



THE NEWSLETTER

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APCS NEWSLETTER No.88a – April 2019 SPECIAL AUCTION EDITION

This is a special early edition of the APCS newsletter for April 2019 covering the catalogue and details for the Members-Only auction on April 28th. Note in particular the CHANGE OF DATE due to Easter.

THE APRIL AUCTION will be conducted at the APCS club rooms at the AMRA Hall – 92 Wills Street Glen Iris. Viewing from 2-4pm on Saturday 27th April and from 10am on Sunday 28th. The auction starts at NOON. Light refreshments will be available on Auction day.

The catalogue is an interactive one and can be downloaded by clicking on:

<http://www.apcsociety.com.au/Catalogue.pdf>

That document can be printed out from any computer that supports PDF. About a quarter of the descriptions are underlined and will be in blue for most readers. Those items are linked to photographs that are stored on the internet, and can be viewed if the PDF file is read on any computer or smart phone that supports an Internet Browser, and of course when the computer is connected to the Internet. To view one of the photographs, simply click on the item (left click in the case of a Windows computer, or tap on a phone or touchscreen). To return to the catalogue simply close the image. Items that have been photographed are those that are more valuable, or are unusual. All other items are either well known, or are of insignificant value, or are such that physical examination is essential.

For this auction, items without condition comments either rely on the photos, or should be considered to be cosmetically good. Functional condition is shown as FC1-5 where FC1 is seriously faulty and FC5 indicates that the item should be able to be used without evident fault. "AsIs" means that the item is probably faulty or simply has not been assessed and should be considered faulty. In a couple of cases written condition is included.

Please note that only financial members may bid and purchase (for mainly legal reasons) and members may check on their status if they attend at the viewing times, and update if necessary.

FOR THIS AUCTION, the phone-bidding service will not be available. Absentee bids may be sent by email to president@apcsociety.com.au indicating your MAXIMUM bid no later than THURSDAY 25th, and note that the auctioneer intends to start with bids from the floor.

CAVEAT EMPTOR: Please note that it is up to you – the buyer – to inspect what you are bidding for. Even though a lot of effort has to go into preparing and running these auctions, the volunteers doing the work do not

have the time and often the expertise to inspect, test and report on every item. If you are uncertain on matters of performance, maybe bid assuming that there are faults. Some of these auction items were made in the Century before last and have not been stored under ideal conditions. Even items made 50 years ago may have lubricants that have dried out, and seals that have perished.

AUCTION CHANGES: Over the last couple of years the demand for low grade, electronic, and common cameras – mostly made since about 1970, has evaporated, and that includes a lot of cameras that were not particularly cheap when new. In many cases the market is saturated. For film users, there are a lot of high quality cameras on the market that do not rely on electronics, and these are commonly available cheaply. Not only are those unpopular cameras not reaching prices that warrant inclusion in catalogues, but they are not selling in the public markets either. Similarly the demand for projectors and darkroom equipment of virtually any kind has also evaporated. From now on, such items will not be accepted for the APCS auctions unless bundled into lots – "20 assorted point-and-shoot cameras" for example. Some other items – particularly heavy ones – get no interest, even when marked "free".

APCS Annual General Meeting

Preliminary notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Photographic Collectors' Society Inc is expected to be held on Sunday 16th June at the AMRA Hall to receive reports and elect officers for the 2019-2020 year. Members should note that final details will be announced by email link in the newsletters as they come to hand and on the Society web site.

No Back Focus? – Membership lapsed?

Did you get a copy of Back Focus in March? If not it is probable that you did not renew your membership last year (we continue to send newsletters for a year after members become unfinancial).

Thankyou to the members who have already renewed their membership for 2019-20. The annual fee remains at \$30 can be paid by a direct deposit into the APCS 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 send a cheque to the Treasurer P.O.Box126, KANGAROO GROUND, VIC 3097

If any of your details have changed please let us know. Download the membership form from the website <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/membership.html> and

include it with your cheque, or email the changes to the Treasurer or to web@apcsociety.com.au.

There have now been 112 issues of Back Focus and its equivalent in the early days of the APCS. A complete index is available by downloading the PDF from <http://www.apcsociety.com.au/BackFocus/BFIndex.pdf>

A project is in progress to digitise all the Back Focus issues, and the first 50 are already available as PDF files on a couple of DVDs. Send an email to web@apcsociety.com.au for details on getting a copy. For members having computers without a DVD drive, the first 50 issues are also available loaded on a 16GB USB flash drive.

Public market – 5 May – Adelaide

The annual Adelaide public photographic market will be at the Hungarian Club, Norwood on 5th May. Doors will open at 10am, and the market will close at 2pm. The entry fee for all APCS markets is \$5.

Intending vendors will need to book to ensure that a table is assigned. Send an email to the market organiser at market@apcsociety.com.au or directly to Matt at mattm@blackandwhitephoto.com.au with a request for as many tables as you need) and further instructions will be sent to you. Please ensure that your name, and contact details are included in your email. For Adelaide, the fee per table (including vendor & one helper) is \$25.

You can help make these markets a success by putting posters and fliers where they can be seen and taken – in shop windows and on counters etc. Printable copies are available for download from the website: The Poster and flier for the Adelaide market are available at www.apcsociety.com.au/2019-May-MarketPoster.pdf and www.apcsociety.com.au/2019-May-MarketFlier.jpg If you are a Facebook user then you might put the flier JPG on your page as a picture. Every bit helps.

Members-only Market – 19 May – AMRA Hall

A Members-only market and social day will be held on 19th May at the AMRA Hall from 2pm. Just turn up and bring some of your better items to sell – about half a table would be a good idea. This is a scheduled monthly meeting day and there is no charge.

Photographica Fair – 19 May – London

If you are in London on 19th May (10am – 4pm) then you might visit the Photographic Collectors Club of Great Britain's camera fair Photographica 2019. Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Hall, 80 Vincent Square, London SW1P 2PB. This is organised by the Photographic Collectors' Club International Ltd, and was brought to our attention by their Member Nigel Richards who visited out Box Hill Market last month.

See their Facebook page for more details and for late breaking news:
<https://www.facebook.com/photographicafair>.

Cameraholics Fair – 2 June – Brisbane

For Queenslanders, the Cameraholics camera fair is on again at: Global Learning Centre, 102 McDonald Rd., Windsor QLD 4030 (under the Albion Overpass) on 2nd June from 10am.

The fair features 40+ tables full of usable and collectable film cameras, digital cameras, lenses of all varieties, photographic accessories, photographic literature, darkroom items and brand new film and Polaroid film packs.

There is something for everyone with an interest in photography. ATM on site. \$3 entry. Sausage sizzle and refreshments available with proceeds to charity.

APCS communications with members

In today's environment things can happen quickly and it is becoming more important to ensure that you – the members – have access to the latest information as soon as possible.

Once upon a time, such information was stored up and when there was enough to talk about, a newsletter was written and sent out by mail. Today, people want to find out what is happening quickly, and the mail system is not only costly, but is much slower than previously.

With the rollout of digital communications through mobile phones, ADSL services, the NBN and several wireless digital communications services, information can be got to you nearly instantaneously and cheaply. The central location of information to do with the APCS is from the APCS website: www.apcsociety.com.au but there are other methods that we use. In each month that includes an APCS event, an electronic newsletter (like this one) is produced that you can read from a link in an email that is sent to the email address that you give us in your membership details. If you choose not to do that you can still see the newsletter from the APCS webpage – just go to the "Newsletter" tab and click on the link. In any of those forms, make sure that you update the page or you may only see older information.

We also put information on social media – most notably FaceBook. Go to your own FaceBook page and search on APCS. If you are not a FaceBook user, don't worry, the information is also on the APCS webpage but maybe without some social photos that get added from time to time.

Classified Advertisements

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