



THE NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Editions for May 2018

This is the second of two newsletter editions planned for May 2018. This one is a week before the Melbourne members-only market, and includes much of the information included in the first (Adelaide) edition.

An issue of Back Focus will also be sent out late in the first week in June – a little sooner than usual.

The next APCS event is the members-only mini-market – AMRA Hall 20th May 2pm

This is the normal Melbourne event for May, and is a popular event for members to get together socially and have a market at the same time, where we can sell some of the better items – with the focus on collectables that other members are likely to find desirable. There is no charge for tables but try to keep the total of what you bring along to about half a normal table. As usual there will be tea and coffee and biscuits etc.

Coming up – The APCS AGM

The Society AGM will be held on 17th June at 2pm at the AMRA Hall to receive reports of the operations for the 2017-18 year, to elect a new Executive and Committee and to deal with special business. Nominations for the management positions will be received from financial members at any time up to elections to be held if there are more candidates than positions.

Now is the time to consider joining the Committee of the APCS. We are an incorporated association registered in Victoria with about 250 members mostly in Australia. It is managed by the committee and relies on financial resources from membership fees and the revenue that comes from auctions and markets. It has an expenditure profile that includes meetings, public markets in Melbourne and Adelaide at present, the production and distribution of Back Focus, and the production of a newsletter in most months, and the miscellaneous activities that are required by law and of course the good management of the APCS. The society is financially self-sustaining and has sufficient reserves to avoid the financial stress that is often present in volunteer associations.

Most of the work is done by the members of the Committee but others can be involved as well. Being part of the Committee is an opportunity for you to contribute to the functions of the society, and to shape the society for the future. The present is a time of change as we welcome new members and sadly see the older members retiring from the roles that they had years ago. Even what we collect is changing – digital photography has a history going back three quarters of a

century, and the first self-contained digital camera was made nearly 50 years ago. New approaches are needed, not only in our collections but how we run the APCS and interact with each other – technology is very evident and we need new input.

It is only 5 weeks to the AGM – have a think about becoming part of the team – chat to current committee members (a couple of contacts above) and get involved so that you can eventually take over the reins.

Coming up – Membership dues

Thankyou to the members who have already renewed their subscriptions for the next year. Annual membership renewals are due at the end of May and the fee of \$30 can be paid by a 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.

Or you can send a cheque to the Treasurer
P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

If any of your details have changed please download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> Either include it with your cheque, or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au You can also renew at the Melbourne mini Market. The annual subscription remains at \$30 if you get in BEFORE the AGM. Who knows – there may be a change after that – time will tell – a matter for the incoming committee.

Each copy of Back Focus that goes out has a cover page that includes your membership number and your financial status at the time of preparation which is usually less than a week before Back Focus is posted.

Email addresses

There are still a few members who have not provided an email address – which does not mean that you are missing out on anything other than reminders. All Newsletters etc are available from the APCS Website – but remember to refresh the page to ensure that you have the latest version. Important announcements and late-breaking news items are also available from the FaceBook page, and you will find some items on the back of the cover address page of each Back Focus.

April Auction results

As a service to members, the results of the April auction now include a brief description of each item: <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/auctions/April2018results.pdf>

A report on the Adelaide Public Market

Continuing the tradition of the Photographic Protection Society which is now part of the APCS, the Adelaide market for 2018 was held on Sunday 6th May at the Hungarian Club of SA in Norwood. President Rod went over to the market to meet members of the PPS who were now part of the APCS and to be a general part of running the day. The market was well attended – 41 tables and just short of 200 buyers attending. Clearly this was a popular event for Adelaide and a tentative booking has been made for a repeat on the first Sunday of May 2019.

Many thanks to all who assisted in what was a very successful day socially and trading for most. The event was greatly enhanced by your help in setting up, running the refreshments stall (did you have one of those scones?) the sponsorship by PHOTOCO, and of course Matt for being the contact point for table bookings etc.

Coming up – the July Auction

The members-only auction in July is going to be a special one – with a large part of it dedicated to the final part of the Estate of Margaret Mason. You have already seen a few of the rarer items at the memorial meeting back in February – and there are a lot more like that. There will be items that are considered to be of special value (think museum rarity and quality). We will also be making an effort to research those items much more fully than usual. This is an opportunity for members to submit similar interesting items that can be included in the same auction, and to help save time on the day, there will be a minimum starting bid of \$100 applied to these lots.

Over the last year or so there have been calls for a high value day and this will be an attempt to test the idea. We are still dealing with some security matters so for the moment if you have high value items that you wish to sell could you please first send an email to auctions@apcsociety.com.au summarising the items and including a photo of each item that can be used for promotion. We will deal with the physical side of getting items to the auction closer to the day.

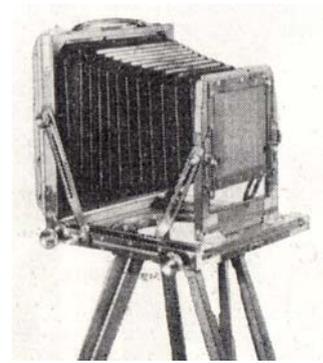
Coming up – Brisbane Market event

The 19th annual Cameraholics Brisbane Camera Fair is on Sunday 3rd June 10am – 2.30pm at the Global Learning Centre 102 McDonald Road, Windsor, (under the Albion overpass). \$3 entry fee. There will be 35 tables of everything photographic. Table bookings and information: phone: 07 38551060 or 0418 190905 email: BarryJHart@optusnet.com.au web: www.tinyurl.com/cameraholics

The markets and fairs around Australia are a great way to meet collectors and to find all those things that you never knew that you needed...

Wanted – Fieldmaster camera information

Does anyone have, or knows of a "Fieldmaster" Thornton Pickard type field camera made in the 1950s? Contact John Fleming (Member 559) via email oldercarrepairs@bigpond.com or phone 03 98777754. And to prompt your memory see the picture from a directory of the day.



Barnack Berc Blog

Every now and again a website comes to our attention which is special.... About 40 years ago there was a magazine called the "Barnack and Berc Newsletter" which was dedicated to the Leica/Leitz organisation. The idea has been reborn as the Barnack Berc Blog and you can find it at <http://gmpphoto.blogspot.com.au/>. It is an initiative by Heinz Richter who was associated with the original newsletter. It is a little one-eyed – probably justifiably so – and is a collection of very well thought out commentaries on a whole range of matters to do the Leica including some very good theoretical treatment of current issues.

PHSNE Snap Shots

The APCS exchanges magazines with similar societies around the world and one of the on-line ones is Snap Shots – you can find the current edition for May at http://phsne.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018-05_snap-shots_web.pdf

Graflex Journal

Another publication that we have an exchange relationship with is the Graflex Journal. You can download any of the last dozen issues from: <https://www.graflex.org/journal/>

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