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*Safe travelling,
happy holidays!*



The Sales Gallery has been revamped by a clearance of excessive stock for a more streamlined look. Now we can fit more shoppers in!

Three Exhibitions

It was a pleasure to see the individual exhibitions of three very different artist members last month and to attend their joint opening, held on 10th November. This concept is being encouraged by the art society as a great way for the galleries to be utilised and for members getting to know each other.

We saw 'The Farm – through the eyes of its grand-daughter', **Claire Te Au**, and shared some 'Savage Little Moments' with **Diana Smillie**, who uses a seagull's feather quill dipped in ink.

'Sugar, Spice and all things Kiwi' featured **Rachel Kibblewhite's** black ink illustrations depicting our kiwi culture.



Diana Smillie



Claire Te Au



Rachel Kibblewhite

November members' meeting

At our last members' meeting for the year, on 23rd Nov., award-winning artist **Anita De Soto** gave an intriguing presentation, discussing her recent work which focuses on the tableau as a narrative device deployed in figurative painting to portray historical events and the re-interpretation of such events.

Changes to Newsletter distribution and receiving your monthly Artist's Payout statement

Note: From February 2018 the OAS Newsletters will only be sent by email. Please make sure we have your email address. Members who do not have a computer or email, **please contact the office** so we can make sure you still get the Newsletter. A limited number of Newsletters will be printed

for those members on that list, to be picked up at OAS along with your monthly Artist's Payout statement (if applicable), at the end of the first week of each month.

Members selling work in the shop or exhibitions – have you provided your banking details to the Administrator?



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Website members' area password:
otago2016

President's Message



Nic Dempster

Merry Christmas

December is upon us again! It's that time of year where we find ourselves gathering around friends and family, reflecting on the last 12 months and anticipating the holiday season and beyond. On behalf of the OAS Council, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you be on Santa's 'Nice List' and that any over-indulgence on Christmas Day or the 31st is short lived.

New Staff Member

2017 saw more changes for the OAS (although 'evolution' may be more apt). In October the Council chose to increase the hours of the Administrator to take into account the increased workload that has been building for some time. We welcome **Cynthia Haakman** on board as the new Assistant Administrator. Having both Cynthia and Jen working together in the Office will enable us to better handle the day-to-day workload as well as proceed with much needed overhauls of OAS systems and procedures. We will be able to begin long-term plans to help the Society meet objectives in its renewal of community participation and implementation of the DCC's Ara Toi Arts and Culture Strategy. It will also allow us to future-proof the OAS by being able to retain institutional knowledge.

Upcoming Events

The OAS is thrilled to be involved in next year's **Fringe Festival** in March. We will be unleashing our imaginations to bring a fun and exciting themed exhibition celebrating the beginning of the Chinese Year of the Dog. Members and invited artists will be exploring the relationship between artist and their faithful friends. We want to see Otterhounds in oil, Dalmatians in domestic ware, Finnish Spitzes in Fibre, Corgis in ceramic, Pomeranians in photography, Weimaraners in watercolour, Airedale's in acrylic, Great Danes in Glass, Tibetan Spaniels in Textile and Jack Russells in Jewellery. Get your thinking caps on now everyone!

The OAS and **Otago University Press** are partnering up to bring the city a unique exhibition in May 2018. To help celebrate the launch of the digitisation of *Landfall* by the OUP, the OAS will play host to an exhibition of artistic works inspired by the journal.

Artists will be given an issue of the magazine (from anywhere in the back catalogue) and find inspiration from within it. Whether it be a poem, review, story, images, or even an advert, we want you to be as creative and imaginative as possible. Any and all mediums are welcome. Each work will be displayed with a copy of the cover of the *Landfall* issue you were given, along with the selected element of the issue that the artist has chosen and a brief artist's statement explaining how they were inspired.

Back issues and entry forms will be able to be collected from the Otago University Press Offices or the Otago Art Society before Christmas. In the meantime you can register your interest by sending us an email with *Landfall* in the subject heading and we'll keep you updated with progress.

Best Wishes

I'd like to thank Jen, Ness, Jackie and Cynthia for all their hard work this year for us. I'd also like to thank all the volunteers who have helped in all areas of the Society this year. Your input and time is invaluable. Finally, thank you to Doug, Annie, Denise, Murray, Geoff, David, Celia, Wendy, Marie, Mari, Julia, Raimo, Pete, Brenda, and Jenny for all the hard work they have put into the Society for 2017.

Have a safe holiday everyone.

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We have a new computer and a new Assistant Administrator. We welcome Cynthia Haakman to the position. The 2018 Wall Planner is filling rapidly for a busy year ahead. Keep in touch!

We're going to the dogs

Dunedin Fringe Festival: 8 – 18 March 2018

As mentioned in Nic's President's Message at left, the OAS will stage a dog-themed exhibition to tie in with 2018 being the Chinese Year of the Dog. Unleash your imagination!



Request for donations for the OAS CHRISTMAS BASKET raffle.

Please bring your 'arty items' in to the shop. Members who are unable to volunteer time for OAS are particularly encouraged to contribute something to the basket. Thank You!



Christmas goodies

Support the OAS and your fellow members by shopping at the Sales Gallery for your Christmas gifts. There is a wide range of items to choose from. Raimo Kuparinen has generously donated cards featuring the railway station for the first 5 Gift Vouchers purchased.

New artist members

Elina Campbell, Lorna Allan, and Phillipa Crofskey received their OAS Artist badges last month. Absent was Irena Witehira, who will receive her badge another time. They spoke of the support from family and praise from a school teacher as being pivotal in encouraging their art journey. A public example of Phillipa's work is the mural on the Playhouse Theatre.



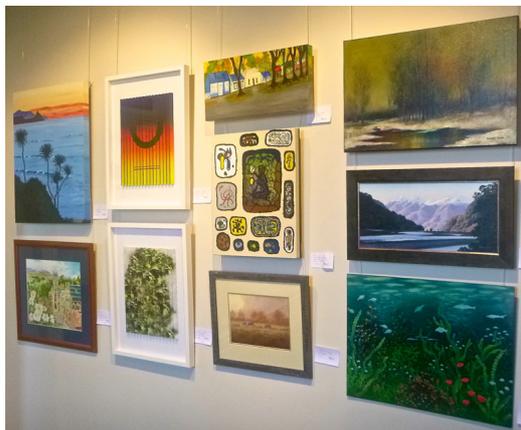
Elina Campbell, Lorna Allan, and Phillipa Crofskey

Drawing on experience

Late last month, Danielle Munro ran a Drawing Class one Wednesday evening, from 5.30–9pm (pictured at right). Her seven students were pleased with their progress but the time went far too quickly, so next year Danielle may tutor a 4-week course. Interested in gaining some drawing skills? Contact Danielle with your expression of interest. Her email is: daniellemunroart@outlook.com



Volunteer Julie Jopp, above left, with Sales Gallery co-coordinator Ness Kerr.



Above: some of the paintings in the **Affordable Art exhibition**, on currently. As at 4th Dec. 18 works had been sold, many to locals but also to art appreciators from China, USA, Australia, Sweden and UK.



With sadness, we report the passing of Rosemary Anne (Anne) Rayns on Nov. 14th. Anne, pictured at right, died suddenly at Dunedin Hospital after a short illness, with husband David by her side. She was a much-valued OAS volunteer, and until recently, as an artist member contributed regularly to exhibitions. We extend our sincere condolences to Anne's family and friends.

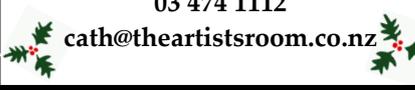


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MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Our new glass display cabinets will enable smaller works to be presented safely and very stylishly. Thank you to Nic, Brenda, Raimo, Denise, Ness and Uli for their help with the new cabinets fitting into the Sales Gallery.

Special thanks to Big Save Furniture, 220 Crawford Street, Dunedin, where we did indeed 'Save Big' and were looked after very well.



DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS

During the past 7 years over 650 people in Dunedin have taken Brian Miller's classes on how to use a digital camera.

The next annual classes, (only 12 per class), start 19th February 2018 and run for 6 weeks.

Learn to correctly photograph your artwork along with basic photoshop, filing and heaps more.

Check the website www.digicamtips.com for details and book early as classes are filling up.
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Otago Art
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there's paintings in
oil, watercolour, acrylic,
& mixed media.

We have printmaking works,
graphite & pastel,
photography, jewellery,
ceramics, pottery & sculpture,
fibre art & scarves,
woodwork, glass, mosaic

& plenty of cards to choose from, too.
Such a talented lot of local, original artists!
We send you good wishes for a
Happy Christmas & New Year cheer.
Come and see us at Dunedin Railway Station.

Yule have a
Creative
Christmas

Events Calendar

Next newsletter will be in February, sent by email.

• **Affordable Art Exhibition**
Our annual takeaway art show continues until 28th January. Remember to collect your unsold work at end of exhibition. Also bring in your work that weekend for the Summer Exhibition.

• **Summer Exhibition**
Opening Night, Friday 2nd Feb. 6pm. Exhibition open to public from 3rd Feb to Sun. 4th March.

Recent featured artists



Rachel Oon



Brenda Nyhof

Right: Maxine Burney, a member from Christchurch, arriving for her week as featured artist.



DPAGS Friends Event

3pm Sunday 10th December
at the Dunedin Public Art Gallery: **Professor Murray Rae ARCHITECTURE, ART AND THEOLOGY** Professor Rae's talk on Dunedin churches – some of the greatest architectural buildings in the city – will be followed by a superb afternoon tea courtesy of the DPAG Society.



2018 Calendar

Have you bought your copy (and gift copies) of this quality production yet? They are \$25 each, available in the shop.

2018 HOPE AND SONS ART AWARDS

ENTRIES CLOSE:
Friday 23 March 2018

ENTRY FEE:
One Entry: \$30.00
Two Entries: \$50.00

PRIZES:
1st \$4000 | 2nd \$2500 | 3rd \$1500
People's Choice \$500

FOR MORE DETAILS AND THE ENTRY FORM:
www.otagoartsociety.co.nz or
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