



## WANGANUI ART SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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*Hi All,* welcome to another year of artist opportunities and hopefully one of good health. We have already started the New Year off to a good start with the Vintage Exhibition, this was a great success and also the venue was perfect so Thankyou to all the members who put in the hard work behind the scenes and to those who fronted up to offer help during the time it was on and a special thanks to **Alex Garrett** who provided the venue and the lighting without whom this exhibition would not have taken place. I believe that quite a few paintings were sold which is nice for us as a society to know that the public appreciate our contribution to the Wanganui art scene. This is also a time to remember Henry Sargent who was a very influential member of this society and who in his will left a vast sum of money to have the Sargent Gallery built to foster the arts in Wanganui.



Jeanette has also held her silk painting workshop in the New Year which was so popular that she is intending to have another one during the year, the work produced was beautiful and all left very happy with their efforts.

At this time I would like to welcome all the **new members** who have joined recently, welcome to the society and please take full advantage of the things on offer and the **“Plein Talking” meetings** that are held on the first **Wednesday of the month** which leads me nicely into advertising the next one which is on **March the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6.30** when hopefully we will be able to hear **Sandy De Kock** who due to an illness in the family was unable to speak at the last meeting, “get well soon” from us all.

The April speaker will hopefully be Shelia Pearson and the following month Deirdra McMenamin. (apologies for any misspelling).



The **Open Studio's** is knocking on the door as the next major happening this will take place on two weekends **17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March 10-4 o'clock** and it is intended that we open our art society doors for that, we hope to have a cash and carry exhibition with 10% commission, also working displays, Rob and or Jeanette with the portrait drawing, and a children's painting corner where we will keep children occupied while parents go off to look at the studio's - there will be a small charge for this. (**Also parents will have to sign a form to say they will come back for them**). This will give anyone out of town or any who do not have a studio and still want to demonstrate or exhibit the opportunity to do so and also hopefully get new members for the society by showing off our skills, demonstrators and exhibitors must be members or join promptly. **We need to know who will demonstrate before or by the 13<sup>th</sup> of March and all art works must be brought to the rooms on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 3- 5 o'clock for hanging that night by the committee pieces can be collected at the closing of the last Sunday 4-o'clock. Members can phone Rei Hendry 06 347 2649, or Richard 06 327 4140 or email. Please support this and help with manning the studio. Email address is [rcotgrove@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rcotgrove@ihug.co.nz).**



**The Cancer Society** have approached the art society to see if we would like to hang art on the walls of their new building at 3 Koromiko Road, it would stay there for 2 months and then be changed for new works, there is no commission for any sales but it would be hoped artists would make a donation in the event of sales, which they will handle, anyone interested please phone Rei at the above number.

It has been suggested that we hold a boot fair/garage sale to raise funds as we are getting painfully short of the same, we intend to sell good quality goods not junk this will save us having to dump stuff i.e. no old telly's or computers -of course new ones will be welcomed. I think most things will be acceptable as long as they have a resale value have a think about it and we will post more next month, dates, collection, venue etc.



**What's On** \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday group are still active for those interested Jeanette 06 347 2735 or June Hawkins 06 348 7851

1st Saturday of the month -life drawing with Brenda Grundy, 1.00- 4.00 pm. For costs and starting date please phone Brenda 06-345-6774

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month the portrait meeting 10-12am, live model, and run by Jeanette 06-347-2735 cost \$5

3rd Saturday of the month 1.0'clock ~ 4 .0'clock still life run by Kate and Diane please phone first 06-343-9620 starts 1.00pm cost \$5

And so finally this brings me to the end of all the news except to wish Rei's mum all the best from all of us for her upcoming operation and hope for a very speedy recovery for her, and happy birthday Rei on the 7th the same day believe it or not. Doreen (my wife) is well on the mend now and getting stronger by the day; her doctor is really pleased with her progress, We managed a shopping spree in Wanganui last week, and committee meeting in the evening -the first major outing since the op. We have Carol Blight also who is recovering from heart surgery-- get well soon Carol .

Congratulations are also in order for Rei's new great niece, and Denita for her little son Jackson to add to her family, and I think that June Hawkins is the proud grandma of twins.



*Mums and Dads have fun.*

Ps, Shaughan Tizzard -Denita's husband is a wiz with all types of computer problems, website building, advice and rebuilds at reasonable prices, Shaughan can be reached on 06 343 9212

Renata and Zoltan are at Main Street Art and Framing 15 Victoria Ave, she also gives a discount to society members.