

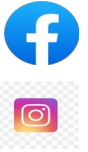


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NEWSLETTER



Next Meeting Wednesday 4th October at Pūtangitangi Greenmeadows Centre (corner SongerSt/Main Rd Stoke)

The Guest Speaker is Nicola Reif, master pastellist. 7PM start. Nicola is also running a pastel work shop for us in November(see flyer below) To be followed by Show and Tell. We would welcome those that attended the recent watercolour workshop to share their learnings and/or WIP and masterpieces.

WINTER EXPO 2023

- A total of 33 pieces were sold along with 41 cards.
- Total sales were \$5371.00
- Payment to members \$4565.36
- Entry fee payments \$1150.00
- Raffles/Donations \$921.80

Additional costs

- Expo Costs \$956.12 (wine, food, raffles, Cash prizes, Paul D and Vaughan Scott gift etc)
- Truck Hire \$517.93
- Eftpos Hire \$115.00

“The holy grail is to spend less time making the picture than it takes for people to look at it”

Andrew Wyeth

Committee News

The decision was made at our last committee meeting that there would no longer be the category for joint membership. Existing joint members would rejoin as individuals when subs are next due. Subs will remain at \$30 no matter which month new members join.

It is with great regret that we have accepted the resignation of our treasurer Glenis Ambrose, with April 2024 being her last month. This means that as from May 2024 we must have in place a new treasurer to ensure the legal running of our group. The Queens Gardens event would be an excellent opportunity to learn the role with Glenis’s support. Please shout out to myself or any committee member if you would like to consider this amazing opportunity. We need you!

We are almost in a position to finalise the date of next year’s Winter Exhibition or it just might be Early Spring. Watch this space.

Lyse, our website manager, has been overwhelmed with your response to feature two artists each month on the website title page. Tania Spitzmesser and Gaelynne Pound were our selected artists this month with two more drawn for next month.

We really need to refresh the title website comments on ‘What AGN means to me’ Look at what is published now for guidelines. You need only write a maximum of 80 words. Thank you all you wordsmiths out there.

FINAL WORKSHOP FOR THE YEAR

Fur & Feathers

1 day pastel workshop
Saturday 4th November 2023, 9am to 4pm

Nicola Reif
Master Pastellist





Greenmeadows Community Centre,
Main Road, Stoke.
AGN Members \$90. Non-Members \$130

For information or to register
Contact Lyse Beck
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see www.nicolareif.com
for more of Nicola's work

Just a few spaces left!



"There is no retirement for an artist, it's your way of living so there's no end to it" Henry Moore

And finally.....Some notes from the last meeting, when some of our members, namely Gilly, Helena and Tony shared their on line learning courses or helpful you-tube videos. Sandy couldn't make it but still sent you some insights. Thank you to all for sharing.

Sandy Waaka.....

- The easiest place for anyone to get tutorials is YouTube. You can get just about anything and it costs nothing.
- If you find one or two artists that you like following, go to their website and see if they have any further tutorials.
- Domestika is another place I have got one or two tutorials. They quite often have them on special at \$9.95.
- Patreon is another site that has ongoing tutorials by excellent artists. You pay a monthly or yearly fee and can stop when ever you want. Many top artists have tutorials on their own websites but some are quite expensive.

Helena Fox.....

- Circle line art school is a you tube channel that focuses on perspective drawing. There are many tutorials which are free. Using perspective techniques will help you improve your drawings and paintings to make them more realistic with the depth of accurate 3D. These tutorials have had more than 20 million views.

Tony Milner.....

- A YouTube fan and always on the lookout for freebies
- You can find full length demonstrations, as well as some time-lapse. Some artists do a painting or drawing and you just sit and watch. Others give quite lengthy explanations while demonstrating.

Invariably they'll end up trying to enrol you on their course or buy their DVD which is fine if that's what you want.

Some artists to Google.

- Ben Lustenhouwer – portrait artist - gives excellent demos - start to finish - and explains well while painting. Also talks about materials and other art related topics.
- Florent Farges – does demos with explanations and also gives talks about many art related topics
- Andrew Tischler – time lapse paintings to a high degree of realism.
- Vladimir Volegov (see my demonstration painting) – one of my favourites– has hundreds of short time-lapse videos – fascinating to watch. You can watch his demos and can follow along bit by bit.
- Chelsea Lang – paints direct from broad strokes to detail
- Cynthia Sheppard – a professional graphic artist – demos with explanations
- Kevin Hill – mainly landscapes – a bit formulaic, easy to follow.
- Richard Robinson – New Zealand artist – encourages very loose painting – lots of purchasable DVDs

Programs to watch

- Portrait Artist of the Year
 - Landscape Artist of the Year
 - Put Some Colour in Your Life
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Well that's all for now folks, if there are any mistakes they are mine. This newsletter may look a little different as Robbie's templates were not compatible with my computer programmes or just maybe my skills. See you at the next meeting.

Karen Loten (President Art Group Nelson)