



# NEWSLETTER

Wanganui  
ARTS SOCIETY  
*Supporting the Arts in Our Community*

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS 2009

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It's heartening to see the society back on it's feet. Thanks to Julie Greig and Denita Tizard who, with the support of our committee, did a

great job during the year.

And what a year - we've had a birth, 2 deaths, a marriage and an exhibition.

Maybe next year we could have a workshop, 2 exhibitions and an art expo. Now there's a challenge for the new committee.

The 'plein talking' meetings have been very popular and have inspired and motivated us to produce more and better art work.

As has the portrait painting group, thanks to Jeanette and Rob for organising the sessions.

Now the weather is warming up we will soon be out and about with the 'plein air' painters. The Tuesday Group is as popular as ever and with an aging population, will always have many keen painters.

Have we been living up to our motto 'supporting the arts in our community'? I think so. Is there still a need for the Wanganui Arts Society? I know there is. It is our responsibility to keep the arts alive, respecting the efforts of those members before our time, and to provide benefits for future generations.

Early next year I will be retiring from work so I will have more time and energy for family friends and art, especially the coffee mornings. I'm very keen to help the society have a successful 2009 - 2010 year. I encourage you all to consider having an active roll in the arts society.

**Diane Fazzini**



## PORTRAIT GROUP WEEKEND FUN!

A 'one off' that is sure to be repeated - we took over the community art centre galleries for most of Saturday and gave the market day crowds an opportunity to have their portrait done

Jeanette, Rob and Andrea were sketching with pencil and charcoal and Diane was painting with acrylic onto canvases. There were people queuing and about 25-30 portraits were done.

Other members cleaned out their studios and hung an impromptu exhibition.

A generous donation was made to the Community Art Centre for the use of the galleries.

The portrait group has about 8-10 regulars but there's room for more, it's once a month on Saturdays 10am - 12. Organisers -Jeanette Cutten and Rob Davies phone 347 2735.



### Special Dates

- **Plein Talking members meeting 5pm, 7th Oct & 4th Nov at the RSA.**
- **Life Drawing 7th Nov & 5th Dec.**
- **Portrait Group Saturday 16th Sep & 10th Oct**
- **Coffee Group every Wednesday 10:30am at the Rutland.**

## WANGANUI ARTS SOCIETY EVENTS

### 'Plein Talking'

#### Monthly Members Meeting

**Dates:** Wed 7th Oct & 4th Nov

**Place:** Wanganui RSA

**Time:** 5pm

### Portrait Group

A different model every month.

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

**Date:** Saturday 16th Sep & 10th Oct

**Time:** 10am—12noon

**Place:** Art Society Rooms

**Cost:** \$5

### 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.

### Wednesday Coffee Group

A social get together!

**Date:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 10.30am

**Place:** Rutland Arms

### Buy, Sell or Swap Boot Sale

Time to get rid of unwanted art supplies and books.

Please let us know if you are interested in selling your unwanted goods.

**Date:** TBC

**Time:** 10:30am

**Place:** Arts Society Rooms

### Life Drawing Group

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

## HANDY TIPS FOR ARTISTS- KATHY GURRICH

**Write down ten things you are grateful for....**Right now! If your list starts out pretty quickly, then slows near seven or eight, all the more reason to stick with it until you reach ten. Do it every day - before you get out of bed in the morning, or last thing before you go to sleep. Try it for a week and see what happens.

## THE TARANAKI ART AWARDS

This national award showcases a diverse and eclectic mix of artwork and is an ideal forum for emerging artists to exhibit and offer their work for sale alongside more established artists.

The prizes for 2009 are: TSB Community Trust Painting Award \$3000, Rodie Trust Rural Taranaki Award \$2000, Shell Todd Oil Services Sculpture Award \$1500, Opunake Businesses Watercolour Painting Award \$1000, Fibre Art Award \$1000, Tui Ora Ltd & Parininihi Ki Waitotara Trust Aotearoa Award \$1000, Opunake Business Association Photographic Award \$1000.

The exhibition runs for two weeks at the Sandford's Events Centre in Opunake, and coincides with the Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival.

For more details and to download an entry form visit the website: [www.taranakiartwards.co.nz](http://www.taranakiartwards.co.nz)

## Art Quotes

I could paint for a hundred years, a thousand years without stopping and I would still feel as though I knew nothing.

**Paul Cezanne**

The Louvre is the book in which we learn to read.

**Paul Cezanne**

There is always a heavy demand for fresh mediocrity. In every generation the least cultivated taste has the largest appetite.

**Paul Gauguin**

We never really know what stupidity is until we have experimented on ourselves.

**Paul Gauguin**

He who possesses most must be most afraid of loss.

**Leonardo da Vinci**

Where the spirit does not work with the hand there is no art.

**Leonardo da Vinci**

**Do you have art quotes for the next newsletter?**

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members)

**ART SOCIETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- The AGM went well, we have 7 new committee members this year with some great events planned for the next 12 months. We are still to have our first meeting to decide on the Secretary and Treasurer positions.
- The members meeting every 1st Wednesday of the month is for you the members. If you would like to share your art projects, experiences, knowledge with the group please get hold of Diane.
- Members profiles are now live on the Arts Society website, \$20 per member profile [www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz](http://www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz)
- We are looking for someone to run a still life group at the Arts Society rooms this year.
- Coffee group every Wednesday 10:30am at the Rutland Arms in Victoria Ave Wanganui. Very social time to chat and 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?
- Check the website for regular updates [www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz](http://www.wanganuiartsociety.co.nz)
- The Arts Society rooms are available for hire weekly, monthly or one off events.

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS?**

This years subs are due, if you haven't paid these please send a cheque to the Wanganui Arts Society, P.O.Box 7256, Mid Ave, Wanganui 4541. Membership fees at bottom left of this page :)

[WWW.WANGANUIARTSOCIETY.CO.NZ](http://WWW.WANGANUIARTSOCIETY.CO.NZ)

**Room Hire**

\$35 per Half Day

\$50 per Full Day

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**Membership Fees:**

Single : \$25

Double : \$30

Student: \$15

Supporter: \$20

May - May



## WANGANUI'S ARTY EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS...

3-11 Sept - **Soup Kitchen** Exhibition open daily except Sunday. Venue: Fed Gallery, corner Market Place & Taupo Quay. 10am - 3pm

To 25 Oct - **SURFACE TENSION** Exhibition. Images of unease from the Gallery's collection. This exhibition includes work by Bill Hammond, Edward Burne-Jones, Jeffrey Harris, Tony Fomison and Warren Viscoe. Venue: Sarjeant Gallery

4-25 Sept - **Paul Johns** Exhibition. Reception with Paul Johns at 5.30pm on the 4th. Gallery for viewing exhibition open Tue/Wed 11am - 3pm. Venue: 190 Wicksteed St, ph: 3487320 / 0272498059

4-18 Sept - **Time Towers and other Ingenious Assemblages** Exhibition. By Auckland graphic artist and designer Steve Reid, this exhibition is a collection of architectural and semi-industrial clocks and artworks. All art is for sale. Venue: Chronicle Glass Studio, Rutland St.

4-24 Sept - **Heartland Exhibition**. The theme is Heartland: Oil Paintings of Rural New Zealand painted by **Craig Hooker**. Craig is a Wanganui man following a lifelong dream and brings it to fruition. Venue: House of Art, 50 Guyton St.

12 & 13 Sept 19 & 20 Sept **Free Entry to the Whanganui Regional Museum!** Don't miss the final weeks of the celebrated Te Pahi Mata - Partingtons Photographs of Whanganui. The Museum will be hosting a range of activities over the last weekends 12th - 13th and 19th - 20th September. Come along to our guided tours, poi making workshops, flax weaving, films, historic portraits and a fun river quiz. Keep an eye out for more information call the Museum now on 349 1110.

16 Sept Wed 7.30pm **Literary Festival** - Two One Act Plays, The Venetian Bride & Prelude in C# Minor

**Sarjeant Gallery Exhibitions** - 12 Sept - 22 Nov - Wanganui Glass Exhibition, 4 July to 13 September - The Labours of Herakles by Marian Mcguire, 1 August to 29 November - 180° x 2 Whanganui by Bill Culbert, 26 Sept-29 Nov - 2009 Carey Smith & Co Ltd Whanganui Arts Review, To 25 Oct - Surface Tension.

**Wanganui Festival of Glass**, 19th September-5th October 2009

Chris Finlayson Minister for the Arts Culture and Heritage will officiate at a joint opening for both the Wanganui Festival of Glass and the Literary Festival on the 18th of September.

This event will be held at Wanganui UCOL Atrium proceeding to Chronicle Glass Studio, a commercial studio in the centre of town for a glass blowing demonstration by internationally acclaimed visiting glass artist Josh Simpson.

The Museum will stage an exhibition of glass from the collection featuring 'decorative glass and will run a children's program featuring glass in conjunction with the Museum.

Please contact Raewyn Roberts for more information Raewyn@wanganuiinc.com or 0272334807  
www.wanganuiglass.com

19-26 Sept - **Camera Club Exhibition** Members photos of glass works. Venue: Community Arts Centre, 19 Taupo Quay. Contact Jaqui ph: 3452385

13-17 Sept 10am-4pm Sue Cooke - **The Art of Making and Buying Prints Exhibition**

Includes demonstrations from 12pm-1pm on the following days: Mon 14th - Etching Demo, Tue 15th - Woodcut Demo, Wed 16th - Collagraph Demo, Thur 17th - Monoprint Demo.

Venue: 68a Guyton St. Contact: Sue 345 0156 or 027 615 0634. www.suecooke.co.nz

**Mangaweka Fakes & Forgeries Exhibition and Arts Festival** kicking off at 9am on Saturday the 24th of October 2009

"Top" Forgery \$500 Cash Prize, exhibition @ Mangaweka's "Yellow Church" Gallery, SH1.

For more details visit [www.freewebs.com/mangawekagallery](http://www.freewebs.com/mangawekagallery) or get hold of Diane as she has a pile of entry forms!!

**Submit your arty news & photos for the next Arts Society Newsletter!**