

## NEWSLETTER

Wanganui  
ARTS SOCIETY  
*Supporting the Arts in Our Community*

## FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome, firstly a big congratulations to Denita on the arrival of her little girl! She is taking a well earned break for a couple months to get grips with motherhood. In the meantime, the committee members will work hard to fill the huge gap she has left. In the interest of cost saving, the newsletter has a new streamlined approach this month and we are hoping that you will take the opportunity to receive this via email to reduce the use of resources. Thanks to those who helped put this together this month, it is great to hear what members of the society are up to. Please contact the committee if there are things happening that deserve a mention...or events that you would like to see happen. Its has been suggested we should have a boot sale/ swap. Please express some interest if you would like to see this go ahead. A reminder that the AGM is coming up. Lets have a fantastic month enjoying those autumn colours, so inspiring!

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## Special Dates

- ?? Plein Talking members Meeting  
June 3rd & July 1st  
5pm at the RSA.
- ?? Whanganui Artists Open Studios AGM,  
RSA Mere Weather meeting room,  
Thursday  
4th June, 7pm
- ?? Life Drawing June 6th  
& no group in July.
- ?? Portrait Group  
Saturday June 13th.

## PLEIN AIR ART-JOHN CRUMP WORKSHOP

Having just attended the John Crump "plein air" workshop, it would be wrong of me not to start by mentioning New Zealand Art Schools owned and run by Malcolm Sime who organises these workshops for John.

Malcolm made it his business to ensure that we all had a great three days, (the course was 4 days with the last day being poppy painting which unfortunately I could not attend), I found Malcolm a very genuine and enthusiastic person/art supporter/artist, and I would be very happy to do one of his South Island painting trips in the future. Based on the evidence of this 3 day sample I could guarantee they would be good fun as well as good value! Although Malcolm had stock for sale, he was quite willing to give freely materials that we didn't have for us to try every day, the emphasis was always on enjoyment rather than the money.

John is a well known New Zealand artist of many years standing and has over many years of "plein air" painting. He not only produced paintings of magical quality but also sorted the basic problems of transporting wet paintings and over time he has developed an easily transportable easel all of which he was happy to show and allow us to photograph. I found the course full of very useful tips and instruction which were backed up by John giving a painting demonstration (not always in suitable conditions) every day emphasizing his ideas on composition, laying down the first strokes, working with shadows etc and on the third day we were given a complete picture framing workshop as well.

This was the first workshop I had been on and I really enjoyed myself, although I struggled with mixing from very strong basic colours rather than the multi colours that I usually use and from using brushes rather than knives-but I will persevere with the colour mixing, I have also bought some brushes, and I am in the throws of producing an easel and sorting the transporting problem so that all that remains is -did I think it was good value - I sure did and would love to do it again.

If you want to know what you missed go to – <http://www.johncrump.co.nz/> or to <http://artschools.co.nz>

-----article written by Richard Cotgrove

A special thanks should go to Gaynor and her husband David Mulholland at Richardsons Rd ,Fordell as well as this is the second time they have hosted the society with our "plein air" and made us extremely welcome on both occasions.

*John with his painting of the Mowhanau cliffs*



## EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS

## 'Plein Talking'

**Monthly Members Meeting****Next Date:** July 1st 2009.**Place:** Wanganui RSA**Time:** 5pm**Wednesday Coffee Group**

A social get together!

**Date:** Every Wednesday**Time:** 10.30am**Place:** Rutland Arms**The Original Art Sale**

26-28th June, Palmerston

North. Proceeds to the

Kidz First Childrens Hospital

[www.theoriginalartsale.co.nz](http://www.theoriginalartsale.co.nz)**email:**[info@theoriginalartsale.co.nz](mailto:info@theoriginalartsale.co.nz)

for more information. A good opportunity to exhibit any spare work and support an excellent charity.

**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.**Buy, Sell or Swap Boot Sale**

Time to get rid of unwanted art supplies and books.

**Date:** any suggestions???**Time:****Place:** Arts Society RoomsRemember **Chronicle Glass** is open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-4, Sun 10am-3pm. A great place to visit.**Portrait Group**

Different costume &amp; a different model every month.

Please let us know if you are interested in modelling for a session.

**Date:** Saturday June 13th**Time:** 10am-12noon**Place:** Art Society Rooms**Cost:** \$5**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

## ART SOCIETY COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ?? We are very happy with the numbers that have been attending the members meeting, the last meeting everyone has been enjoying the artists inspiration, \$20 book voucher up for grabs for the groups 1st choice award. Renata won it at our March meeting.
- ?? Members profiles are now live on the Arts Society website, \$20 per member profile [www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz](http://www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz) Check the website for regular updates
- ?? We are looking for people to help run a still life group this year.
- ?? Coffee group every Wednesday 10:30am venue has changed to the Rutland Arms in Victoria Ave Wanganui. Very Social time to chat enjoy each others company.
- ?? There are plans to replace the chairs, and carpet and paint the Arts Society rooms do any of you know of any good bargains or any volunteers?
- ?? We would like to go digital.....future newsletters will be available on the website and those of you have provided email addresses will be receiving an email attachment or an email link. We aim to reduce the postal mailing list to limit the impact on paper and \$\$ resources.
- ?? The AGM is just around the corner and here are several 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, you are a great candidate!

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**Membership Fees:**

Single : \$25

Double : \$30

Student: \$15

Supporter: \$20

**May - May**