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A warm welcome back to Sue Lewis. The weather may still be cool, but signs of spring are about, and the committee is deep in details for our Spring into Spring show of RAS works. There is a lot to be done for the Show so please do take note of the Calendar of Events on Page 2 of this newsletter.

Watercolour demonstration: Thank you to Gordon Harris who again provided a demonstration by Evan Woodruffe and his assistant, Marcel, a representative from Schmenke in Germany. Evan's demonstration was informative and interesting. Marcel and Evan explained the process of producing watercolour paints, tubes and pans as well as highlighting the advantages of different papers. Members appreciated the products that were given out during the demonstration.

Kaiapoi Expo was a big event with 27 RAS members exhibiting their work. The standard of works exhibited was high. Many people attended the show. Overall Kaiapoi Expo sold 166 works worth just under \$33,000. Congratulations to the 13 RAS members who sold their works there.

2020 Calendars: 2020 RAS Members' Calendar: Quilliam has completed photographing works and is assembling the calendar. He reports that he expects it to be available at the Spring into Spring Show. Pre-orders of the RAS 2020 Calendar will be available if you wish to purchase them as Christmas presents.

The RAS Raffle: Our Raffle team of Wendy and Suzanne report that the goodies received to date are lovely, thank you but they need more items. If you haven't already donated something, then please think about doing so now. Wendy and Suzanne collect the 'treats' on a Tuesday at the Gospel Hall. If donating perishable items, please check the use by date before doing so.

Baskets for the Raffle prizes: If you have a medium sized gift basket or an interesting box languishing at home and have no further need for it please consider donating it to RAS for our Spring into Spring Raffle. You will make Wendy Wills very happy if you have a spare basket for the raffle.

Raffle tickets: The raffle tickets are being distributed. A very big thank you to the folk who have already sold tickets. If you have not received a booklet of tickets and would like to help this fundraising, then please contact the RAS committee and we will figure out a way to get them to you. The sale of raffle tickets is our main fundraising venture. The price is low, still set at \$2, and the prize baskets are being filled with delectable treats, yummy! We ask that the ticket butts and any unsold tickets are returned to the committee by 23 August.

Raffles sales volunteers: Thank you too to the volunteers who have offered to help sell raffle tickets outside the New World supermarket. Pip will phone/email the volunteers to remind them of the time they have offered to attend the table for sales.

Painting Topics for RAS: Once the Spring into Spring Show is over, we begin our 'new painting year' and a new list of topics for the period starting September 2019 and finishing at the next Spring Show. See the list attached to this newsletter.

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

August 6, 13, 20, 27 Tuesday sessions at the Gospel Hall.

August 6 Entries close for the RAS Spring into Spring Show.

August 6 30-Day Folders to be handed over to Jan Campbell our Treasurer with the entry form.

August 20 Raffle sales table outside Rangiora New World supermarket 9:00 to 3:00pm.

August 21 Receiving work entered in the show, at the Rangiora Bowling Club 7-8pm.

August 22 Receiving works entered in the show, 8:30-10 am at the Rangiora Bowling Club.

August 23 All raffle ticket butts, sales money and unsold tickets to be returned to RAS committee.

August 23, 24, 25, 2019 'Spring into Spring', RAS annual exhibition at the Rangiora Bowling Club.

Framing: Han Overtoom advises that following his shift to Silverstream in Kaiapoi he is ready to take on framing work. If anyone needs pictures framed, re-framing or re-furbishing of their framed pictures please phone Han at 03 930 1267 to arrange this with him.

Other Events:

- Pegasus Bay Art Show 20-22 September
- Out of the Ashes: Textile and Fibre Arts Network; 29 July – 17 August at Eastside Gallery, 388 Worcester St, Chch.
- Sister Water – bronze by Anneke Bester; 7-27 August at Form Gallery.
- Nyle Major – Classical Realism Workshop; 19 – 22 September at Bryce Gallery

Happy painting everyone

Attachment to this newsletter: New topic list for the new RAS year September 2019 – August 2020

Rangiora Art Society topics for September 2019 to August 2020

The topics are a guide only and members are free to paint what they like. The topics tend to feature in the Workshop section at the annual show.

Topics change each fortnight, centred on the Tuesday sessions:

2019

September 1-16	Bridges
September 17-30	Family
October 1- 14	Rivers
October 5 – 28	Flowers
Oct 29 – Nov 11	Pets
November 12 – 25	The Farm
November 26 – Dec 10	Sports
December 11 – January 13	No topics as RAS is in Recess

We start the 2020 year at Jubilee Events centre at the Rangiora A&P Show Grounds

January 14 – 27	Plein Air: On the Beach / Seascape (Venue TBC)
January 28 – Feb 3	Plein Air: Sailing / Café scene (Venue TBC)
*February 4 – 17	At the Races (Venue: Jubilee Centre)
February 18 March 2	Old Buildings
March 3 – 16	Evening
March 17 – 30	Churches
March 31 – April 13	Inspired by a song
April 14 – 27	Garden Shed(s)
April 28 – May 11	Forests
May 1-30	30-Day Challenge
May 12 – 25	Children
May 26 – June 8	Night
June 9 – 22	Snow scene
June 23 – July 6	The Task
July 7 – 20	Weather
July 21 – August 3	Rocky Shore
August 4 – 17	Nor' wester
August 18 – 31	Heading Home.
August	2020 RAS Exhibition (date to be advised).