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## December 2023

A very warm welcome to all our readers and members, as we approach the closing weeks of yet another year !

It has been a memorable year for many of you, especially all those who have achieved Salon or Honours successes. To those of you who just missed the cut, remember Robert the Bruce, that famous Scotsman who never gave up !

## HOPE – our theme salon for 2023



Hot from the press, are the results of our recent Theme competition on Hope. These were announced and flighted on our Zoom platform this past weekend - if you missed that, then here they are :

### Categories, Results and Awards

There was only **one** category – **Open with the theme of 'Hope'**

Margaret Finlay

A Flickering Flame

Gold medal



Brendan Gillan

The Journey

Silver medal



Alan Tyrer

In The Beginning

Honourable mention

John Hodgson

Ghost Town

Honourable mention

Raymond Hughes

This Land

Honourable mention

Sheila Haycox

A Troubled Country

Honourable mention

Ger Sauer

This Bitter Earth

Acceptance

Howard Bagshaw

4 Minutes

Acceptance

Ken Woods

Dreaming of Hope

Acceptance and best SA entry

Linda & Edgar Gibbs

The Shoreline Speaks

Acceptance

Sophie Paugam

I locked up my freedom

Acceptance

### Best entry award

AV Makers South Africa *virtual* Gold medallion\* and  
**PTE AV Studio 10** licence, compliments of [wnsoft.com](http://wnsoft.com)

### Best entry by a South African citizen residing in South Africa

Ken Woods

Dreaming of Hope



There were a total of 21 entries in the salon from Australia (2), France (1), Northern Ireland (3), New Zealand (1), Republic of Ireland (2), South Africa (7), The Netherlands (1), England (3), and Wales (1).

We are most grateful for the **PTE AV Studio 10** licence key for the winner courtesy of Igor Kokarev, [wnsoft.com](http://wnsoft.com) . Please support Pictures to Exe.

Well done to all !

## AV Workshop in 2024

AV Makers is arranging a workshop by zoom for the last Saturday in January. Details will be sent to members early in the New Year.

## Talk by Sophie Paugam

We are delighted that Sophie has agreed to talk to us about her AV work on **24<sup>th</sup> February**. The zoom link will be sent out later.

Sophie won an acceptance for 'I locked up my freedom' in our Hope Salon.



## First announcement for LA COUPE LUMIERE

Dear authors and creators of audio-visual montages, immerse yourself in the captivating world of audio-visual creation at the unmissable TRIEL SUR SEINE festival: LA COUPE LUMIERE !

Get ready to experience a unique and inspiring journey on **April 6 2024** at the prestigious Octave Mirbeau Theater, nestled on Cadot Street in Triel sur Seine.

## Our Annual General Meeting

Our AGM via Zoom actually went very well, and those who participated came up with some excellent and interesting proposals and ideas.

The Minutes will be available later, but here are some ideas to consider.

o Funding      Going forward, it was voted that we continue with our Zoom initiative, including both our local as well as overseas inputs and lectures. However, this comes at a cost, in fact about R 3000 per year for the zoom licence. Our kitty was depleted this year as the Committee decided to subsidise local entries into overseas Salons, especially to lessen the very high commission charged by PayPal. This was successful in that many of you benefitted, and record numbers of South African entries resulted - and many of you achieved success.

## Salon and congress news

Details of the PE International are here: <https://pssa.co.za/2024-04-21-pecc-international-audio-visual-festival-2024/>

The next Cape Photographers/PSSA Congress promises Audio Visual-related talks by Friso Woudstra, from AV Makers, and Willem Oets. The details are here:

<https://pssa.co.za/2024-calitzdorp-congress/> .Results from the PE International will also be showcased.

Sadly, I believe that the Latow International Competition will be no more, an event that Paul Sparrow hosted in Canada for decades.

## **Salon theme for 2024**

Theme for 2024: we invite you all to give this some serious thought, and send suggestions to either Jeff or myself.

Our next Newsletter will be in February. Our Chairman Jeff will be reaching a serious milestone, and family are converging from the Cape and Australia to celebrate this special Birthday with him - and of course we all wish him a Happy Birthday as well !

May I wish both you and your families all the best over this festive season, and travel safely !

Cheers until next time,

Eric Thorburn APSSA (Vers) AV-APSSA

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