

NELSON SUTER ART SOCIETY

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kia Ora Nelson Suter Art Society Members and followers,

It only seems a wee while ago that we welcomed in the New Year and now we are in the middle of winter and Light Nelson 2018 has sadly been and gone.

Four of our NSAS members took the opportunity to experiment with light and exhibited in the McKee Gallery over this period. Beautiful! Then we welcomed in Philippa Turnbull's Crewel Work exhibition, featuring original embroidered creations from as far back as the 1600's! We felt privileged to see the work of such a wonderful lineage of artists from England and America brought by Philippa to share with us. Stunningly, we featured our NMIT Graduate Award Winners earlier in the year along with other successful exhibitions welcoming new members. Upcoming we have our local hero, Wanda Tait, with an invited 'Retrospective'.... can't wait!

With all of this exciting activity taking place, I am happy to report that the NSAS recorded total sales exceeding \$34000 since the beginning of our financial year (End December 2017) with payments of over \$23000 going back to

artists! Love this! A proportion of the remainder goes to The Suter as per our agreement and the rest to the NSAS to continue the Society into the future (sounds grand, but in reality this includes things like the upcoming re-paint of the McKee Gallery, electricity bills and rent, etc).

If you are keen to get involved, whether it be exhibiting or supporting in any way, shape or form, feel free to make enquiries via our contact list later in the newsletter (Page 8).

Speaking of the daily running of the Society reminds me to thank, whole heartedly, all of those who volunteer time and expertise to maintain our local Art Society. Thank you!

Get creating. Spring Exhibition receiving day is 5th September, with guest artist Rewiti Arapere!

Here's to the remainder of 2018 being as successful as the beginning...

Warm Regards,

Larisse Hall
NSAS President 2018

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NOTICES

NEW: Travelling Artists' Page.

In this edition we have included a space where members creating and/or visiting exciting art work away from Nelson can share their experiences, learnings and inspiration with others.

Please book in ahead with the editor (cathy.jones@xtra.co.nz) as space will be limited

Working Bee Advance notice.

Members required for a working bee to repaint the McKee gallery walls up to the 2 metre level on 3rd September 2018 starting at 9:00 am.

Please contact Nick Duncan at nsduncan@xtra.co.nz to indicate your availability and advise if you can provide your own roller and paint tray. The society will provide roller sleeves and other materials.

Artist Profiles for NSAS website.

Members, particularly new members, please send updated artist profiles to our webmaster Terence Blyth on terence@compute.nz

Please also post to PO Box 751, or leave at Suter reception desk, an A4 hard copy of your profile for the members' folder which is displayed at exhibitions.

Look at the Artists section on www.nsas.net.nz if you want to see what others have submitted. You will need a photo of your work (or you with your work) and a blurb.

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Discount for NSAS members on workshops.

GUEST ARTIST PROFILE

Reweti Arapere

Born in Tauranga and residing in Palmerston North, Reweti Arapere has Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Porou and Ngāti Tuwharetoa iwi affiliations. Having attended Kohanga Reo, he was also a first-generation Kura Kaupapa student, taught entirely in Te Reo Māori. In 2009 Arapere completed a Master of Māori Visual Arts at Massey University School of Māori Visual Arts, Palmerston North. He held his first solo exhibition Te Poho o Reweti at Bowen Gallery Wellington in 2009. This led to the inclusion of his work in the group exhibition Urban Kainga at the City Gallery Wellington in 2010. Following this he undertook a residency at Queen Elizabeth College, awarded by the Ministry of Education's Artists in Schools programme.

He has also attended international indigenous artists' gatherings, travelling to Hawaii in 2007 for Piko, Tahiti in 2010 for Putahi, and Mexico City in 2011 for El Barroco de Aotearoa.



In his words:

"My art practice is committed to presenting Māori narratives in a contemporary light. I blend customary Māori art forms with graffiti style influence, representing young Māori who identify with both Māori and metropolitan culture."



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- Selection is by email photograph. Applicants may submit up to 3 works for consideration. Each selected work is subject to a \$20 entry fee (no fee is levied for works not selected);
- Applications close 31 August 2018;
- Further details can be downloaded from the Impressions Website www.impressionsnelson.co.nz

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

26 July-12 August

"A Retrospective" by Wanda Tait

Note change of date from that printed in the May Newsletter.

NSAS has invited Wanda, a well-known local artist and longtime participant in Nelson exhibitions, to be a guest exhibitor in the McKee Gallery. She will show older and new works. Her paintings are generally semi-abstract using the adaptability of acrylics and collage. She finds excitement in the unexpectedness and energy of the juxtaposition of defined edges overlaid with paint and differing surfaces. She tries to connect viewers to her subject matter through her own emotional or conceptual response to it.



Wanda attended hobby classes in drawing and painting at NMIT and has exhibited mainly locally for the past 30 years. In 2015 the Bishop Suter Gallery purchased one of her works for inclusion in the permanent collection.

13 August- 2 September

"Double Take" by Natalia Chaplin

An exhibition of pastel portraits of people you might just recognise – singers, actors, producers etc. With a focus on the eyes, the exhibition focuses on the fun of art while giving you the opportunity to see the texture and vibrancy of pastel. Guess them all correctly and be in to win a piece of Natalia's art when the winner is drawn at the end of her New Zealand tour.

12 September- 30 September

NSAS Spring Exhibition

This is one of our two big exhibitions of the year, with selected works hung in the McKee and Potton Galleries. Our Guest artist this Spring is Reweti Arapere (see profile on Page 3). Artists, please note that Receiving Day is 5 September.

1-21 October

New Members Exhibition

22 Oct - 11 November

"EARTH-ED" by Francie Heathfield & Dorothy Meharry (MFA).

These paintings are all derived from Planet Earth, showing how paintings evolve from the impetus and images that Earth delivers, to become real objects through the artists' creative flow and expression.

Meharry will also present a retrospective of work derived from her 20 year relationship with Auckland-based firm 'Art Associates'. It is hoped that this cohesive body of paintings will facilitate understanding of her practice. These works have not previously been seen in one collection.



NEW MEMBER

We have recently welcomed the following artist as a new member to our Art Society -

Georgie Hoby Scutt (who has also become a committee member).

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER PROFILES

Georgie Hoby Scutt

I work across a range of media - painting on linen, plywood and canvas; also producing screen prints, collage and illustrations on paper. Informed by my pattern design background, I develop distinctive colour palettes and paint with loose, expressive brushstrokes. I draw from the beautiful natural surroundings to produce landscape paintings and indulge my passion for fashion and textiles with portraits, still lifes and abstract works.

For me, the creative process is intuitive, exploratory, challenging and hugely joyful.

I currently live in Nelson with my husband and three children. I began painting in 2016 and now spend wonderful hours producing original artworks from my home studio in Nelson.

I am happy to contribute my energy and help in developing our arts community through my role on the NSAS committee.



Sandy Paterson

Bachelor of Visual Art & Design 2009

As an Art Maker living in Wakefield I am looking forward to being involved and contributing to the NSAS Society.

My work is varied - inspired by Nature, Humanity, Philosophy & Design.

I see art everywhere and enjoy expressing it via many formats such as paint, photography, ceramics and other craft. I've had three entries accepted into World of Wearable Art, one piece purchased for their private collection and publication.

I love using my hands to create unique pieces and am always learning, exploring and on the lookout for something beautiful and thought provoking to portray.



Lisa Chandler

"Hello fellow NSAS members, I am in Leipzig, Germany until the end of this year. I am working in a studio in the Spinnerei – a large art hub based in a disused Cotton Mill in the suburb of Plagwitz. Plagwitz, a funky area to the west of the city, is full of industrial culture and creative businesses, and is an inspiring place to live and work. I love cycling down graffiti lanes and past huge abandoned brick factories on my way to the studio every day.

What am I up to in Leipzig?

Well . . . late in 2016 I put forward a proposal to The Suter Art Gallery Te Aratoi O Whakatū for a solo exhibition around the theme of protesting, an area of interest that developed during my time on an artist residency in Leipzig early 2016.



My proposal was accepted and the exhibition is booked for February-April 2019.

This has given me 2 years to develop the new series. Starting early in 2017 I created a series of small works on paper - trialling compositional ideas, new ways of mark-making and combinations of different imagery. I then began a series of 8 large paintings some of which were almost resolved before I headed back to New Zealand for the summer, and some just started.

I was in New Zealand for 4 months and had a really good break from the work. This is the first time I have taken such a long break when developing one series. It has been a very valuable experience and something I shall incorporate into my art practice from now on.

I arrived back in Leipzig in April and saw the works with totally fresh eyes - it almost seemed easy to work out what I needed to do to finish them.

I am currently in the middle of creating 120 gas mask mono-prints on small 18 x 24cm canvas boards.

I have divided the 120 pieces into 4 colour ways which will then be scattered across the whole work when it is hung as one piece. I think the hardest part will be working out the layout for hanging - balancing the colours, tones and textures. I am looking forward to sharing my new work with NSAS members in February next year.



All the best, Lisa"

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