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This is an update as various matters need to be shared before our next newsletter in May. First, a warm welcome to new member, Maggie Thompson.

2021 AGM: The date of the AGM is 11 May, at 11:00am at the Jubilee Event Centre, during our usual Tuesday session. A light lunch provided by the committee will follow. If you see yourself as a committee member please see one of us on the current committee and let your intentions be known. If you think someone else would be a good committee person, again, come and see us.

Bring-along-and-sell day: On Tuesday 20 April. Rules: Tell a committee member that you are intending to bring stuff (e.g., surplus painting equipment, resources, paintings); you are responsible for setting up and layout (at the Jubilee Centre in the lower room); RAS gets 15% of your total sales. This is an in-house event.

Future Workshops: Please contact the committee or next newsletter for enrolment forms.

April 13 - Marilyn Clark Acrylics, mid-ability, limited palette (2-3 colours + white)

May 4 - Ruby Whitty- Fun with Abstracts

June 1 -Jenny Baker - Oils

July 27 - Maxine Burney- Acrylics

Donate Materials: We have arranged workshops this year in a variety of media. To encourage people to try workshops in a medium that they may not be equipped for, we would ask that you donate surplus oils, acrylics, watercolours, and pastels to RAS for these workshops.

Weekly helpers: We have had a number of new members this year and often get enquiries. The committee think that in order to make new people feel at home, we could assign them a "helper" on the day they come. The Helper would ideally be working in the same medium as the newbie. If you think you would like to be a helper, please give your name to the committee.

Spring into Spring Exhibition: The dates for our exhibition this year, 2021, are Friday 27, Saturday 28, and Sunday 29 August.

Set up dates are Wednesday 25 (7-9 pm) and Thursday 26 August (8-9 am).

Our Guest artist will be Adrienne Pavelka (watercolourist).

Venue - this will be in the Jubilee Event Centre at the Rangiora A&P Showgrounds.

Evening sessions at the Jubilee Centre: These will finish March 30 (prior to Easter) and resume at the beginning of the school term 4 on Tuesday 19 October.

Feeling Creative but want a different project? We have been approached for ideas to decorate a Community piano in Rangiora. The request asks for '*one of your artists to help us with our 'makeover brief' and in return for their help and support we would make sure there was a name recognition on the piano.*' This is a voluntary project that will result in the RAS name being added in a prominent place on the piano if we participate. If you have ideas about how to make a piano look fun in Rangiora, please contact the RAS committee as soon as possible.

2021 RAS Calendar of Events: Please keep these dates in mind:

March 30	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30 pm Topic: Aquatic Delights Quilliam Collister's Tutorial: Pen & Wash 10am to 2:00pm
April 6	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30pm Topic: In the style of (famous artist) / En Plein Air at 301 Barkers Rd, Loburn
April 13	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30pm Topic: In the style of (famous artist)/ Postponement for En Plein Air Marilyn Clark's Tutorial: Acrylic painting 10am to 2pm.
April 20	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30pm Topic: Native birds Bring-along-and-sell day at Jubilee Centre
April 27	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30pm Topic: Native birds
Month of May	The RAS 30-Day Challenge: Draw or paint something each day.
May 4	At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A & P Showgrounds, Rangiora. Topic: Autumn Leaves 9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 8:30pm Ruby Whitty's tutorial: Fun with Abstracts 10am to 2pm.
May 11	Annual General Meeting at Jubilee Event Centre 11:00 am light lunch to follow. Topic: Autumn Leaves

Do you recall Ray Hastings? Ray Hastings was once a member of RAS. Those who remember him recall that his paintings reflected his appreciation of familiar landscapes, especially around Canterbury e.g., Geraldine, Timaru. We have been approached by an owner of one of Ray's paintings, a landscape done about 1995. The owner is keen to identify the building or scene of the watercolour, thought to be in mid-Canterbury. If you recall Ray and his paintings, or are familiar with the landscape around mid-Canterbury, please contact Pip Dobson. Pip could email an image of the painting if you think you could identify it.

Christchurch Art Gallery Exhibitions: there are several exhibitions running over the coming months, all worth visiting. Two of note are:

Ralph Hotere: A tete (to resist) 27 March to 25 July

Persistent Encounters: A historical selection of art from Dutch 'Golden Age' to modern period. Until 29 August.

Be kind to yourself and others. Happy painting everyone.

With this newsletter: Tutorial Entry forms for Ruby Whitty's Fun with Abstracts, and Jenny Baker's Oil Painting tutorial/workshops.

Tutorial Entry Form – Ruby Whitty ‘Fun with Abstracts’

Date: Tuesday 4 May 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Venue: Jubilee Centre

Tutorial Cost: \$30* per member

Name: _____ Contact: _____

Method of payment:

- **Cash** handed to the RAS Treasurer
- **Internet banking** made to **Rangiora Art Society 02-0876-0027478-00**.
Please use your **name** and **Abstracts** as **Reference**.

Entry Forms due by 27 April 2021

*We will confirm your place in this tutorial upon payment. Please note that there are no refunds.

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Ruby Whitty “Fun with Abstracts’ 4 May 10-2pm : For this tutorial you will need:

An A4 or A3 Canvas

Masking tape in 3 sizes 18mm, 12mm, 6mm (provided)

Acrylic paint

Jar for water, plus rag or paper towels

Saucer or something to mix paint on

newspaper to cover table (provided)

Paint brushes

marker pen, any colour, silver, or gold

Ruler

Hair dryer (RAS one is available)

Tutorial Entry Form – Jenny Baker: Oil Painting

Date: Tuesday 1 June 2021

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Venue: Jubilee Centre

Tutorial Cost: \$30* per member

Name: _____ Contact: _____

Method of payment:

- **Cash** handed to the RAS Treasurer
- **Internet banking** made to **Rangiora Art Society 02-0876-0027478-00**.
Please use your **name** and **Acrylic** as **Reference**.

Entry Forms due by 25 May 2021

*We will confirm your place in this tutorial upon payment. Please note that there are no refunds.

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Jenny Baker advises that for Acrylics 1 June 10-2pm you will need:

Subject contains sunrise sky, marshes and reeds, an old dinghy and a pond. The emphasis will be on blending, distance perspective and use of types of brushes and a few demonstrations of ways we can use brushes or make them.

Materials for course:

Canvas board or oil painting paper approximately 18” by 14”

Liquin or your favourite Medium

Basic oil colours.....including Ultramarine blue, celeste blue or similar, white, yellow ochre, cadmium yellow, orange, red, burnt umber, burnt sienna, greens And your favourites. If you don't have the colours needed I can help with some on the day.

Brushes to bring....a variety of sizes but must include some quite fine ones, and a mop brush only if you have one. A Grainer brush will be great (these have long and short hairs in layers), but not essential.

A cloth to wipe your brushes and a wee jar of brush cleaner if you wish to bring one.

You will be provided with a picture of the topic, lots of ideas, encouragement and ...fun!

If you don't finish your painting on the day don't worry as it will be easy enough to continue at home in the days ahead. Looking forward to seeing you. Jenny Baker...