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Greetings Everyone

Suddenly we're hurtling towards the end of yet another year. Art Exhibitions have been in abundance and congratulations to all who have sold works. Rosie and I did our thing at the 150th A&P Show, while Courtney and her group sold a number of their paintings. Now we have the Fernside Garden Show on 20th November as a finale for this year.

Thank you to all who have sent me good wishes over the last couple of months. I never dreamt I'd be having cardiac treatment, but apparently it is all in the genes! Anyway, hopefully I'm good for a few more years to come now that stents have been inserted.

Quilliam is off to Hanoi on Sunday for a couple of weeks, so we wish him a safe and fruitful journey. No doubt we'll be viewing some more inspired works, this time with an oriental flavour although, of course, we might just see another Notre Dame being France's gift to colonialism.

GARDENS OF FERNSIDE REMINDER:

Sunday 20 November. **Drop off 9.30am pickup 4pm** - This event, which includes: stalls, a café and a silent auction at the school in addition to our exhibition is very popular with a large attendance, (many people come out from Christchurch) and should result in good foot traffic for our exhibition.

This is an opportunity for us to exhibit new work or paintings that we may have already shown in the district. Paintings may be framed or matted but must be well presented i.e. clean, taped, tidy, dry etc. The committee may decide to refuse work, which is poorly presented. While we have no formal limit to the number of paintings which members can exhibit perhaps five or seven (depending upon size) would be appropriate.

Entry **\$1 per painting** is to be paid as the paintings are dropped off. Artists must fix a label to the bottom of each painting showing: title, artist's name and price.

An example label is printed below showing the required information. Please feel free to make your own label. (Hand written is fine)

Paintings should be dropped off on the day by 9am and (picked up at 4pm) in the **Fernside hall**. If you cannot manage to be there at these times please arrange pick up and drop off with another member.

The society will make every effort to look after your work but accepts no responsibility. If you are concerned you should take out your own insurance.

This year we have arranged an EFT-POS facility which will make it easier for prospective purchaser.

Several people have volunteered to man the display but we would welcome members who would like to spend an hour or so helping with the setup around 9am or over the rest of the day.

TITLE	_____
MEDIA	_____
ARTIST'S NAME	_____
PHONE NUMBER	_____
PRICE	\$ _____

TUESDAY TOPICS:

Our last three topics for the year are:

- Nov 1&8 – Coastal Activities
- Nov 15&22 – Local Landscape
- Nov 29 – Christmas Theme
- Dec 6 – Breakup Function

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:

Carolyn Abernethy 031328524 and Lyn Rate 03 424 4665 have organised outdoor painting sessions this year and with summer coming up it should be very pleasant to work in the open air. Monthly venues planned for the rest of the year are:

Tuesday next week, 1st November, at Amberley cob cottage, Chamberlain Park, Main Road, Amberley, starting at 9.30am until approximately 1.30pm. We are hoping the weather will be fine, so fingers are crossed. Lovely site sheltered from the winds, with shade and sunshine if sunny. Quaint cottage or garden scenes. Chamberlain Park is accessible from the Main Road (Carters Road) or Church St.

The final plein air session for the year will be held four weeks later on November 29th at Ohoka stream walkway, 63 Keetly Place, Ohoka (the home of Elaine Armstrong).

These events, and cancellations, are posted on our facebook page or you can phone Carolyn or Lyn between 7.30am and 8.30am on the day if you are not sure of the weather.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND BREAK-UP:

Your committee has not yet confirmed the venue for this year's celebration, and we'll let you know as soon as possible. The cost, however, 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 (venue dependent) for each person.

There will also be a number of very good lucky prizes as usual.

Our plan is that the menu will be suited to those of you who are gluten free as well as vegetarian, etc. 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.