to submit lots to the auction.

The committee are working on an entry list that each contributor will be asked to fill out, and are also hoping to be able to take entries via a dedicated auction website, or via email.

It may surprise members, but the same basic group of people have been involved in the running of the Auction for the last 20 years or so, and it is a very time consuming process, so anything that can be done to make the running of the Auction easier will be greatly appreciated....

Next Photographic Market – Box Hill Town Hall March 10th, 2013

It's not too early to book your table for the next Photographic Market – to book just contact the Market Organiser on 9808 8692, or email him at market@apcsociety.com.au

Camera Wanted Add:

WANTED: Old Camera, Folder - preference for camera similar to Voigtlander Bessa, lens f3.5, 120 film, must be working, limit \$100. Contact Trevor on 03- 5782 2004

