



WELLINGTON ART CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011, JANUARY 2012

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BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL



'tis the season to be jolly, so come along and celebrate the Art Club's
great year at our

Christmas Party

on

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER at 6pm at the clubrooms

Ladies a plate please and Gents some wine to share.



Working Groups Holiday Break

after another busy year of art, it's time for a holiday break until the new year
when regular meetings will again be held.

Classes	Closing date	Starting date
Monday Life Group	21st November	to be advised
Tuesday Group	20 th December	10 th January
Wednesday Group	7 th December	1 st February
Thursday Group	8 st December	2 nd February
Thursday Night	1 st December	2 nd February
Friday Group	9 th December	3 rd February

Our new décor

A few weeks ago eleven helpers spent a quick day painting all the walls in the clubrooms. The task was made quicker and more efficient with the professional help of Graham Smith with his expertise and whose scaffolding enabled him to reach the high peaks. He and Linda (who obviously has helped Graham in the past) had the back room painted in a flash. And of course, Dianne Taylor's partner Ron whose extra height made for a successful result.

So our thanks to Linda and Graham, Dianne and Ron, Del and Dave, Elaine, Erik, Jeff, Ann Johnston and Sue Johnson. With their help, all the work was completed by 2.30pm.

Theadora Varuhas kindly came with a traditional Greek “tiropita” (cheese pie) which was enjoyed by all. Thank you Thea, your kind support is always there with a smile.

The results

The clubroom walls have been painted a light colour and matching curtains have been hung with new tracks, which are easy to pull – we just have to watch out for paint on our fingers!!

The “LADIES” has also been painted, though it was a bit tricky covering a flower pattern. And...we have our hot water connected again; the old Zip just kept on steaming, so Dave disconnected it and turned on the hot water again.

Elaine didn't want to throw out the old curtain material which, though dated, was a good fabric, so she came up with the bright idea of covering all the club's cushions. A few Saturdays ago she came along with her scissors and sewing machine, so I collected my sewing machine from home and in half the time we had successfully made matching cushion covers.

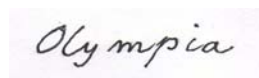
The next plan was to tidy up the backs of all our historical art. We replaced old cord with D-rings and new cord and Phil Dickson offered to produce a profile for each piece. It is so interesting to read back on past events and members - quite entertaining.

Our Studio Gallery is now up and going. Dave's decision for spotlights have made a difference to our artwork, especially the entrance where we have some of our historic pieces and portraits in memory of past members.

It's with a big Thank You to all of you – our members - for your contributions towards the workshop activities, social times and results of our annual exhibitions (especially our Art Trail) that have made it possible for us in the last two years, to raise funds to enable these exciting improvements to move forward and to hopefully raise our profile in the community.

I hope to open the clubrooms on the occasional sunny Saturday or Sunday and paint – with our “Gallery Open” sign outside.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas with your family and friends and an artistic New Year.



Artist's Quote

There are painters who transform the sun into a yellow spot and there are others who transform a yellow spot into the sun.....Pablo Picasso

SPRING EXHIBITION 2011

Our 2011 Spring Exhibition at Rita Angus Retirement Village – for the 5th year- was once again a wonderful event with the presence of our Patron and Wellington's Mayor Celia Wade-Brown to open the event – much to the delight of the Rita Angus residents and visitors there.

It is a huge job to transport all our screens – grateful thanks to Graham Smith – again helping out with his van, and with Brendon Quirk, John Toft, Phil Dickson the screens were quickly set up. These are the times people like them are truly appreciated by us at the art club.

Thanks to Ron for helping out on Sunday with dismantling.

With the space in the Atrium and our own supply of screens -we were able to hang 243 artworks by 60 artists. Jeff Collings hand wrote every label – on our new labels designed and printed by Chris Andersen, our thanks to them also.

Although sales were down on last year - 32 artworks were sold – so congratulations to the successful artists.

It is an important event in our calendar and we appreciate the hospitality shown by Rita Angus Retirement Village in the way of drinks and tasty finger food.

We have made a \$300 donation to Rita Angus Retirement village nominated charity of the year.

Our club was fortunate to have a rimu stand donated to us sometime ago and was first used for the art trail in March so again - unframed art was popular too, found interesting by visitors to the exhibition.

A special thank-you to Judith Royal who kindly donated her wonderful art for a raffle, everyone buying tickets dreamed of winning and the lucky winner was Noeline Chadwick of Hataitai, who happily rushed back to collect her choice of “Wet Wellington”.

Next is our Autumn Exhibition to be held in our brightly decorated clubrooms in March 2012 with a grand opening to celebrate our Gallery, but till then enjoy the summer months.

ROSEMARIE MAWBY

Our Life member Rosemarie and Jim Mawby with their son Chris have recently moved to Foxton to be nearer other family and by chance I answered a call at the hospital by Chris who informed me his mother recently had a fall and was in Palmerston North hospital recovering. Chris said his Mum enjoys receiving our newsletters, so we wish Rosemarie a speedy recovery and, yes, Rosemarie – your Thursday night group is still going strong.

