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## October 2020

**Covid-19 Update:** Here we are back at Level 1, Spring is in the air and despite the recent cold snap, the days are warming. More members are attending so there is a pleasant buzz on Tuesday mornings. We continue to urge people to maintain the usual precautions, hand washing frequently, social distancing, sanitising, and staying away if you feel unwell, as recommended by the Ministry of Health.

**Evening sessions:** We will resume evening sessions on Tuesday 13 October. These run from 6-9 pm until Tuesday 1 December. We welcome any members who are able to attend.

**Art Expo-Rymans Charles Upham:** Anticipation is building for the Ryman exhibition at Charles Upham in November. Once again it will be Cash and Carry. Entries are coming in faster now and the spaces are filling up. The exhibition will be from Friday 26 to Sunday, 29 November (with set up dates of Thursday 26 evening from 6-7pm and Friday 27 9-11 am, only). Works must be labelled and priced. You will need a power tool to hang the paintings, but Rodger Barson has kindly agreed to assist those who would like help. Rodger is a dab hand with his power tools and is prepared to help during the setting up and taking down times. Naturally, whether it goes ahead depends on the Covid-19 rules at the time. Thank you to the folk who allowed their paintings to be photographed for Rymans to choose one for their advertising flyer in conjunction with the exhibition. Ryman will make the decision on which painting will feature in their flyer.

**RAS panel at the Ryman's exhibition:** We would encourage as many members as possible to display their work at this exhibition, however one or two people have said that they do not have enough ready for a panel, or even a half panel. If you have only one painting you want to display, see Pip or Marg about having a space on the RAS panel for \$5.00. Any more than one painting will require you to have a shared panel for \$15.00. Whether the RAS panel goes ahead, however, will depend on demand from RAS members, so let us know ASAP if you want space for one painting.

**Tutorials:** We've had three fantastic workshops from three of our members this year- Russell Hobbs (portraits), Annie Guise ( water based oils) & Anne Ny (watercolour) . Many thanks to all three for their energy, expertise and helpfulness. It's been lovely and relaxing being ' next door' in the downstairs room with the sun streaming in. We are very lucky to have two such useful spaces available to us.

**New lights:** Three new light replacements are now in place in the Jubilee Centre across the middle of the hall, lighting up the darkest area.

**Oil Paints available in Rangiora:** The Artisan water mixable oil paints are available now from Paper Tree in Rangiora. They have kindly agreed to stock the range for the Rangiora Art Society. Annie Guise reports that Paper Tree also stock 'the best priced canvases around', like the ones we used at the oil painting tutorial recently. It seems that these oil paints are competitively priced. Thank you to Annie Guise for getting Paper Tree to stock these paints.

**RAS Calendar 2021:** Quilliam has been working on the RAS calendar for us and we expect the calendars to be on sale at the Art Expo at Charles Upham in November.

**2020 RAS Calendar of Events:** Please keep these dates in mind:

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| <b>October 6</b>  | <b>At Jubilee Centre in the Rangiora A &amp; P Showgrounds.<br/>9 am to 2:30 pm<br/>Topic: Looking through the lens/ window</b>          |
| <b>October 13</b> | <b>At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A &amp; P Showgrounds, Rangiora.<br/>9am to 2:30pm and 6pm to 9pm<br/>Topic: Love is ...</b>              |
| <b>October 20</b> | <b>At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A &amp; P Showgrounds<br/>Topic: Love is ...</b>  |
| <b>October 27</b> | <b>At Jubilee Centre, Rangiora A &amp; P showgrounds, Rangiora.<br/>9 am to 2:30 pm<br/>Topic: A favourite poem/song (line or title)</b> |

**Other Events:**

**Rangiora MenZshed Market:** Sat Oct 10 at A&P Showgrounds. 9-2pm. A variety of things for sale. If you would like to hire space in the Pavilion & sell some art, see Marg or a committee member for details.

**Darfield Arts Week** is on from 10-18 October.

**Arts Canterbury at Te Huanui**, until 28 October. Showcases variety of selected Arts Canterbury members. 17 South Terrace, Darfield.

**How do you say van Gogh?** Paintings by Wayne Seyb, 13-31 October at Eastside Gallery, 358 Worcester Street, Christchurch (Wed-Sat 11am-5pm).

**Bloom** by Christina Watton at Art on the Quay, until 21 October.

**Stories** by Sam Mahan and Ali Erickson, at Orion Powerhouse Gallery, Akaroa. 3 Oct-1 Nov, Daily 10am-4pm.

**Nancy Tichborn's Akaroa studio** is open 13-15 November, 10am to 4 pm, 16 Rue Balguerrie, Akaroa.

**Discover Art in Ashburton:** Hakatere Ceramics & Pottery, 8 Oct-8 Nov.

**Ashburton Society of Arts:** The ASA Art week is on from 20 October to 13 November.

**York Street Gallery of Fine Art, Timaru:** Matt Williams, sculpture & Mike Glover pastels. 21 York street.

**Setting up and Packing down:** Usually there is only a small group of people at the evening and afternoon sessions and the burden of packing up the tables and chairs falls upon a very few people. This has led us to trial setting aside a few tables in the morning which will be packed up at 12-12:30 pm by morning people, thus leaving only the few tables required for the afternoon and evening sessions. We appreciate the help provided by those who are fit and able to move the chairs and tables. We have a great team of helpers in the morning to set up for the day and always welcome more helpers.

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

**With this newsletter: Rymans' Exhibition entry form (2 sides)**