



# RAS

## RANGIORA ART SOCIETY

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**September 2019**

What a show that was! Our annual exhibition of members' works was a celebration of talent, reflecting the joy of spring. Many thanks to all who helped us, it was also a celebration of teamwork and generosity as members gave goods, time and physical effort to help us put the show on. It is the nature of our society that we run thanks to our volunteers, there were many and some braved bitter weather in their effort to help our exhibition run well. We congratulate the winners of the categories. This year we received sponsorship for prizes from both Gordon Harris who selected one work and from The Drawing Room who gave us vouchers to celebrate success in the main categories. A big thank you to both Gordon Harris and the The Drawing Room for their generosity. The RAS decided to provide some prizes as well as the certificates so that all successful artists were rewarded. In addition to their certificates the successful artists receiving a Merit award were also given a voucher and the Highly Commended artists received wine.

### **Rangiora Art Society winners for 2019:**

Russell Andrews' Memorial Cup	<i>'Hesitate'</i> by Paul Smith	Acrylic
Gordon Harris Award	<i>'Jack the Joker'</i> by Trish Woods	Acrylic
People's Choice Award	<i>'Evening Reflections – Lake Coleridge'</i> by Karin Werner	Oil
Watercolour & Pen & Wash Merit	<i>'Notre Dame, Paris'</i> by Quilliam Collister	
Watercolour & Pen & Wash Highly Commended	<i>'The River Wanders'</i> by Carol Moffat	
Acrylic & Ink Merit	<i>'Bunch of Flowers'</i> by Sharon Soderberg	
Acrylic & Ink Highly Commended	<i>'Time Passes'</i> by Joanne McDougall	
Oil Merit	<i>'Evening Reflections – Lake Coleridge'</i> by Karin Werner	
Oil Highly Commended	<i>'The Albatrosses'</i> by Jenny Baker	
Drawing – Pen, Pencil, Pastel Merit	<i>'Becoming Translucent'</i> by Mandy Palmer	
Drawing – Pen, Pencil, Pastel Highly Commended	<i>'Winter Roses'</i> by Viv Knowles	
Mixed Media Merit	<i>'Divided Loyalties'</i> by Russell Campbell	
Mixed Media Highly Commended	<i>'Beautiful Roses'</i> by Ann Filshie	
Workshop/Tutorial Merit	<i>'Architecture -Over there'</i> by Robyn Cassidy	
Workshop/Tutorial Highly Commended	<i>'Linelle Stacey workshop – Landscape'</i> by Jan Campbell	
30-Day Challenge Merit	by Antonia Rankin	
30-Day Challenge Highly Commended	by Chris Heaphy	

**2019 RAS Spring Show:** Many of our visitors and members stopped to let the committee members know that they had enjoyed the show. The winners of the raffle prizes have all been contacted and have received their baskets of gifts. For those who are interested in figures, we believe that we had at least 500 people came through the door, not including RAS members or children. 63 artists exhibited their works. We sold \$10,755.00 worth of art, of which 15% or \$1062.50 is RAS commission. We sold 52 calendars (\$780) and took \$1062.50 on door entry. The raffle sold well at the Show with total ticket sales raising \$1454. These amounts are before we pay our expenses. Expenses include hall hire, advertising and posters, new road signs, printed raffle tickets (in compliance with Internal Affairs requirements), Eftpos hire, and some small miscellaneous items including raffle prizes, gifts and printing. Expenses have yet to be finalised, but it is safe to say that we enjoyed a successful 'Spring into Spring' exhibition in 2019.

The committee would like to hear from members any specific comments about the show, what went well and what could be improved, so that our planning for 2020 is well informed.

We extend a warm welcome to our latest new members, Kate Tester, Kaitlin Fitzgibbon and Lisa Johnstone. We look forward to seeing works by these members in the next show, no pressure!

**RAS Website and Facebook exposure:** It has become clear to us that social media, that is Facebook and the RAS website, are working well to help some people find out about our society. In order to widen the audience and attract more people to our exhibitions we need more people to share our activities. Don't forget to follow Rangiora Art Society @rangioraartsociety on Facebook and in order to get the posts seen widely (especially posters for exhibitions) we ask that you share them and or comment on them. The more sharing of posts you do the more they get seen, that's how Facebook works, thank you.

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

<b>September 3, 10, 17, 24</b>	<b>Tuesday sessions at the Gospel Hall 9:00am – 3:00pm.</b>
<b>September 20-22</b>	<b>Pegasus Bay Art Show, RAS members exhibiting</b>
<b>November (date TBC)</b>	<b>Exhibition including RAS at Ryman's Charles Upham, Rangiora</b>
<b>December (date TBC)</b>	<b>RAS Christmas Lunch</b>
<b>December (dates TBC)</b>	<b>RAS moving out of the Gospel Hall and into the Jubilee Centre at the Rangiora A &amp; P Showgrounds. We will need helpers, please watch this space.</b>

**Painting Topics for RAS:** Now that 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.

**2020 Calendars:** The 2020 RAS Members' Calendar has been selling well. We have more available for sale at \$15 and suggest that you get in early if you want them for Christmas presents. They are available on a Tuesday at the Gospel Hall or you can contact our lovely Treasurer, Jan Campbell, if you are unable to get to the Hall on a Tuesday.

**Rangiora Agricultural & Pastoral Show:** The A & P Show is on Labour weekend and we have been notified that they need entries for the show. Also, they are asking for a steward or two to help with the assembly of art entries. We rely on the A & P to store our art stands and gear so if we can do our bit to return the favour it would be much appreciated. See Marg Stephenson if you are keen to assist or enter.

#### **Other Events:**

- **A Sketch in Copyright** 11 September, 6:00 pm Christchurch Art Gallery, Philip Carter Family Auditorium: Seminar by Intellectual Property Lawyer, Virginia Nicholls outlining legal protection for visual arts erasing myths and providing a framework for commercialisation. Contact the Art Gallery to book a seat. Free Entry.
- **Pegasus Bay Art Show** 20-22 September at Pegasus Bay School with many RAS members exhibiting. Quilliam Collister is also taking a workshop in Watercolour, Pen & Wash.
- Nyle Major – Classical Realism Workshop; 19 – 22 September at Bryce Gallery.
- First Steps 2019 at Eastside Gallery 31 August - 20 September, new artists.
- Horizons, by Kirsty Nixon at Little River Gallery on now until 17 September.
- Contemporary Jewellery at Form Gallery, 4 – 24 September.

**Happy painting everyone**

**Attachment to this newsletter: Topic list for the new RAS painting 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)
<b>*February 4 – 17</b>	<b>At the Races (Venue: Jubilee Centre)</b>
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).