



## ART & ABOUT

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From the 'not so round table'

What a lovely evening members had at the recent 'Pot Luck' party on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to those of you who provided plates. A little disappointing at the attendance but also realise there is a lot going on at this time of the year and also the weather wasn't the kindest to us, but Sunday was also the opening of the Arts Collective exhibition, you must come in and see the work that has gone into creating this special exhibition. I must thank Esther, Ruth, Judy and other notables for painting the screens, the black and white is very striking. Monday was our last Committee meeting for the year and it was fairly robust with an interesting mix of discussion, not the least our annual EXPO which is somewhat undermanned! This needs some serious thought from all members - this makes a huge contribution to our income.

Another interest to me, is the Councils demand for our building WOF, with enough ambiguous claptrap to justify various officers backsides. At this point I must point out that this is a sore point of mine. I believe this display of beauracracic rubbish is totally unnecessary.

On a happier side, an interview with Rachel Dore from 'Access Manawatu People's Radio' was done last Wed and was rather interesting.

The new year will see some redevelopment of the kitchen and also some repairing of leaky roofs.

I hope this finds you all in good spirits, and I am looking forward to sharing Xmas and New Year with friends and loved ones.

Merry Xmas, Allen Gamble, Chairperson

Thank you to the following members for helping with duty last month.  
Melissa, Ruth, Lynn F, Eddie, Esther, Irene, Pauline, Val K-H, Doreen, Stan,  
Lynn H, Jenny G, Trish D, Lois, Mary, Judy, Sharryn, Catherine, Michelle,  
Allen and Gael. If I have missed anyone, I apologise in advance!

Special thanks to Catherine T, updating the facebook page and John W with the website. Allen for cleaning the front windows. Cherrill and Ursula, cleaning the Centre.

### Photo's from the recent 'Pot Luck Party



### Thanks from Esther,

I have some big 'thank you's', to make. Without your help we would not have achieved our 'new look' for the Art Centre. First to our members for your support with your new and interesting work. Thank you, Ruth & Judy for helping me paint the prop's. Stan joined our paint team one morning and David M gave up his art morning to help us with the screens. My weaving friends came into see our Exhibition and 'yes', 'could you help pick up the cupboard' so we could put wood under so this could be painted on the spot! (Please don't shift it as the end side isn't painted!) Oh, and by the way, I asked, could you open these paint tins and remove the plastic seal please. This was in the 'too hard basket'!

The man next door opened the paint tin for me one day, it all seemed too much and once again in the 'too hard basket stuff'!

Kerry helped shift panels one day and Allen never came into the Centre without helping Ruth, Judy and myself to shift those heavy screens.

On the last day of painting when Judy and I had finished painting the last screen and ran out of energy, these 4 screens had to be returned into the building and yes, there was just one young man out the back collecting his motor mower. 'Please could you help us' and without any trouble he picked them up and put them ever so carefully, back inside!

Doreen helped with all our new labels and tickets, to put the finishing touch to our display. I wish I had her skill. John Whittaker designed our poster for me,

that was so interesting to see evolve. On the day prior to the opening, Ruth was my 'gopher' and helped all day and into the night to transform the Art Centre to have this 'new look', helping to put the black boxes donated by Val Kenward-Harrison in the right place and to hang all the art work.

Allen and Stan once again coming to shift those screens to just where we needed them.

Can I once again say, 'thank you' everyone for all your help.

I truly have some wonderful and willing friends.

Thank you, Esther **and.....thank you Esther, from all of us!**

### Feilding Intermediate Wearable Arts

Thanks to Amanda, a teacher at FIS, for allowing us to display 3 of the creations put together by talented students. These have created a lot of interest from their parents and friends, bringing visitors into the Centre. Also they have 'caught the eye' of passers by and brought them into the Centre, to have a closer look.

As this is the last newsletter before Xmas, I would like to wish all members the best Xmas and safe New Year. I look forward to more ideas to bring customers into the Centre to purchase the wonderful art and craft we have on display. A reminder from me also, please don't alter the labels, I will re-type them! Also my personal thanks to the volunteers who have been 'more than happy' to do duty when I ask.

Doreen, Centre Administrator

If you have anything you would like put in the newsletter please email:

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*Shop local for all your art supplies and framing - Have you been to see Kerry lately?*

*He offers great value for money and always has something on special, check out Kerry's facebook page for his specials.*

**If you have any paintings, photography, craft you would like displayed, please bring it into the Centre. It's good to have a selection out the back to change our displays regularly. Make sure you fill out the appropriate form.**



**The Centre will be closed Xmas and Boxing Day only!  
If you have visitors staying over the holiday period, bring them in!**