



MALVERN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL *Newsletter*

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Welcome



Welcome to our new look newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading about what the Malvern Community Arts Council have planned for the coming months.

We have certainly had a busy time over October with the Darfield Artweek Festival. We appreciate all the positive comments we received about the trio of exhibitions - it makes all the hard work worthwhile when we know we have delivered on our mission to encourage enjoyment of, and participation in, the arts in our community.

The coming months to Christmas are no less busy with awards and scholarships to announce and celebrate and three stunning exhibitions to enjoy at the Selwyn Gallery.

Kirsty Peel
Chairperson

Upcoming Exhibitions



After the current successful Yubetsu Sister City Art exhibition, we can look forward to three exciting exhibitions at the Selwyn Gallery taking us up to mid December.

Black Market ***Louann Sidon*** ***28 October - 3 November***

Louann is a young Christchurch artist who graduated from CPIT in 2009 and received a number of scholarships for excellence during her studies including a Malvern Community Arts Council youth scholarship. Her works explore the black market for endangered animal parts and include etchings, watercolour and conceptual art.



Lifting the Veil - McAra Clan ***Don McAra and family*** ***5 November - 30 November***

Don McAra and his family including wife Jill and children Alastair, Lynne, Sally, Juliet and Kat exhibit together for the first time in Selwyn. This talented family showcase a wide variety of styles and subject matter.



Charles Pickworth and Halswell Potters ***1 December - 15 December***

Popular Gallery2 artists, Charles Pickworth and the Halswell Potters exhibit for 2 weeks in Gallery1.

And remember we are open over the holiday period with a bumper holiday stock exhibition.

Creative Writing Competition

A reminder that entries close for the Creative Writing Competition on **28 October**. The senior winners receive \$500 for first place and \$250 for second place while the junior prize for 12 years and under is \$50. Conditions of entry and entry forms can be found on our website www.selwyngallery.co.nz

We look forward to announcing the winners in our next newsletter and publishing the winning stories on our website for you all to read.

Our thanks go to Matson and Allan Real Estate for supporting the creative writing awards again this year.

Youth Arts Scholarships

The Youth arts scholarships applications close on **28 October** also. The Malvern Community Arts Council has a proud history of supporting young artists in our community so if you know of a talented young person who could benefit from our support, please encourage them to apply before the closing date.

Application forms are available at Darfield High School, Darfield Library, Selwyn Gallery and on our website www.selwyngallery.co.nz

New Arts Co-ordinator



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Arts Co-ordinator to you. Ingrid Cole started with us in September after the resignation of Anna Norris. We wish Anna all the best and thank her for her valued contribution to the Malvern Community Arts Council.

Ingrid has a background in illustration and design and has been a freelance illustrator for the last fifteen years. She moved to New Zealand 5 years ago and enjoys life in rural Canterbury with her husband and three young children. Ingrid is responsible for the organisation of the monthly exhibitions at the Selwyn Gallery as well as supporting Executive members with other tasks. You may have seen some of her design skills recently in our advertising and catalogues.

Looking Back at Artweek



The 2011 Darfield Artweek was another great success and we thank the 154 artists for sharing their creative talents with us. Over 1400 people visited the Recreation Centre over the 10 days and purchased over 70 pieces of art at a total of over \$30,000 making this a hugely successful 30th anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to the winners announced on Opening Night:

MCAC Premier Award	Jane Bowman
MCAC Second Prize	Ki Hyun Kim
MCAC Third Prize	Ruth Stanton-McLeod
Buddle Findlay Award	Bianca van Leeuwen
MCAC Friends Award	Hamish Wright
Survus Consultants Award	Tessa Warburton
Darfield Dental Award	Mike Glover



Merit awards went to Jeremy Herbert, John Smith, Cara Spekrijse, Tokiko Tatemoto, Ray Lyons, Donal Mackay, Russell Campbell.

Maureen McCann won the People's Choice Award with her very popular 'Haast Reflections' landscape - congratulations Maureen.

Ruth Warren and Sylvia Townshend, Artweek convenors, wish to thank the many volunteers involved in bringing Artweek and the other two successful exhibitions to you.

"As convenors we sincerely thank the many volunteers, more than fifty, who set up and dismantled the Artweek Exhibition at the Recreation Centre. I'm sure that we must create a record by hanging 360 works in just two hours. It is your volunteer help that makes this possible.

Thank you also to the many who minded the exhibitions each day. Every day 10 volunteers were required to mind the exhibitions, that is 100 people over the ten days; consequently many were called on to help out more than once. Your welcome to visitors helped create the friendly relaxed atmosphere.

To the Arts Council Committee members it has been a very busy time with many of you spending very little time at home. The extra tasks such as putting up and taking down signage and hanging the other exhibitions mean that you have all been very busy. We hope you can all put your feet up and relax a little now. We thank you very much."

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