

WANGANUI ARTS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The committee wish you all a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** for 2009.

We invite members and friends along to a Christmas Picnic on Sunday the 7th of December, at Bason Reserve 11am, setting up at the BBQ area.

Bring your paints and your picnic basket for a beautiful time of eating, painting, drinking and having fun.

Membership Cards

NEW membership card for all members.

We have a list of retailers that give our members a discount on art products. If you have any suggestions of where we could find more discounts for our members please let us know.

Keep your membership card in your wallet as you can obtain 10% discount from:

River City Framers, House of Art, Studio 86, H&A Design, and Meteor Print.

NEW Members Monthly Meeting

We hold a monthly members meeting where you can build friendships and find inspiration every first Wednesday of the month at the RSA.

Bring new works, option for objective critiques for those who would like it, one or two artists can briefly speak about their work/recent travels/artistic experiences.

You are able to purchase drinks and nibbles at the bar.

Next year we will be arranging painting days, movie nights, outings and much more.

We have a new post office box:

P.O.Box 7256, Mid Avenue, Wanganui 4541

Send us news for the next newsletter :)



Special Dates

- **Members Meeting**
3rd December, 5pm
at the RSA
- **Christmas Picnic**
Sunday the 7th of
December, 11am at
Bason Reserve
- **2009 Annual
Exhibition 20th–
29th March at the
Community Art
Centre**

www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz

We are sharing our exhibitions and news with the rest of the world through our website. It is a hub of information and a place for members to enjoy.

We need you to become a website member, you will need to click the sign up button on the home page and filling in your details. This way you can use the website to communicate with us and other members.

Next year we will introduce members profiles so please let us know if you would like to have

a gallery page to promote your work. A small fee will apply.

We are open to ideas of what would be beneficial to our members needs.

In order to make our communication to members quicker and cheaper we are compiling an email list. If you have an email address and we don't know it please email your address to:

contact@wanganuiartsociety.co.nz

UP AND COMING EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

Monthly Members Meeting

Brainstorming this meeting and the start of lucky dip artist to study and create a piece for Februarys meeting.

Date: Wed 3rd Dec 2008

Place: Wanganui RSA, the 1st meeting room.

Time: 5pm

Christmas Picnic

You are warmly invited to enjoy a lunch picnic with us.

Bring along your paints if you wish.

Date: Sunday the 7th of December 2008

Place: Bason Reserve

Time: 11am

Annual Exhibition and Open Studio weekend

We have both galleries booked at the Community Art Centre over the whanganui Artists Open Studios weekends to host our 2009 annual exhibition.

More details closer to the date...

A BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPIE RICH FRUIT CAKE - MARGARET FULTON COOKBOOK

250g raisins, roughly chopped

250g currants

185g mixed peel

60g glace cherries, halved

250 g butter

5 eggs

2 tablespoons marmalade

1 teaspoon mixed spice

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

250g sultanas

60g apricots, finely chopped

125g blanched almonds, chopped

1/3 cup brandy and 1/3 cup rum

1 1/3 cups brown sugar

finely grated rind of 1 lemon

2 1/2 cups plain flour

1 teaspoon Cinnamon

2-3 tablespoons rum or brandy, extra

This rich, spicy cake made a few weeks or even a month or two before Christmas will age and mature, ripening to a truly festive cake.

Toss the dried fruit, mixed peel, almonds, cherries, brandy and rum together in a large bowl, separating the fruit pieces. Cover and set aside to soak overnight.

Preheat the oven to 150C. Grease a 24cm square cake tin. Line the base and sides with 1 layer of brown paper and 2 layers of baking paper. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in the lemon rind and marmalade.

Sift the flour, mixed spice and baking powder together. Add 2 tablespoons of the sifted mixture to the dried fruits and toss through to prevent the fruit sinking to the bottom of the cake. Mix the remaining flour into the creamed mixture. Fold in the fruit. At this point it is easier to mix using your hands.

Pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Level the top and drop the tin sharply onto the kitchen bench to settle the mixture. If your decoration is to be blanched almonds, arrange in a pattern around the top.

Bake for 2-3 hours, until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. Remove from the tin. Sprinkle the hot cake with extra rum or brandy. Wrap in a clean tea towel and leave on a cake rack until completely cold. Wrap the cake in baking paper and foil and store in a cool dark place until ready to use.

Brandy butter icing makes this cake that extra bit special.

Art Quotes

I'm not trying to make paintings look like photos.

I want to make paintings using photos as a reference, the way painters did when photography was first invented.

Peter Doig

I've never believed in God, but I believe in Picasso.

Diego Rivera

Painting is a language which cannot be replaced by another language. I don't know what to say about what I paint, really.

Balthus

There's no retirement for an artist, it's your way of living so there's no end.

Henry Moore

You come to nature with all her theories, and she knocks them all flat.

Renoir

Painting is so poetic, while sculpture is more logical and scientific and makes you worry about gravity.

Damien Hirst

Do you have art quotes for the next newsletter?

THE NEW LOOK WANGANUI ART SOCIETY COMMITTEE

PATRON : Joan Morrell

PRESIDENT: Diane Fazzini

VICE PRESIDENTS:

Rei Hendry, Life Member

Barbara McPhail, Life Member

SECRETARY:

Julie Greig

Deputy—Sarah Dudin

TREASURER:

Denita Tizard

OUTINGS LIAISON:

Kate Livingston

ASSISTANT:

Robyn Windsor

COMMITTEE:

Jeannette Cutten

Rob Davies

Paula Signal

Sharon Newport

Sheila Pearson

Renata Szarvas

Heather Spooner

John Hooker

ABOUT THE COMMITTEE

The committee meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month to discuss business and up and coming art events.

Our vision is to support more local exhibitions, and getting community groups working together to benefit all.

We would like to see the society grow and with a diverse group of artists and art lovers together working under the same umbrella.

If you wish to make a donation or volunteer your time to the society phone Denita on 343 9212. Your help and support is appreciated.

WELCOME

New members: Julie Greig, Shelia Pearson, Don Hill, Paula Ann Signal, Stefano Tevaga, Sarah Dudin, Sharon Newton and Renata Szarvas.

Our CONGRATULATIONS to Julie Greig who is to marry her best friend Jasio Zyzalo in late December. We wish you both the best of luck for the future.

In remembrance for Dot Bowra, David Bremner and Joan Greham.

Advertise HERE

\$40 per advert

Call Denita on 343 9212

Membership Fees:

Single : \$25

Double : \$30

Student: \$15

Supporter: \$20



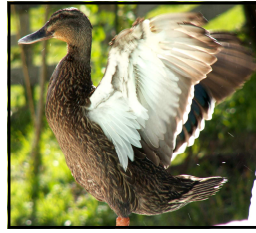
HOT SHOTS



Julie Greig's photo
'Aussie Crow'



'A State of Grace'
by Julie Greig



Denita Tizard's photo
'Aramoho Duck'

*Submit news and photos for the next
Arts Society Newsletter.*

NEW ART BOOKS AT THE WANGANUI LIBRARY...

New Zealand Folk Art by Joan Whale.

Art & About : a pocket guide to Wellington's public art by Frances Sutton.

The Big Picture : a history of New Zealand art from 1642 by Hamish Keith.

Surreal People : surrealism and collaboration by Alexander Klar.

Street Scenes : learn to draw step by step by Christopher Speakman.

Putting People In Your Paintings by Laurel Hart.

Coming Soon...

The \$12 Million Stuffed Shark : the curious economics of contemporary art and auction houses by Don Thompson.

The Frangipani Is Dead : contemporary Pacific art in New Zealand, 1985-2000 by Karen Stevenson.

Appreciating Art : an expert companion by Diana Newall.

New Zealand In Watercolour : 30 leading artists paint their country and its people Compiled by Denis Robinson.

New Zealand Portraits by Richard Wolfe.

Terry Harrison's Sea & Sky In Watercolour by Terry Harrison.

A HANDY TIP FOR ARTISTS - KATHY GURRICH

Set aside at least 2 hours a week just for you! Where does creativity come from? You may never find out if you're overworked and harried. Find 2 hours a week (17min a day) to do absolutely nothing but concentrate on you. Go out, stay home. It doesn't mater. Just be sure you're the star of the show.

Tuesday Group

Every Tuesday morning we hold a painting group at the art society rooms. It costs a gold coin and an extra dollar for a cuppa and a biscuit.

Bring your masterpieces and make a morning of it in an encouraging environment.

Feel free to rock on in around 9.30am

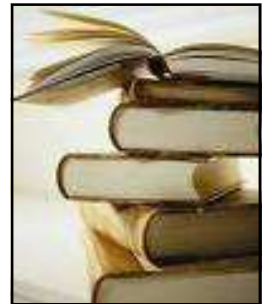
Life Drawing Group

Every 1st Saturday of the month Brenda Grundy holds a Life Drawing group, if you wish to join the group please call Brenda on 345 6774 for more details.

Hall Hire

\$35 per half day.

\$50 per full day



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WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FROM THE ART SOCIETY

Please take your time to fill in this survey and send it to: P.O.Box 7256, Mid Ave, Wanganui 4541

This survey will help us determine the degree and type of involvement you as a member within the Art Society (active or passive artists, patrons, interested parties etc). It will also help the committee with planning the coming years.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Email:.....

Website:..... Would you like us to add it to the website: YES / NO

I would like to be an: ACTIVE / PASSIVE member

Help with Working Bees: YES / NO

Help write for the newsletter: YES / NO

Help man exhibitions: YES / NO

Would you like to attend art workshops and seminars run through the Art Society: YES /NO

Do you indulge in painting : YES / NO If yes which mediums do you use?.....

What preference for genre do you have?.....

Do you paint for a hobby or paint to exhibit and sell?.....

Would you like to join us for the open studio weekends: YES / NO

Would you like to suggest any other activities you would like the society to hold?.....

Your ideas for the website:.....

How long have you been a member of the art society:.....

Would you like to be involved in open exhibitions e.g. 'One Subject Two Views' exhibition: YES /NO

Do you have any suggestions for the exhibitions we will host through the year:.....

Would you like to be on the committee: YES / NO

Which product or store discounts you would like to receive from your membership card:.....

Comments:.....

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FEEDBACK.