



Members Newsletter

19th January 2021

Welcome to the new-format newsletter, there have been lots of changes around the place. Firstly, we are sorry to see Doreen Robertson step down as the Art Centre's administrator. In the past 18 months she has worked tirelessly to support and promote the Centre, and this has seen the role become much larger than any of us could have imagined. She has achieved so many wonderful things – in particular our jam-packed exhibition calendar which has brought so many new artists and visitors to the Art Centre. Don't worry though - Doreen will continue to volunteer on the desk so we will all still get to see her. I will be taking over a number of tasks to make sure things carry on without disruption. (fingers crossed) It's another steep learning curve so please be patient!!

We have lots of exciting things happening around our Art Centre, and also the district. Please, please, please, if you have any info for fellow artist members, let me know - sweetas101@gmail.com I'd love to have people passing on useful information to share! Any quotes or stories along art lines drop me an email, much appreciated, Lee-Anne Stone LS (Secretary)

Change in Chairperson Role

Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, our chairman Kerry Williams has also had to step down this month. Kerry has brought so much enthusiasm and energy to the Centre in his role as chairman and we are delighted that he will remain on the committee and continue to volunteer and help with building maintenance and the set-up of exhibitions.

Graham Christensen has taken on the new role and his intro will feature in the next newsletter in a week or two...

Message from your new Chairman

As indicated above Kerry has unfortunately had to step down from his role as Chairman of the Committee, and as the Vice-Chair I have been promoted (democratically elected of course!) to fill this position. Having discussed the matter with Kerry and his circumstances, I willingly agreed to this – be it somewhat premature as I am still very new to FADAS. So many names and so many faces – be patient with me if I don't get your name right every time.

A little background as to where I have come from. I spent all my school days in Feilding (but did not take Art as a school subject), and later worked in Canterbury, lived in France, worked on Mana Island, and moved back to the Manawatu. I worked at Massey for a number of years before moving to Surfers Paradise where my wife Sue and I bought a holiday resort business which we ran for 10 years. Whilst working at the resort I was encouraged by Sue to take up painting – and learn to paint. I became a member of the Royal Queensland Art Society (Gold Coast Branch) and

was for four years, before we sold the business and returned to the Manawatu four years ago. Our three children and five grandchildren also live in close by. We live on a 30 acre lifestyle block close to Ashhurst, where I am fortunate enough to have a very large hay barn which contains my spacious studio. My background is primarily rural and this reflects in my paintings. I have had several exhibitions at The Yellow Church Gallery at Mangaweka (one still running), participated in two art/garden trails, twice been involved with the Art Expo, and continue to take classes and workshops to grow my painting skills.

We are looking at a busy and exciting year ahead and I look forward to working with you all.

Open now to Saturday 30th January

Art Affair

cash and carry exhibition featuring the Wednesday group - Ruth Champion, Stan Foote, Allen Gamble, Gael Gamble, Melissa Haywood, Judy Johnstone, Esther Nitschke and Irene Whittaker.

We have a full and varied year of exhibitions ahead. We are really making a name for ourselves as an established and well-run Art Centre that offers artists a valuable opportunity to exhibit and sell their artwork. Visitor numbers are on the increase, but more reports in the next newsletter. Exciting times ahead! NC

Up-coming exhibitions

Opposites

Opening 5pm Tuesday 2nd Feb

The fabulous art of Graham and David (more info in the next newsletter)

All members most welcome to attend openings, lets make it **social and supportive!**

Come mingle and share ideas and inspiration.

Arts Collective Exhibition

Wow! What a big job hanging all those lovely art works. Around 100 pieces. Esther, Ruth, Natasha, Lee-Anne, Doreen, Graham C and of course contributing members. There was a team hard-out for a number of days. Thanks for having those D Rings attached all ready to hang, phew! There was such a diverse collection of art, which certainly made it an interesting exhibition. A great exhibition to have over the holiday period, lots of visitors, local and holidays makers. Well done to those who sold, and thanks to those that shared the fb page promoting the exhibition. We are getting so many more likes and shares due to the increased promotion. LS



You may be interested... "Art Station" NZ

An online marketplace for new and experienced Kiwi artist to sell their wall art. Free to join, 10% commission.

"Born out of the desire to promote beautiful artwork, Art Station was created to help people share their creations. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for new and experienced artists to sell their art online. "

<https://artstation.nz/> also on fb and Instagram

Weekly have-a-go groups (\$3 donation, members and non-members welcome.)

Tuesday 10am – friendly group of mixed ability artists who enjoy sharing their time and talents.

'There is always a helping hand for new-comers' says Pauline. Acrylic, watercolour, mixed media, pen, colouring, plus more. Downstairs.

Wednesday 10am Upstairs— While most of the group are experienced watercolour painters we also have one member who is an accomplished pastel artist. "As one of the relative newcomers I am very thankful to these talented artists who have been very generous with their guidance and suggestions." says Stan. The exhibition that is on display at the moment is to promote the art centre and show what our Wednesday group of artists can achieve.

Thursday 10am downstairs, acrylic watercolour. Bring along what you are working on. We are a casual social group. You are welcome to come along and join our group!

Friday Fibre 10am downstairs

We are a friendly group of people, originating in the "old" Art Centre as a patchwork and quilting class, but after the class had finished, we decided that we would like to carry on meeting as a group. Our activities usually involve some sort of fibre, fabric or yarn. A few knit "fish'n'chip" style singlets for Plunket babies; others knit other items for their families; some continue with patchwork and quilting projects; some embroider tablecloths, church linen, and cross stitch pictures.

We all enjoy companionable mornings on Fridays, helping each other, enjoying a tea or coffee, and discussions on a variety of topics. Anyone else who is interested is most welcome to join us –
Lynn Heath
