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Greetings everyone

June 2018

Well what a month May was, the 30-Day Challenge did challenge quite a few of us. We look forward to seeing all the works at the Spring Exhibition, it was only a sneak peak on Facebook as many more members were taking part than those who posted each day, but I have to say it was fantastic to have those posts each day – well done to everyone who took up the challenge!

We hope you are all preparing slowing for the Spring Art Exhibition – Entry forms, fee and rules will be coming out in the next newsletter. The committee is working away behind the scenes already to ensure we have another successful show – recently we employed an engineer to strengthen and repair our large blue stands to ensure safety and professionalism at the show – We are also in the process of purchasing some new street signs - watch this space as they say!

Mike Gilbert / Margaret Stephenson: Since returning to us in May, Mike has had second thoughts about staying on as President in 2018, we totally understand that Mike has a lot on his plate at the moment and running the RAS is just one to many, but we are happy to announce that Margaret Stephenson has graciously decided to take over and lead us this year, we all know that there will be little if any noticeable change as Margaret has been doing this role now for a few months as an acting president and with the support of our fantastic committee we know Margaret is the best woman for the job.

Kaiapoi Art Expo: RAS has four members sharing a panel at the Kaiapoi Art Expo. We hope that you will support our society by attending and viewing the works by the members who took up the offer to share a panel – this is something we wish to continue to offer to our members so maybe you could consider it for next year? It should be noted too that many individual members of the RAS will be showing works at the Art Expo, so if you can pop in and see the show over the weekend of 14-15th July 2018 between 10am – 5pm we are sure you will enjoy the works.

Ruth Reid: The committee have arranged for Ruth Reid to come and tell us all about her recent Scholarship to Venice. Ruth will be speaking from 10am at the Gospel Hall on Tuesday, the 3rd July. We will set up the hall to ensure that those who still wish to paint will still be able to. Ruth is a member of our society, and has been for some eight years, some of you might know Reid's work. She describes her work on her website as ' Iconic Landscapes and Nature's Gems in Oils ' do check it out <https://ruthreidart.com/> . But her focus for this talk will be on the experience of being a scholar in Venice.

You might like to attend: *A Talk by Dean Buchanan* on Saturday 16th June 2018, 2:00pm at Fo Guang Yuan Art Gallery Christchurch. Dean's works are currently on exhibition at the gallery where he will give a talk and some further insight into his work. **The Guang Yuan Art Gallery ask that you RSVP by 12th June to friendsofnzfy@gmail.com**

Pegasus Bay Art Show: The RAS will also be booking a shared panel at the Pegasus Bay Art Show. Eight spaces are available. Cost is \$10 for 500mm x 500mm space. Availability to buy two spaces will only be offered if enough artists do not take up the offer. All rules are as for Pegasus Bay Art Show (which includes the ability to display previously exhibited works) see or email Jan Campbell (artyjan@hotmail.com) for more details. Entry is submitted either by email or by speaking to Jan at the Gospel Hall on Tuesdays – no forms at this stage. Deadline for entry is 31 July 2018 (list of works is not required at this time, just your commitment in the form of your \$10 fee). The show is held over the weekend 21st-23rd September 2018.

En Plein Air Painting: Carolyn Abernethy has organized some interesting opportunities once a month for 2018. For further information telephone Carolyn at 03 3128524.

- **July Thursday 5th** at Graham William’s studio 23 Cullen Avenue, Swannanoa.
- **August Thursday 2nd** at Corinna Hazlett’s studio 838 Marshmans Road, Sefton. Corina will be giving help and advice starting at 9:30 am, cost \$25, bookings essential as only 10 spaces are available. Let Carolyn know if you are interested in participating.
- **September Thursday 6th** at Victoria Park, Cashmere, Port Hills.
- **October Thursday 4th** at Kaiapoi Lakes reserve.
- **November Thursday 1st** at Castle Hill.
- **December Thursday 6th** (to be arranged).

Life Drawing: Life Drawing classes are held at the Woodend Methodist Hall on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:30 pm. The cost is \$15 per evening. Participants can attend on a casual basis. Jeff Elliot can be contacted via 021 909762.

| Calendar of Events: Keep these dates in mind and watch out for further details: | |
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| • July 3rd | Ruth Reid speaking about her one-month scholarship, painting in Venice. |
| • August 14th | Linelle Stacey , Acrylic Workshop |
| • August 31st - September 2nd | RAS Spring Show , guest artist Lisa Jepson . |
| • September 21st – 23rd | Pegasus Bay Art Show , guest artist Linelle Stacey |

Please note that the RAS committee subsidises the tutorials to keep the cost to you as low as possible. Your subscription and the money we raise through our activities at the Spring Exhibition all help make this happen.

The July Newsletter will contain the Rangiora Art Society Spring Exhibition Entry form and more details and an entry form for the Linelle Stacey Acrylic Workshop – there are no attachments this month.

Happy painting everyone.