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November 2018

Thank you to the folk who responded so promptly to our survey questions, some useful ideas have been put forward, see further information below. There is still time to give us your ideas and feelings so please fill in the survey form and either hand it to a committee member or pop it in the suggestion box at the Gospel Hall. Please email your ideas to the committee members (see above) if you cannot hand in or post the survey form.

A big thank you to Margaret Stephenson and Jan Campbell who represented the RAS by looking after the Craft and Art section of the Rangiora A & P Show. The weather was lovely, the turn out good and the animals displayed well. Marg and Jan reported that few RAS members entered art works and we would love to see more RAS entries next year to fly the flag for RAS there. Please keep it in mind while you paint.

Ryman Cash and Carry Exhibition: Organisation of the Charles Upham Cash and Carry exhibition is now well in hand. Congratulations to Sue Ferguson whose painting has been chosen by Ryman for their advertising poster. Entries for this exhibition are now all in and with fifty-nine artists (from all four art groups) it looks like being another fantastic event. Jan will be emailing those of you who have entered with confirmation and rosters etc. All members are invited to view the exhibition over the weekend 1st-2nd December and support your fellow artists by spreading the word about the exhibition. The Ryman poster will be posted on Facebook as soon as available, please share it as widely as possible. This is a Cash and Carry exhibition with 10% of sales going to the charity chosen by Ryman.

2019 RAS Members' Calendar: Orders for the RAS Calendar 2019 are available if you wish to purchase these as Christmas presents. The calendars will be printed by the end of November and will be available for sale at the Ryman's Cash and Carry and thereafter at the Gospel Hall. To secure your calendars please use the form attached to this newsletter. The cost of each calendar is \$15. Payment can be made to RAS in cash or cheque or by internet. Your orders can be collected from the Gospel Hall or at Ryman's Cash and Carry exhibition.

RAS Christmas Lunch: We are very disappointed that it has taken so long to identify a suitable place for this lunch, but we can now report that we have booked the Flat White Café at Pegasus which has a separate room for us and will provide a varied, Christmas themed, meal. Attached to this newsletter is a booking form and the menu for the meal at Flat White Café. Please would you fill in the form promptly and return it with payment to the committee, so that we can confirm your food choices/dietary needs and number attending with the chef in good time for the meal. Our choice of venue was governed by the variety of food choices (catering for dietary needs), the cost to members, and accessibility. The cost to members for the lunch will be \$30 with RAS subsidising the overall cost which includes a drink with the meal. The subsidy will apply to RAS members only. The full cost for partners who are not RAS members is \$36 and no free drink.

Survey, RAS Member Opinions: The RAS committee seeks your ideas on how to improve the Rangiora Art Society. We ask members to fill in the Survey form (attached) to give us constructive feedback. Please consider this and return it to a committee member or pop it in the Tuesday Suggestion box or email your response to the committee. Positive feedback about the friendliness of the RAS has been cheering. We are mindful of our members' comments about parking but in the meantime the Gospel Hall meets all other requirements well, especially lighting and heating.

RAS Library: Recent items added to our library, available for members to borrow are

Taking risks with Watercolour
Experimental Landscapes in Watercolour
Realistic Abstracts

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

- **December 6th** Mt Thomas homestead, 436 Birch Hill Road, Okuku.

RAS Calendar of Events: Keep these dates in mind:

November 30, 1-2 December Ryman's Art Exhibition at Charles Upham

December 11 Christmas Lunch – Flat White café at Pegasus

Other Events:

Canterbury Arts inform us that there are some events that may be of interest to members.

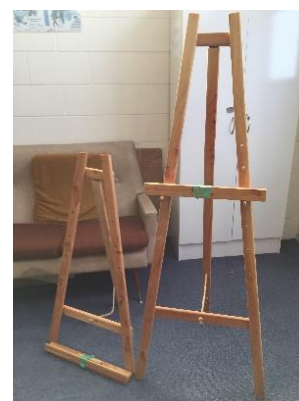
- Bryce Gallery "*For 19th Century Classical Artists*: 1-30 November.
- '*Hard to Get*' at Form Gallery 7-21 November
- John Kellman exhibition to 29 November at York St Gallery, Timaru.
- '*Something from Nothing*' by Michael Holland until 10 November at Eastside Gallery.

The **Drawing Room** sale continues. The Drawing Room has arranged a variety of tutorials during November, including some Christmas themed workshops. They also plan to have *Realism in Oil Painting*, for beginners with Jennifer Mulligan in February & March. Check details with the Drawing Room staff.

Easels for sale: Di Mabbitt's husband, Glyn, makes easels from Oregon, oiled with linseed oil. Large easels \$40, medium easels \$30 (both pictured right) and table top easels \$20 (not pictured). He can make easels to your requirements.

Contact Glyn via 021 175 4557.

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



Happy painting everyone.

Attachments to this newsletter:

- **RAS Survey form**
- **RAS Calendars Order form**
- **RAS Christmas Lunch Order form**

Rangiora Art Society Member Survey October 2018

- What is the best thing about RAS?

- What is one thing that you would change if it was in your power?

- What new thing would you like to see implemented in RAS that is not there now?

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Rangiora Art Society 2019 Calendar Order form:

Name: _____

Contact number: _____

Number of RAS Calendars ordered: _____

Amount paid for the calendar(s) i.e. \$15 per calendar: _____

Method of payment:

- **Cash** handed to the RAS Treasurer (Jan Campbell)
- **Cheque** made out to **Rangiora Art Society**
- **Internet banking** made to **Rangiora Art Society** **02-0876-0027478-00.**
Please use **your name** and **Calendar** as **Reference**.

I will collect my calendar order from (circle as appropriate):

Gospel Hall (Tuesday sessions)

Ryman's Cash and Carry (December 1, 2)

Rangiora Art Society Christmas Lunch

Venue: Flat White Café, at Pegasus, in the Library section.

When: Tuesday, 11 December 2018, 12 noon.

Cost: \$30.00 per person (this includes the meal and one drink of alcohol / non-alcoholic and is subsidised by RAS. Non-members cost is \$36 and no free drink).



Payment: Please fill in the form below and return with your payment. By pre-ordering we can keep the cost down to \$30. Return the form to the RAS committee to book your place and order please. If you are bringing a partner to the lunch, please return an order form for them too. We have tried to cover most dietary requirements.

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To help us cater for diverse dietary needs please complete and return with payment, the order form below, to indicate your choice from the menu.

**RAS Christmas Luncheon at Flat White Café, Pegasus,
12 noon on 11 December 2018**

Menu

Four choices: Traditional Xmas option of Ham or Turkey or Fish or Vegetarian

Hot ham carved off the bone with seeded mustard and seasonal vegetables

or

Turkey breast topped with cranberry and seasonal vegetables

or

Fresh white NZ fish poached and seasonal vegetables

or

Roast vegetable salad

There will be garden salad on the table

Plated dessert option of Xmas pudding and custard or Tiramisu or Beetroot cake

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Name: _____

My order (please circle your choice):

Mains choice: Ham / Turkey / Fish / Vegetarian

Dessert: Xmas pudding and custard / Tiramisu / Beetroot cake

Special dietary requirements: _____