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## June 2019

This month we welcome Mary Fraser and Frances Hay to our society. What a busy month May has been with the AGM, Carol Moffat's talk and of course the 30-Day Challenge for many of us. The Tuesday sessions continue to be well attended.

**RAS Annual General Meeting:** Thank you to those who managed to get to our AGM. The talk by Yasmin Yussof was interesting and highlighted the challenges faced by professional artists. Yasmin has already had an interesting life having travelled widely and lived in many countries, only settling in New Zealand in recent years. Her particular interest is sculpture and installation art is her current focus.

**RAS AGM for 2020:** The number of people attending the RAS AGM that is held in the evening has been declining over recent years. It has been suggested by some members that we should hold the AGM during the regular Tuesday session, as do many other art societies. The committee would like to have your feedback about this so do please email us about the possible shift of the AGM from evening to a morning next year.

**Nominations for the RAS committee:** Under the RAS Constitution the committee must have five members and no more than nine. At the AGM eight nominations were presented correctly and were accepted as none were contested. The RAS committee for the coming year is as follows:

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Committee: Russell Hobbs, Suzanne Roberts, Sue Roxborough, Carmen Smart, Wendy Wills.

**RAS Venue Change for Tuesdays, 2020:** Member feedback has indicated that although the Gospel Hall has met the requirements for the Tuesday sessions for some time, a venue change is required due to the increasing development in the surrounding commercial area, which has severely reduced the parking places available for members. The RAS committee has hunted widely and viewed a variety of venues in and around Rangiora. Many venues were rejected due to parking problems, access limitations, lighting, heating, cost, availability etc. Only one venue has met our requirements and fortunately it is available for the preferred day, Tuesdays. Consequently, the decision has been made to move to the Jubilee Event Centre at the Rangiora A & P Showgrounds where access is very good, parking is excellent and there is room for us to expand instead of being cramped. Our move will not take place until January 2020. We will continue to use the Gospel Hall for the rest of 2019. We hope you will enjoy the change of venue.

**Ngaio Marsh Cash and Carry:** Our thanks go to Jan Campbell, our tireless treasurer, who managed the RAS panel as well as her own at the recent Arts Canterbury Cash and Carry exhibition at Ngaio Marsh retirement village. Jan reports that the exhibition had good sales overall, but the RAS panel was not so fortunate this time.

**En Plein Air Painting:** En Plein Air Painting is in recess over the cold, winter months. We will let you know what is happening via a future newsletter.

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

**June 4, 11, 18, 25** Tuesday sessions at the Gospel Hall.

**June 11, 2019** Quilliam Collister: Watercolour tutorial (now fully booked)

**July 16, 2019** Gordon Harris workshop: Peter Smith with Evan Woodruffe (see below)

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

**May 30-Day Challenge:** Our thanks go to Sheryl Price-Hall who has been posting photos of members' responses to the 30-Day Challenge each day of May on our Facebook page. It has been fun seeing what members have managed to achieve each day during the month. It is likely that these folders of paintings will prove an even greater drawcard at the Spring exhibition than last year.

**Carol Moffat:** We were privileged to have Carol talk to us about her trip to the UK earlier this year to view JMW Turner's paintings. Carol had managed to photograph some important examples of the vast number of Turner's paintings held in storage and only viewed once a year under carefully controlled conditions. Her personal research into the life of JMW Turner shone through and made her talk all the more interesting.

**Gordon Harris Workshop:** Evan Woodruffe will be accompanied by Peter Smith on July 16 at RAS and will conduct a workshop on '*Watercolour tips and techniques*'. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and buy materials.

**Spring into Spring Exhibition:** It may seem too early, but we have included the entry form for our Spring exhibition with this newsletter as we felt that people needed time to plan what they would exhibit. If you are in doubt about the entry conditions stated on the form just check with the committee before committing yourself. The exhibition is slightly earlier this year, in an attempt to get away from the difficulties that occurred with the previous dates which always clashed with Fathers' Day.

**Baskets for the Raffle prizes:** If you have a large gift basket 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 Willis very happy if you have a spare basket for the raffle.

**Framing:** Han Overtoom advises that following his shift to Silverstream in Kaiapoi he is now 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.

**Shared Panels at exhibitions:** The RAS will be booking panels at a number of exhibitions this year; the panel is usually shared by four RAS members. The following events are those where RAS shared panels will be available in 2019:

Arts Canterbury at Ryman's Essie Summers	August (as yet unconfirmed).
Pegasus Bay Art Show	September (2 spaces left)
North Canterbury Collective at Ryman's Charles Upham	November (as yet unconfirmed)

Please let the committee know if you are interested in sharing any of these panels.

#### **Other Events:**

- A Country Tale: 5-25 June, Form Gallery; Michelle Aplin wire sculptures.; 468 Gloucester St. Chch.
- Te Whare Maire O Nga Punawerewere, Eastside Gallery 10-29 June; 388 Worcester St, Chch.
- Kaiapoi Art Expo 13 & 14 July
- Pegasus Bay Art Show 20-22 September

**Happy painting everyone**

**Attachment to this newsletter: Spring into Spring 2019 Exhibition Entry Form**