

Malvern Community Arts Council

Newsletter

June/July 2011

A new Chairperson for MCAC



This month we welcome Kirsty Peel as the new Malvern Community Arts Council Chairperson.



Kirsty has a passion for the arts and has already instigated some exciting and innovative ideas to make the Gallery run seamlessly.

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Call for Artists

We are on the look-out for new artists wishing to exhibit in Gallery2 at Selwyn Gallery.

We are particularly interested in supporting Canterbury artists with limited exhibition opportunities due to the recent earthquakes.

Visit the website (www.selwyngallery.co.nz) and fill in the form on the artists page or call Judy Finlayson on 03 3188466 to apply.



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An Introduction to Kirsty

As the new Chairperson of the Malvern Community Arts Council, I welcome this opportunity to introduce myself to all our Friends.

I took over the Chairperson's role from Ruth Warren at the AGM held recently. I have served two years on the Gallery Committee, the last year as Chair; a role I still hold.

I am an art-appreciator mostly, although I have dabbled in art-making through-out my life and I also really enjoy my role as a Guide at the Christchurch Art Gallery (and look forward to getting back into that when the gallery reopens).

I am a relative newcomer to Malvern, having moved here two and a half years ago with my husband and two young children. At the time, I was truly amazed that a small community had a full-time community gallery and as I have learned more about the scope of the Malvern Community Arts Council's involvement in supporting the arts in our community I am even more impressed.

We do a lot of great work with the support of a large number of dedicated volunteers and supporters. We should be extremely proud of the Malvern Community Arts Council and I want to thank you all for your on-going commitment and support to the organisation – it really does make a difference.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Ruth for her leadership of the Arts Council over the past five years and I look forward to working with her and the other dedicated executive and sub-committee members over the coming year. I hope to meet many of you at Malvern Community Arts Council events soon.

Kirsty Peel

Arts Council Events

'Music and Verse'
August 27th at 7.30pm
Trinity Church, Darfield



Workshops with Mehrdad Tahan

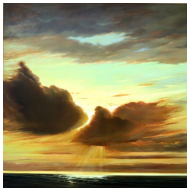


This year for the entirety of Term 3, we are very fortunate to have Mehrdad Tahan willing to give painting tuition in our community.

Mehrdad is a previous winner at Artweek and a well known painter with his own studio and teaching space 'Sable Art' in the Arts Centre. You can view some of his works on his website www.mtahan.vc.net.nz and he is currently guest artist at the Ashburton Society of Art Annual Exhibition.



For 10 weeks in one of the Darfield High School Art Rooms on a Thursday morning from 9am-12pm, Mehrdad will instruct 10 students in using oils for landscape painting. However, there will be some flexibility in medium and style, so please register your interest even if you would prefer to work in other mediums or styles.



The course runs for 3 hours each Thursday morning from 4th August to 6th October and the cost of the course is \$385 for the 10 week session. You will need to provide your own materials.



Please contact Judy Finlayson on 318 8466 to register your interest. The first ten people to register and pay will be accepted.

Upcoming Exhibitions:

1st-28th July

Artists from Artweek 2010

29th July-4th August

Darfield High School students

5th Aug-1st September

Norman Sinclair and Frederika Ernten

Darfield Artweek Festival

Darfield Artweek 2011 is special. It is the thirtieth Artweek organised by the MCAC. To celebrate we have organised a trio of exhibitions to create an Arts Festival for Darfield.

Artweek over the years has been well supported both by local businesses and the Friends of MCAC. To make our 30th Artweek again be an iconic event for Darfield you can help by a donating to the Friends Award.

Not only will the traditional exhibition of approximately 400 works be held in the Darfield Recreation Centre opening at 7pm on Friday 7th October, but an exhibition of Malvern's Sister Districts art works from Yubetsu in Japan will be on display at Selwyn Gallery with an official visit from the Mayor of Yubetsu who will speak at the opening on Saturday 8th October at 10.30am.

Please advise Graeme Sime 3188822 or gjsime@clear.net.nz or drop your donation into the Selwyn Gallery clearly marked as sponsorship for Artweek if you would like to help in this way.

A further exhibition of New Zealand artists works that illustrates life and history across the Canterbury Plains will be on display at the Darfield Library meeting room. This third exhibition has been sponsored with a NZ lotteries 2011 grant as Artweek coincides with the Rugby World Cup.

Can you help?

We are looking for works of art to include in the Life Across the Plains exhibition. If you have a work of art that depicts life (either historic or current) on the Canterbury Plains, then please call Ruth Warren on 318 8876 before the end of July to discuss.



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