

## NEWSLETTER

Wanganui  
ARTS SOCIETY  
*Supporting the Arts in Our Community*

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## Congratulations

to Diane Fazzini for winning the Premier Award and Don Hill for winning one of the Open Awards at the Waimarino Art Awards.

## Websites of interest:

[www.mckinleystudio.com](http://www.mckinleystudio.com)  
[www.jacobcollinspaintings.com](http://www.jacobcollinspaintings.com)  
[www.aristidesarts.com](http://www.aristidesarts.com)  
[www.mnaples.com](http://www.mnaples.com)  
[www.artbiz.co.nz](http://www.artbiz.co.nz)  
[www.mckinleystudio.com](http://www.mckinleystudio.com)



## FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome, this month we say sad farewell of a life member of the Art Society Barbara McPhail who passed away peacefully on 4th June. Thank you to Margaret McGuire sharing with us your memories of Barbara. The Art Society AGM is to be held on the 5th August after the Plein Talking group. It is a great opportunity to get involved in the committee and have a social drink and catch up afterwards. For those committee members intending on standing down, thank you for your ongoing hard work and vision. We look forward to some new committee members injecting fresh ideas into the society.

MARGARET EDITH BARBARA MCPHAIL –  
1919-2009

Barbara was born in Wanganui on Saturday, 13th September, 1919. Her parents were stalwarts of the congregation of St Paul's Church and raised their children within the Church's family.

Barbara attended Wanganui Girls College and then trained as a primary school teacher. It was a testament to her character how many of her pupils attended her memorial service in St Pauls Church on Monday the 8th June, 2009. They stood and spoke with great love and respect of their old teacher.

Barbara painted the portraits of each child in one of her classes, I think at Westmere School. I know some of her pupils who after all these years still exchanged Christmas and birthday cards with their beloved teacher. Barbara might not have married and had children of her own, but she touched and influenced far more children over the many years of her teaching career.

It wasn't until her retirement that Barbara turned her attention to art and joined the Wanganui Art Society. She served many years on the Committee and at the time of her death was still on the Committee as Vice President and signatory for the Society. It was my privilege to write her commendation for Life Membership in recognition of her services to the Society.

Right up to her death Barbara was painting, one of her loves was the Whanganui River and she painted it many times in all its seasons and moods. She could often be seen on the banks well wrapped up against the cold winds as she worked on yet another landscape.

Barbara was very passionate about her Scottish heritage. She was a member of the Gaelic group, Robbie Burns Club and the Friends of the River. Barbara enjoyed life, and wasn't afraid to stand up for what she thought was right, the fluoride debate is one that I remember.

She was a prolific painter and a regular contributor to exhibitions in the Sarjeant Gallery as well as supporting our annual Wanganui Arts Society exhibitions. I was privileged to be involved in the Retrospective Exhibition in her honor at the Wanganui Community Art Gallery, Taupo Quay not so long ago.

Wanganui is richer for having Barbara in our lives and community for so long a lifetime. Rest well Barbara, truly a good friend and citizen of Wanganui.  
Margaret McGuire.

## EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

### 'Plein Talking' Monthly Members Meeting

**Dates:** Wed August 5th 2009.

**Place:** Wanganui RSA

**Time:** 5pm

### Wednesday Coffee Group

A social get together!

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 10.30am

**Place:** Rutland Arms

### Life Drawing Group

Every 1st Saturday of the month Brenda Grundy holds a Life Drawing group.

**Time:** 1:30-3:30pm

**Place:** Arts Society Rooms

**Cost:** members - \$7.50

### Tuesday Group

Every Tuesday morning we hold a painting group at the Arts Society rooms.

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

**Time:** 9.30am - Noon

**Place:** Arts Society Rooms

**Cost:** gold coin and an extra dollar for a cuppa and a biscuit.

### Whats on in Wanganui Arts?

~ Raw Talent' art gallery and shop opening between 10<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 – those interested to contact Rae Cliffe 021 272 3996, me@raewyncliffe.co.nz

~ Solo exhibition for Craig Hooker, theme of 'Heartland', 4<sup>th</sup> September to 25<sup>th</sup> September, at House of Art & Framing.

### Portrait Group

Different costume & a different model every month.

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> August, & 12<sup>th</sup> September, then 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

**Time:** 10am–12noon

**Place:** Art Society Rooms

**Cost:** \$5

## WANGANUI ARTS SOCIETY

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### PATRON :

Joan Morrell

### PRESIDENT:

Diane Fazzini

### VICE PRESIDENTS:

Rei Hendry &

Barbara McPhail

### 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

## ART SOCIETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ~ The AGM is upon us!! There are members of the committee intending on standing down. If you are passionate about Arts in Wanganui and can commit to meeting the 1st Tuesday of every month, please come on Wednesday 5th August and keep the society going strong.
- ~ Kate Livingston will be taking the role of editor for the newsletter, and Denita is happy to continue maintaining the website.
- ~ New Society rules need to be passed at the AGM, there will be copies available at the AGM.
- ~ Whanganui Arts Marketing Trust – celebrating 10 years of Open Studios 2010 – would the Society like to plan an event to coincide as Jo Ockey is currently in discussion with WDC regarding funding for this event.
- ~ Renata mentioned a Christmas exhibition for the Arts Society in December. The size would be set, also the theme, size and a set price. This was discussed at RSA meeting.
- ~ Those who have advised they are not seeking re-election to the committee: *Julie Greig (Secretary), Denita Tizard (Treasurer), John Hooker, Sarah Dudin, Sheila Pearson, Renata Szarvas, Sharon Newport and Rob Davies*

### Membership Fees:

Single : \$25

Double : \$30

Student: \$15

Supporter: \$20

**May - May**