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NEWSLETTER MARCH 2011

Greetings to everyone! A month has passed since our AGM, which 29 of our members attended, and we are now well in to 2011. Our thoughts are with you all at this time as we struggle to come to terms with the havoc wrought by the earthquake in our beautiful city, to our homes and businesses, and to our lives in general.

AGM – the major decisions, which affect us this year, are as follows:

Your Committee: President: Quilliam Collister
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Treasurer: Sue Newick

Members: Roger Barson, Bronwyn Byers, Yvonne Fitzgerald, Mary Overtoom, Rosie Pack and Ruby Whitty.

Patron: Mark Lander
Auditor: Graham Lawrey

Subscriptions: The annual subscription is now \$25 with a \$5 reduction if paid by 31 March of the current year. New members will pay \$20 in their first year. Sue will be happy to receive your sub as soon as you are able. Please forward to Sue Newick at P.O. Box 60, Rangiora, 7440. Please remember that to exhibit in our Spring Exhibition you need to have been a financial member for six months.

Life Members: We welcomed three longstanding members of our society – Val Allott, Olga Purves and Julia Witbrock.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Welcome to 2011, although the year has started very badly for Christchurch let's hope that things pick up from now. Our society has started well with good attendances at our Tuesday sessions. We have had one day of painting outside at Victoria Park in Rangiora and hope to have some more outside days while the weather holds. Our Painting weekend in Kaikoura was effectively scuttled by the earthquake although Joan and Graham Scarlet, along with Paulette and I, had a pleasant but quiet weekend away.

Coming up we have a number of events for members to participate in starting with the Prosser Quirke Combined Arts Exhibition in May

quickly followed by our tutorial days in June and July the tutors are being finalised at present and will be detailed in the next newsletter. The committee is quite excited by the quality and reputation of the proposed tutors.

PROSSER QUIRKE COMBINED ARTS EXHIBITION

This annual exhibition is in the late stages of organisation and is planned for the Chervier Centre on the 20th to the 22nd of May with the opening on the evening of the 19th. This year members will be allowed to enter up to three works but should this result in more entries than can be hung it may be necessary to cut us all back to two. The entry fee will be \$3 per work. Another departure designed to encourage members to enter their best work is that works which were displayed in the society's September exhibition last year may be entered. Entry forms will be in the next newsletter.

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PAINTING DAYS AND TUTORIALS:

Tuesday sessions are well underway. On fine days some folks have been painting "en plein air", while back at the Gospel Hall the topics for March and April are:

1 & 8 March	Artist's Paraphernalia
15 & 22 March	Night Scenes
29 March & 5 April	Works on Black Paper
12 & 19 April	Medieval Illumination

KAIKOURA:

Unfortunately the earthquake was somewhat of a deterrent for this year's weekend away, but we do have a number of tutorial plans we are working on for June and July. We will let you know about these as soon as they are confirmed.

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU to Quilliam Collister and Joan Scarlett for providing us with such interesting water colour exhibition "About Waimakariri" in the Rangiora Library Chamber Gallery. It is definitely one of those showings that take you back more than once, and if you have not already viewed it the exhibition will be there until 18 March.

And to close a thought to ponder on: 'The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.'

Happy Painting
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