



# Brushstrokes

Newsletter of the Auckland East Arts Council

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## Coming up in June.....

### **Saturday 18 June a workshop given by Artist Elena Nickolaeva**

For members and friends, Auckland East Arts is pleased to present a workshop given by Elena Nickolaeva.

Elena will demonstrate techniques with acrylic paint, gels, mediums texture pastes and iridescent gels, these effects are produced using rollers, a squeegee and palette knives.

Elena graduated from the University of Architecture, Design and Fine Arts in Ekaterinburg, Russia, and later taught in the painting department of this same University. Elena now lives in the coastal area of Mangawhai and continues as a full time artist and tutor, running classes in acrylic, oil, mixed media and watercolour painting for adults.

Participants of Elena's workshop can expect a lively creative session and are likely to complete several pieces as well as learning many techniques for future works.

An entry form was issued to all members on May 8 giving information on materials needed for this workshop.

## what's also on in June .....

### **The Mid Winter Luncheon**

This luncheon will be held in Wellington's Restaurant, at Waipuna Lodge, Mt. Wellington.

You and your guests are invited to meet with fellow members for a mid-winter buffet lunch on Wednesday, June 29 2016.

We will meet at 12 noon in the bar next to the restaurant for a 12.30 luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$39.00 pp or \$32.00 pp for Seniors (60 years and over).

Car pooling can be arranged, so please do not miss this event if you don't have your own transport!

Do take advantage of viewing the exhibition of art in the Waipuna foyers hung by the New Zealand Fellowship of Artists, there are always some excellent paintings hung there.

Gailene has sent every member a notice of the luncheon, so send your acceptance and come and enjoy good company.

## event coming in August.....

### **Art Material Demonstration Given By the French Art Shop**

On the day Calvin will be demonstrating acrylic paints, mediums, gels, polymers, inks, primers, brushes and canvas. He will introduce a wide range of products and brands associated with acrylic painting by practical demonstration of techniques and explain their use.

Then there will be an opportunity for everybody to try the products themselves and ask questions regarding their use.

### **Artist Description**

Calvin Collins is an established New Zealand professional artist and painter, having exhibited regularly in NZ and abroad for over twenty-five years. His solo and collaborative projects with leading industry professionals have gained him considerable practical and theoretical knowledge in all the visual arts. Collins is also an experienced lecturer with extensive experience teaching at university level, as well as recipient and judge of many art awards.

## Costume Tableau - Saturday 9 April 2016

### “Dressed for Dinner”

Our Costumier, Renee Palmer with the help of actor Rex Steele, created another splendid tableau on Saturday 9 April. “Dressed for Dinner” in 1930’s/Titanic style, was the theme and it was a great challenge for our artists.

Renee’s incredible evening gown and jewellery enjoyed it’s first “outing” for our day and Rex’s acting talents made a very convincing Butler, then after a quick change of vest and bowtie, he emerged as the “Lord of the Manor”. The gown and evening cape on the static mannequin was also a superb display for us, as was the beautifully set table.



Chris Seager set a cracking pace of timed 10 minute poses, interspersed with short breaks to relax. By the end of the day when Chris called for Renee and Rex to “relax” the artists were also very glad to put down their brushes and take a well earned rest!

Despite a very small number of artists attending, we all thoroughly enjoyed the day of full-on artwork and everyone went home with plenty of work to develop further.

Our sincere thanks to Renee Palmer and Rex Steele for setting such a wonderful costume tableau.  
*Comments and photos by Gailene Marsden*

## Grace Joel Artshowcase May 2016

Once again, we were made very welcome by Arthur Keane the Manager of Grace Joel Retirement Village and Bronwen Steere the Sales Advisor as we set up our 13th annual exhibition in the beautiful lounge areas of their venue. We are very grateful that Ryman Health and the management of Grace Joel Retirement Village invite Auckland East Arts to help co-ordinate this Artshowcase, and their contribution to the display equipment, the promotion of the event and their generous hosting of the Friday night preview ensure this event attracts attention from far and wide.

Many thanks to all the artists who entered their work. During the exhibition we received so many compliments about the standard of the artwork being even higher than last year, and it all looked stunning against the black display screens and highlighted with the spot lights. Our Guest Artist, Paul Deacon, produced a wonderful display of his beautiful marine paintings which were greatly admired by all, indeed I understand he has been invited to install paintings in a nearby gallery immediately.

Our thanks also to Greg Moyle, who kindly agreed to open the exhibition. Gregg is a keen collector of New Zealand art. We must congratulate the following artists Jenny Lee, John Grant, Christopher Seager, Rob Freeman, Beverley Herridge & Gwen Gawith whose work caught the attention of Greg Moyle.

The management of Grace Joel Retirement Village surprised us by donating a voucher to a local restaurant as a prize. We are very grateful for this additional prize, which we decided to award to the Most Favoured Artist.



We are pleased to announce the voting showed the Most Favoured Artist to be Christopher Seager.

The Peoples Choice votes were counted at the end of Friday Cocktail evening, and the certificates and rosettes awarded and displayed for all to see, congratulations to the following Artists.

1st	Jeanette Page	"Weka Pass Railway"
2nd	Arthur Clarkson	"Swamp Hen"
3rd	Angela Maxwell	"Civic Theatre 1930's"
Merit	Christopher Seager	"Still Life With Pear"
Merit	Mirene Gebbie	"Fishing Boats"
Merit	Mary Whiteside	"New Earth Transition"
Merit	Jenny Lee	"Herne Bay new To NE"
Merit	Gailene Marsden	"Sagrada Illumini"

Finally, a special thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it such a success. Our congratulations to all who sold paintings and once again, sincere thanks to the management of Grace Joel Retirement Village for their warm welcome and hosting the exhibition much enjoyed by our artists and friends as well as the residents and visitors.

*Article written by Gailene Marsden*  
*Photography - Margaret Phillips*



## Notice Board

Our 2016 AGM went off very well and I think all who attended found it a very social and chatty event. Certainly all the wine and cheese seemed to disappear rapidly even though there were only a little over a dozen members in attendance.

Chairman and Treasurer delivered their reports and during the meeting and overall the main issues seemed to be of declining interest in all events except for our two main exhibitions and on-going problems with Council bookings. An example of the latter was displayed by the double booking of the main hall on the evening forcing us into the small and dimly lit Community Room!

There were a few changes in the Committee, with Margaret Given leaving, Joy Hudson relinquishing the post of Treasurer but retaining an "audit" role in the finances and Donne Jorgensen joining us to be Treasurer. So for the year ahead your committee is made up of:

Richard Lawty, Christopher Seager, Gailene Marsden, Julie Tyson, Mary Nissen and Donne Jorgensen. On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a year of happy painting.

*Richard Lawty, Chairperson*



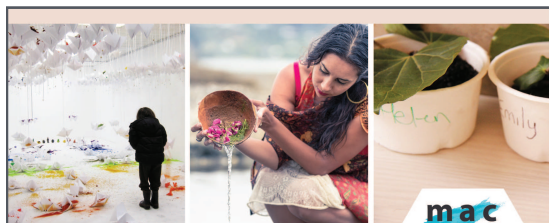
## Members & Students Exhibition

**Opens Jun 22 , 6pm**

**Jun 22 - Jul 17**

Enrol in our annual Members & Students exhibition! Entries close 20 June.

**Entry form Members & Students exhibition 2016**



## *Celebrating a quarter century*

This year Mairangi Arts Centre celebrates its 25th birthday!

We have a special afternoon tea planned involving well-known installation artist Tiffany Singh, an awards ceremony and much more.

*All invited.*

*Sat 28 May from 2pm*

Please RSVP to  
lena@mairangiarts.co.nz

### MacLeans College Art Sale

**11-12 June 2016**

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### St. Heliers Library Art Display - June 2016

Angela Ward/Ian Richards

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