



AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Keeping in touch...

Two new events...

Artistic Controversies

Come and hear the first in our new series of lectures exploring controversial issues in the arts - ***Should They Stay or Should They Go? Colonial statues and their place in Aotearoa,*** presented by art historian, Dr Mark Stocker (24 March 7pm at the Court House, gold coin donation).



Life is Art Exhibition

In April, **come and see** our new life drawing exhibition, 10am-4pm each Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout April, venue to be advised.



Come and join us!

Happy New Year everyone - and welcome to our latest ACAC Newsletter. And a warm welcome to those of you who have become new members - we are dependent on your support to subsidise our programmes so it's great to have you on board. Building on last years efforts, this year we have an exciting programme of workshops and activities, including our inaugural creative writing course in June. So if you would like to unleash your artistic talents, including your inner novel - join us!

2021 is Frenchfest Akaroa year, and in October ACAC will again be supporting *LANDINGS*, a theatrical living history drama that will unfold on the main beach in Akaroa. We are delighted to be part of this terrific community event, and we'll update you as planning develops.

As you will see further in our newsletter we are keen to bring a number of art exhibitions to Akaroa. To do this, **we need volunteers to help us.** Please call me on 0211083554 if you would like to join us.

Marie Connolly, Chair of ACAC



Our Workshops

- ♦ **Life drawing Masterclass** with Simon van Der Sluijs, 20-21 February
- ♦ **Life drawing** - Alfresco or otherwise - 25-26 March
- ♦ **Garden Sculptures** with John Harding 17-18 April
- ♦ **Easel-ly Arty**, tutored kids drawing, 29-30 April
- **Kura Raranga** with Ngaio Tuari - Weaving School, 1, 8, 15, 22 May
- **Creative Writing** - unleash your inner novel! On 5, 12, 19, 26th June
- **Oil Painting** with Siene de Vries, 7, 14, 21, 28 & 29 August
- **Woodcut Printmaking** with Saskia Van Voorn, on 2-5 September



For details of all our events, see our website <http://www.akaroaarts.co.nz/>

Artistic Controversies

In March we are starting our new quarterly lecture series, *Artistic Controversies*. presented by Art Historian, Dr Mark Stocker. In this first of four lectures exploring controversial issues within the arts, Mark will discuss the fate of colonial statues in a post-colonial era. We will send out a reminder flyer closer to the event.

Arts Council Film Club

This year we are also planning to start an ACAC film club for our members. We are currently having discussions with the operators of the new Ethels Cinema about a monthly film viewing followed by a facilitated discussion over supper at the theatre. So if you are interested in seeing movies and enjoy a good discussion, and would like to come along, join ACAC and we will keep you updated. You will find a membership form on our website: (<https://protect-au.mimecast.com/s/KjWNCr8Dz5s8NWYrou7st8I?domain=akaroaarts.co.nz>)

ACAC Exhibitions

In April we host our new exhibition *Life is Art*. This will be the first of three exhibitions over the year that showcase the art made by tutors and participants in our workshops. *Life is Art* will focus on our life drawing classes, in June we hope to show ACAC participants working in Oils, and in August the focus will be Woodcuts. Toward the end of the year we hope to run a further exhibition paralleling last year's *Unlocked in Paradise*. So a busy year for us! **We need volunteers** to help us run our exhibitions! So if you can spare a few hours to help us, please get in touch with Marie (0211083554).