



THE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to 2019

Welcome to the first APCS newsletter for 2019. Please read it in detail as there are several changes for this year, and a couple of significant ones are included here in advance.

The next event is a meeting and presentation on 17th February at the AMRA Hall from 2pm

This meeting will be an opportunity for members to get together socially and of course there will be the usual buy, swap and sell table. Your president has put together a presentation that should be of interest to most – the subject being “**Lenses and their Names**”. The subject will be a bit wider than just that as it will cover the development of lenses used in photography over the last 300 years (yes, some advanced lenses came before actual photography), will attempt to put all lenses into some classifications and then match makers’ names for them. It will be shown that there are rather fewer lens types in use today than you might imagine. There will be lots of examples of lenses to look at – including some that you may never have seen before and may never have heard of. Current developments and future products will also be covered. Members who are not able to attend will be able to download a copy of the presentation notes later.

Coming public markets

There will be THREE public APCS markets in 2019. In Melbourne (Box Hill Town Hall) there will be markets on 24th March and 15th September, and in Adelaide (Hungarian Club, Norwood) on 5th May. Intending vendors will need to book for these markets. For the next market in Melbourne, sellers can book a table using the application form found on the “Markets” tab of the APCS website, and you may also send an email enquiry to the market organiser at market@apcsociety.com.au

Buyers can just turn up on the day and the doors will be open at 9am, and the market will close at 1pm. The entry fee for APCS markets is \$5 payable at the door.

The fees per table are \$50 for the Melbourne markets and \$25 for the Adelaide market, and will need to be paid in advance unless otherwise advised by the market manager.

Intending sellers at the Adelaide market on 5th May can register for a table now by sending an email to market@apcsociety.com.au which includes their name and contact details and the number of tables that they require.

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 for the Melbourne March market is available at www.apcsociety.com.au/2019-March-MarketPoster.pdf and a flier for this market can be downloaded from www.apcsociety.com.au/2019-March-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 Auction – major changes in 2019 and CHANGE OF DATE

The general form of the members-only auctions will continue in 2019 but there are some significant changes. As a result of the date clash for the scheduled April Auction and Easter in 2019, THE APCS AUCTION WILL BE HELD ON 28TH APRIL, a week later than traditional. We will be observing a very different submission process with a new management team and processing area. Please note the following for the April auction, and bear with us as we refine the new process.

Persons wishing to submit photographic items for auction by the APCS to its MEMBERS should in the first instance send an email to auctions@apcsociety.com.au at least TWO MONTHS prior to the next auction date expressing a wish to sell items at the next auction. The Auction Manager will send an email to the return address which includes provisions for a description of each item (up to 30 words per item), the expected price, and a reserve price (if any). On acceptance of the items for auction, which will be notified by email, Vendors will have the option of delivering to a nominated address on a date and time agreed between the Vendor and the Auction Manager, or by mail or courier. It is essential that items for inclusion in the next auction are received no less than 30 days before the auction date.

The email requesting details will include a form which can be used to enter details electronically and will also have a PDF form attached which can be printed out by the Vendor and filled in manually and sent by mail. Note however that at least 5 working days should be allowed for mail delivery in meeting the production schedule.

The acceptance email will also include a contact phone number, and the delivery address. The Auction Manager for the present lives in Blackburn (a suburb of Melbourne).

The deadlines will allow each item to be photographed and catalogued. Items and submissions missing the schedule will be held over to the following auction.

From 2019, the APCS is imposing some limits on what will be accepted for auction, essentially to minimise the work level, and to reduce any perception that the auction is a dumping ground for unwanted items of low value. The whole matter of reporting condition and working status is not easily resolved as there are many often conflicting standards. For the APCS auctions, there will be several standard terms used, which can be in combination:

- *CGC: Cosmetically Good Condition.*
- *FC(1-5): Functional Condition, where FC1 means that things move and the shutter fires on some speeds through to FC5 meaning the item could be used without any operational fault being evident.*
- *AsIs: No representation as to high condition or functionality.*

Large items will only be accepted when space is available and where there is a perceived demand. Low value items should be put into box-lots, and described as a 'box of goodies'.

Other features of the auction will remain unchanged from the immediate past. But please note that the new processes are intended to avoid some of the confusion that has occurred in past item descriptions etc, and to streamline the overall process.

The operational condition of photographic items can be very hard to determine, and testing can be very costly and out of keeping with the nature of the APCS auction process. It has been observed that some auction houses are insisting on full service at a cost to the seller as a condition of acceptance – the APCS will not be going down that path. For the moment, sellers should state their opinion on condition and the APCS will check by little more than inspection. Recent efforts to determine condition have taken a lot of effort. Sometimes, a bit of humour has crept in – eg “Very Good Condition (Shutter jammed)”.

APCS information for 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 it can be communicated.

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 as soon as possible and the mail system is not only costly, but it takes effort and is relatively slow – 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.

Membership renewals

Thankyou to the members who have already renewed their membership for 2018-2019. They became due at the end of May 2018, and the fee of \$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. You can check your membership current status from the cover sheet to any recent issue of Back Focus.

Classified Advertisements

You can place classified advertisements in these pages. Send an email to adverts@apcsociety.com.au including a JPG photo if you wish. Rather than include your name and contact details we can add an enquiry code and pass information on to you – then you can deal directly with the responders. At present there is no charge for this service. For the timebeing keep the text down to under 50 words per item. Advertisements will be published once – or twice if space permits.

For Sale

Sanderson Tropical ¼ plate Outfit.

Ian Carron. 03 9435 5659

This camera outfit is in as new condition. The camera is fitted with the highly desirable f4.5 Tessar lens. Plate holders and a film pack adaptor are all included. This is a late version of the model – almost too good to use! Willing to reluctantly part with this outfit for the same price a similar camera sold for in our last auction, \$2150.



Wanted

DeVere504 enlarger.

Responses to adverts@apcsociety.com.au

We have had a request for a specific DeVere504 enlarger which has some special features that make it accessible to operators with certain difficulties. If you have one of these or the Ilford Multigrade head then please contact us.

