



## November 2011

Hi All, well this is the last but one newsletter for the year and once again we have nearly survived for another year, its hard to realise that the society has been going since 1919, not always with a full head of steam but with its full and rich history it behoves the artists of the district to rally round and continue this proud and long tradition. It isn't easy to run an organisation that caters for all tastes and requirements but your committee have worked long and hard this last year to supply you with a permanent base of operations, stimulate you all and keep all our heads above water financially. The art rooms are now up to scratch on the outside and we should be proud to be able to use such a grand and unique building , it still needs some work done to the inside paint and decorating wise and it will be looked at if the finances improve. At the moment with the increase in the rent and rates and the falling membership we are slowly loosing ground which is such a pity because if organisations such



as this go under it starts to strip away the very fabric of our lives. Of course all is not lost as long as you are all behind us we are still determined to discover new sources of revenue and to go down fighting and kicking, and of course we are always open to suggestions and donations.

(Editors note; this has been written to keep you all informed of the present situation)

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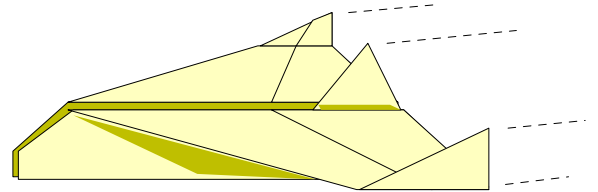
Novembers Plein Talking meeting was a lightly attended occasion as many young people were finalising portfolio's for final assessments, but those that did turn up enjoyed an evening of experimenting with different media supplied by our own Judy webby and chatting about art .

*As next month is the last meeting of the year we are having an informal get together with a twist as you are invited to bring along one special art work that you have bought or been given that really inspires or has special memories for you – you will be invited to share this with your fellow members.*

All this will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 and you are invited to bring a plate also as this is the last meeting of 2011.usual venue

Next year we will have Sandy de Kock in February as our first new years speaker ,followed by Shelia Pearson for March, and Deldra McMennamin for April should be something there for everyone .

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Noble (Hanley) all the very best from us all in the society as he departs in December to rediscover his long lost family in Scotland, this will be a very emotional experience for him as he has not seen them for many many years, (and as you can see by the mode of travel –no expense spared either) Bon Voyage Noble have a safe and amazing trip. Don't forget to email us from time to time I'm sure the members will be keen to hear from you.



### **What's On**

Tuesday group are still active for those interested.

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

class as far as Brenda knows will run in Dec she will advise after that it will be Feb

3rd Saturday of the month 1.o'clock – 4 .o'clock still life run by Kate and Diane please phone first 06-343-9620 starts 1.00pm cost \$5

**December 10<sup>th</sup> our Christmas bash once again at Jeanette's more details will follow as they come to hand (Thankyou in advance Jeanette and of course Rob for your generosity in allowing your house to be trashed once again by us) P.S. don't forget to bring a plate, bottle, and something for the barbeque**



End of January for our vintage exhibition to coincide with the vintage car rally. 21,22,23 January, and the Wanganui Board Walk festival. This will take place at the Alex Garrett building on Taupo Quay opening on January 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 it will run with participation from the Potters Soc , Photography Soc and Spinners as a combined exhibition, there will be a 10% commission taken. More details next month.

And finally we have been invited out for another Plein Air Painting session this will probably take place in Feb so more details next month on the dates and venue.

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I had occasion to take a small painting into Renata and Zoltan at **Main Street Art and Framing 15 Victoria Ave** as it seemed to lack that certain something which would enhance the whole effect I was trying to display, although it was a box type canvas there are frames dedicated to this style and with Renata's expert advise we soon found just the right frame to suit, I found the whole experience very enjoyable. I can't wait to see it finished, and she also gives a discount to society members.

Also last Sunday a long standing friend phoned with a real dismay story –it started with the immortal words –“I can't get my computer to work “, unfortunately it was beyond my limited knowledge so I packed her off to Shaughan Tizzard -Denita's husband who is a wiz with all types of computer problems , website building, advice and rebuilds at reasonable prices, he not only was able to fix it on the spot but also upgrade it for her as well so she is a very happy bunny again. **Shaughan can be reached on 06 343 9212**

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**This month's quote:- “The artist's world is limitless. It can be found anywhere, far from where he lives or a few feet away--- it is always on his doorstep.”----- Paul Strand**