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Greetings Everyone,

Well, this is probably the last newsletter I shall be writing, so thank you everyone for reading them. I've really enjoyed writing them over the years.

CHAMBER GALLERY EXHIBITION

"The Waimakariri – Our Land" The Exhibition runs from Sunday 7 May to Monday 5 June.

As only a limited number of works can be shown this exhibition has to be pre-selected. You will need to have your work ready by **Tuesday. 25 April** and, as it is Anzac Day, **bring it to the Gospel Hall in the afternoon between 2.00 and 3.30pm please. The Gallery has to select and catalogue the final works chosen prior to the exhibition, so no late entries can be accepted.**

All works exhibited need to be of a high standard, ready to hang, and identified on the back. If you are exhibiting on canvas then your work must be dry. Artist's names, titles of works and prices are also required by the Gallery for printing purposes etc, so please send me the important form from the last newsletter. **Please also put the price you will be selling your work for.** The Gallery commission is 20%.

Please note that although we have given you the opportunity to enter up to three works not all of your works may be selected. The Gallery has the final say.

Everyone is invited to the opening in the Chamber Gallery on the Sunday afternoon. Bring your family and friends!

THIRTY DAY ART CHALLENGE

This challenge runs from 2 May to 31 May and is open to everyone. The choice of subject/s, media, size, etc is totally yours. All we ask is that you produce a separate work each day.

We would like you to sign up for this challenge as it gives us an indication of the interest shown and also if we have sufficient works at the end we will try to find a venue to exhibit and even sell our work.

The one thing though is we don't want you to feel pressured and there may be times when you cannot meet the required art work. Do not be put off! Treat it like medication, pick up where you left off, but don't do a double dose to make up. It will be fun to see how you got on at the end of the month. This is a real opportunity to experiment and try out new things!!!

AGM

Our AGM is to be held in the Gospel hall on Tuesday 9 May at 7.00pm. This year for a variety of reasons we have a number of positions to be filled, so please start thinking now if you are able to take up one of these committee vacancies. Ngaire, Quilliam, Lyn, Bob and Viv are all relinquishing their roles this year so we will need people for President, Secretary, and general committee members who take on roles such as Membership Secretary, Exhibition co-ordinator, Exhibition equipment administrator, Newsletter co-ordinator, etc. Our speaker this year is Peter Allen, long term Waimakariri Councillor and former Principal of Rangiora High School.

To date we have seven nominations. If you feel you could work on the committee please let us know. Our constitution provides for nine committee members.

INHOUSE TUTORIALS

- Thank you to Tracy for leading the **Portraiture tutorial** today. A small, but enthusiastic group participated.
- On Tuesday 23 May Ngaire Hunt will take a session on **Colour Mixing**. This will be mainly relevant to watercolourists.
- On Saturday 8 July Lyn Peckover will lead a **Pastel Workshop**. (Lyn works so can only do this then).

COLLAGE WORKSHOP



Suitable for all abilities (including complete novices!)
The Beginners Mixed Media Workshop is a fun, simple introduction to art and creativity. In this workshop you will learn to create a fabulous artwork using printed images, paints and other simple mediums. A fun couple of hours.....

On Tuesday 20 June Ali and Prue from The Drawing Room are coming out to take a morning workshop on creative media/ collage. All the materials will be provided right down to the gold leaf! This will be a fun course and one, which is something different for us. The committee has agreed to subsidise this workshop so the cost to you is only \$30. **To ensure that it is worthwhile for the Drawing Room to run this workshop participants must prepay by Tuesday 30 May.**

KAIAPOI EXPO

If you would like to enter something in this exhibition but do not have enough work to justify purchasing a panel for yourself, let us know and if there is sufficient interest we will purchase a panel for the RAS. Entry forms are available now at the Waimakariri libraries.

Also in late July the Arts Canterbury, of which we are members, are running another Cash & Carry at the Anthony Wilding Rymen's Village in Halswell and we have the opportunity to exhibit here under the Society.

RETURN FORMS – Return in person or phone Ngaire on 313 5271

30 – DAY Challenge (Return by 2 May)

I would like to take part. NAME

PASTEL WORKSHOP (Return by 30 May)

Sat. 8 July. I would like to attend. NAME

PHONE

COLLAGE WORKSHOP (Return by 30 May)

Tuesday 20 June. I would like to attend. NAME

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Please find enclosed the fee of \$30.00 cheque----- cash-----.