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Greetings everyone

Another successful RAS Spring Show has been achieved with plenty of colour to feast our eyes on. Lisa Jepson's works helped set the scene with visitors enjoying the full experience, taking time to appreciate the art on display. Our thanks go to the judges, Jackie Watson and Brent Firken who carefully considered the works. We congratulate the following members who were successful:

Russell Andrews Memorial Cup: Oliver Ryan for his oil painting 'Paradise'.

Gordon Harris Award: Chris Heaphy for her acrylic painting 'Oystercatchers'.

Merit awards went to Oliver Ryan for 'Paradise' (oil); Paul Smith for 'Flash point' (acrylic), Karin Werner for 'From West to East' (water colour); Jill Johnson for 'Poppies' (mixed media); Mandy Palmer for 'Delicate Strength' (pencil); Ngaire Hunt for 'In the Garden' (workshop/tutorial); Rosie Pack for her 30-Day Challenge folder.

Highly Commended awards went to Ruth Reid for 'Braided River' (oil); Victoria Bennett for 'Feathers' (acrylic); Rosie Pack for 'Warsash Pickers' (mixed media); Jan Clark for 'Leucadendron' (pencil); Quilliam Collister for 'Café scene, Nuremberg, Germany' (water colour); Jan Campbell for 'Bright Gems' (workshop/tutorial); Sheryl Price-Hall for her 30-Day Challenge folder.

Thank you to all the members who were generous with their time and donations, selling raffle tickets, donating goods for the raffle prizes, assisting with setting up and bringing down the exhibition as well as presenting their art for public scrutiny to help us present a breath of Spring in what was otherwise dull weather. Many members of the public commented on how much they enjoyed the show. Thank you everyone.

At the point of writing this newsletter the financial figures are provisional. Please note that these figures are income only and our final profit will be affected by all the bills yet to be paid e.g. hall hire, advertising etc. Final finances will be available in due course. RAS Spring Show 2018 Provisional Results:

Door takings \$ 903.60

Raffle Total \$1658.80

Sales total \$9029.00 of which our commission was 15% \$1354.35.

2019 RAS Members' Calendar: Due to some requests at the Spring Exhibition we have decided that we will put together a 2019 Calendar ready for sale at the upcoming Rymans Exhibition. If you would like to put forward your work to go into this Calendar this is what you need to know:

We require both Landscape and Portrait orientated works, approximately 13 of each will be selected. Final selection of works will fall to the committee, we will endeavour to include as many members' works as possible. You can either bring your unframed works in to the Gospel Hall any Tuesday in September where Quilliam will photograph them or members can upload 'full resolution images' (straight from your camera) on our website www.rangioraart.org.nz. The deadline is the 30th September. It is important that we know the name of the artist and the title of the work so if submitting work for photography or electronically please ensure that Quilliam has these details. Pre-orders of the Calendar will be available if you wish to purchase as Christmas presents. Order forms will follow.

Pegasus Bay Art Show: Just a reminder that the show is on the weekend 21st-23rd September 2018 and well worth visiting. This Show attracts a lot of attention and many RAS members have entered their art works.

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

- October 4th Kaiapoi Lakes Reserve.
- November 1st Castle Hill. We will car pool, leaving Rangiora at 8.30am, returning by 5pm.
- December 6th Mt Thomas homestead, 436 Birch Hill Road, Okuku.

RAS Calendar of Events: Keep these dates in mind:

September 21-23 Pegasus Bay Art Show, guest artist Linelle Stacey.

November 30, 1-2 December Rymans Art Exhibition

December 11 Christmas Lunch at RSA Rangiora

Rymans Exhibition: The exhibition at Charles Upham in Rangiora is confirmed for the weekend of 30 November (opening night), 1-2 December (open for show). Further details will follow when they are confirmed.

Other Events: Arts Canterbury inform us that there are several events that may be of interest to members.

The Art of Fran MacFarlane & Jenny Apse, Every Friday-Sunday until 30 Sept. at Stoddart Cottage Gallery, Diamond Harbour. 10am-4pm.

Exhibition by Debbie Lambert 4 to 30 September, Tuesday to Sunday 10am to 4pm. **Watercolour workshop** by Debbie Lambert: 8 September 10am to 4pm. **Oils workshop** by Debbie Lambert 15 September 10am-4pm. Each workshop cost to Non-members \$50, members \$25. To register for these workshops email Lakelandart@yahoo.com or text 027 8203045.

Linwood Community Arts presents 'First Steps Art 2018', 10-29 September at Eastside Gallery. Mon-Fri 11am to 4pm, Sat 12 noon -3pm.

Bryce Gallery has a new exhibition, **'Spring Fever McKenzie Country'** until 3 October.

Artarama will be held again on 12-14 October at St Andrew's College, Christchurch. Rotary is organizing this exhibition to raise funds for a charity, yet to be finalized. Artist applications due by 30 September. The event email address is rcbb.artarama@gmail.com There will be three awards for 'best in show' of up to \$1,000. The Trust prefers that this year the nominated sale price for items of exhibited art be more than \$100. Works may be new or previously exhibited.

Christmas Lunch: A change of venue has been proposed for the Christmas lunch this year – the RSA/Spitfire on Victoria restaurant. We have no costs at this stage, but we would hope to offer a similar range of menu choices that we have had before. Whilst this may seem a long way off, it will only go ahead at this venue if we can guarantee at least 40 people. Because they need confirmation at least by the last week of November, we would need to have payment by mid-November. The committee hopes that you will give this every consideration. When Tracy has a menu and costs we will let you know, hopefully in the next newsletter.

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 has 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.