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## June 2020

Welcome back to the Rangiora Art Society. We resume our regular art sessions on Tuesday 2 June at the Jubilee Centre on Ashley Street. It will be wonderful to welcome back everyone and share the art journey many have taken during our lockdown. During the weeks of lockdown many of our members have participated actively both in the 30-Day Challenge and in posting photos of their recent works on our special, closed members, Facebook page. It has been uplifting and encouraging to watch the progress of some during this time. Once back at the Jubilee Centre we anticipate seeing a wider range of painters and their works,

**Jubilee Centre Art Sessions:** Our return to the Jubilee Centre comes with conditions e.g. contact tracing, social distancing, and careful sanitising remain important strategies. We ask our members to be responsible and continue to use these procedures to be kind to ourselves and to others in our wider community. Covid-19 has not gone away but it is currently controlled. We need everyone to observe the requirements during our art sessions.

**Annual General Meeting:** As mentioned in May, we had to postpone our AGM during lockdown, but we are now able to go ahead. We plan to have it at the Jubilee Centre on a Tuesday at 11:00 am, taking a fairly short break from painting, to deal with the formalities. Date to be decided. Nominations need to be in the hands of the committee prior to the AGM. When nominating someone, please check that you first have their consent. A nomination form is attached. The current committee have all signaled that they are willing to continue in their current roles. Our wonderful Treasurer, Jan Campbell, is prepared to continue as Treasurer this year but will need to step down later due to her outside commitments. If there is someone who feels they could help the committee as Treasurer, please let us know. Jan is willing to continue on the committee.

**Tutorials:** Due to Covid-19 lockdown restrictions the planned tutorials had to be postponed. Negotiations are happening to rearrange mutually agreeable dates with the tutors. We will keep you informed

**Exhibitions:** The Christchurch Art Gallery and other galleries have by now reopened and are well worth a visit. Sanitising and contact tracing are in place.

Nearer home is the **Oxford Gallery** which has an exhibition that opened on 22 May:

- **Vantage Point:** showing works by Rebecca Harris, Marie Le Lievre, Michael Springer, Martin Whitworth, David Woodings. Their hours are Fri to Sun 10am-4pm. Closed Public holidays.

**Ashburton Art Gallery**, 327 West Street, Ashburton:

- **Once a Wilderness**, works by Ben Lysaght at Ashburton Art Gallery, June 14-July 31.
- **Disrupted Space**, by Anthony Davies at Ashburton Art Gallery, June 14-July 31.

**Online exhibitions:**

- **Arts Canterbury** has announced an **online exhibition** to replace their cancelled exhibition. Opening online 18 June. There will be an online competition. Check their website for details.
- **Kaipoi Expo** has also announced an online exhibition, opening a **Virtual Kaipoi Expo** from June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Other Events:**

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

**2020 Dates to remember:**

<b>June 2</b>	<b>Painting sessions restart at the Jubilee Centre in the A &amp; P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9 am to 2:30 pm Topic: Night</b>
<b>June 9, 16,</b>	<b>At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A &amp; P Showgrounds, Rangiora. 9 am to 2:30 pm Topic: Snow Scene</b>
<b>June 23, 30</b>	<b>At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A &amp; P showgrounds, Rangiora. 9 am to 2:30 pm Topic: The Task</b>

**Be kind to yourself and others. Keep safe, connected and well.**

**Happy painting everyone.**

**Attachment: RAS Committee Nominations form**