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November 2015

We are fast approaching the end of the year and this will be our last newsletter for 2015. The year has been a busy one. We have welcomed a good number of new members, some of whom come to our Tuesday sessions thus making it possible for us to get to know you. We are aware that on some Tuesdays the Gospel Hall has been bursting at the seams with members, but this does not happen on a regular basis. Your committee has visited and exhausted its list of alternative venues and finds that The Gospel Hall is the only one that best fits our needs. We have a very good relationship with the Gospel Hall leaders and together we have made a good number of improvements to the Hall facilities. We are also able to store our cupboards and tables with them; something we could not do with other venues, so we will continue to use the Hall as is. I want to thank Quilliam, Rosie, Jan Campbell, Jude Kennett, Lyn Peckover and Bob who set up the hall each week so that all we have to do is walk in and make ourselves comfortable. Quilliam, Jan, Jude, Val Allott and myself usually do the final clean-up and put the place back to rights. It would be great if we could have a roster system whereby all members who come along on Tuesdays made themselves available to take a turn at this, rather than just leaving it to the 'willing few'. Our agreement with the Gospel hall allows us to use the facility until 3pm on Tuesdays, members who wish to arrive after the rush (about 11.30 usually) are welcome to stay later but some people will need to be responsible for packing up the hall.

#### **Demonstration:**

Our final demonstration for the year is on Tuesday 10 November, 5.30pm to 7.30 pm at the Gospel Hall. Our sponsor, Gordon Harris Art Supplies, is conducting this. We have also invited members from the Kaiapoi and Waikuku groups to join us for this.

#### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Jan Campbell and Mandy Palmer whose exhibition last week at The Brick Mill was well worth visiting. The opening night was a bright and cheerful occasion and the works on display brought out the character of each of the four exhibitors.

Quilliam Collister, Carol Moffatt and Ruby Whitty have all been invited to display work in the Art & Music in the Cathedral exhibition this coming Friday and Saturday. Our best wishes for this exhibition – the proceeds of which are going to The Winding Road Trust. If you haven't ever visited the Transitional Cathedral in Latimer Square this would be a good time to do so – Saturday 10am to 2pm.

#### **Rangiora A&P Show:**

Thank you to those members who entered work into the Northern Districts A&P Show this year. Ngaire and Rosie had a good variety of work in each Class to judge. These Classes are open to any member of the public. Congratulations to all of our members who won awards, and especially to Carol Moffatt who won the Premier Art Award with one of her watercolours. This year we were able to sell paintings. Out of 65 exhibits only three sold. Personally I feel that the A&P Show is not the place to sell our work. No other Category sells their exhibits. The A&P Show is a place to showcase work. It meant that two members were tied to the exhibition all day and missed out on



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being able to see the events. If members wish to sell their work in future then we need more people to come and sit with the exhibits throughout the day.

### **Christmas Luncheon and Break-Up:**

We are having this at **Pukeko Junction on Tuesday 8 December at 12 noon**. The cost will be \$20 to financial members and \$35 to those who are not paid up members. Your committee is subsidising the meal and providing one free drink for each person. There will also be a number of very good lucky prizes as usual.

The menu is suited to those of you who are gluten free as well as vegetarian, etc. There is a choice of four mains, three desserts and tea/coffee is included.

If you would like to attend we will need to have your payment no later than Tuesday 1 December. No refunds will be able to be given.

### **Tuesday Topics:**

Our last three topics for the year are:

Nov 3&10 – Mixed Media
Nov 17&24 – The Port Hills
Dec 1 – A New Zealand Christmas

Next years topics will be published in the January newsletter. Your committee is also in the process of approaching suitable artists to give workshops next year. Most artists are now requesting two-day workshops so please be prepared to sign up for the full two days when we make these available. Our fees are very generous as once again the committee subsidises these occasions.

### **Plein Air painting:**

When: First Tuesday of the month for the months of summer (October, November, December, February, March, and April).

1 December: Kaiapoi Visitors Centre and wharf, 57 Charles Street, Kaiapoi

2 February 2016: Waikuku Beach Domain, meet near Waikuku Beach store, Cnr Park Terrace and Domain Road, Waikuku. Time: 9.30am to 2pm.

Details: Meet at venue. Bring your own gear and lunch.

Wet Weather: Postponed to the following Tuesday if wet. Ring Carolyn Abernethy 031328524 or Lyn Rate 03 424 4665 between 7.30am and 8.30am on the day if you are not sure of the weather.

### **Calendars 2016:**

We have sold out of all of our stock. If you are still needing one then Paper Plus, Rangiora may just have a few left.

Thank you again to Quilliam for a very professional and useful document. My overseas family and friends just love them.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this year a really worthwhile one in the life of the Society. We hope that you all have a very happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 2 February 2016.

Ngaire and Quilliam.



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**CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP FUNCTION AT PUKEKO JUNCTION.**

I ----- wish to attend the Luncheon on Tuesday 8 December at 12 noon.

Please find enclosed \$20 cash or S20 cheque.

Signed:

**Please make cheques payable to Rangiora Art Society. Send this return slip to Ngaire Hunt, 52B Golding Ave, Rangiora 7400 or bring it on a Tuesday morning to Art.**

Please also remember that mail is only distributed to us on a Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, so one needs to think in advance now.

**Remember that registrations close on Tuesday 1 December.**