ACAC Newsletter August 2021



AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

August 2021

Our events...

Landings at Akaroa French Festival 2021

Saturday 16th October, 8.30am, main beach, Akaroa. Bring a beach chair, a blanket and a hottie!

Artistic Controversies

In June, Penelope Jackson gave a terrific talk on art crime in NZ. We are delighted to have another great speaker in October, Dr Jessica Halliday, Director of Te Pūtahi Centre for Architecture & City Making. Jessica will focus on architectural controversies. Details coming soon. Wednesday 13 October 2021, 7-8pm, St Peter's Church, Akaroa. Gold coin donation.



Welcome to ACAC!

We've had a terrific year so far, with the hugely successful double literary event in June, including *The Art of Fiction Writing* with Owen Marshall. We have had wonderful feedback from participants who enjoyed the two day workshop, which was also incredibly productive. In fact, we are currently looking for funding to publish an edition of 'fast verse' in celebration of the inaugural event. In addition, as a follow-up to Owen's workshop, we are hoping to arrange a screening in Akaroa of *Coming Home in the Dark*, a new kiwi film based on Owen's book of the same name. We will be be back in touch as soon as we are able to confirm the event.

We are also delighted by the success of our recent WOW exhibition - Woodblocks, Oils & Weaving. Over the six open days we had almost 400 visitors, who clearly enjoyed the variety and quality of the art. ACAC's hosting of the fundraising auction of donated G.A. Genet oils at the exhibition was also hugely successful - generating over \$5000 for the Akaroa Area School. A great effort!

Marie Connolly, Chair of the Akaroa Community Arts Council



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What's coming up?

Our workshops

Oil Painting

It's not too late to come to our Oils workshop presented by acclaimed artist, Siene de Vries. We'll have a life model for the 21-22 August days, so come and join us - draw, sculpt, paint - whatever you like

Woodblock Printing

Renowned artist Saskia Van Voorn takes our woodblock printing workshop in September. So if you would like to create an image and turn it into your own woodblock, come along! 2-5 September, 10am-4pm, at the Presbyterian Hall Akaroa.

For full details of all our workshops see our website: akaroaarts.co.nz

Film Club

Our ACAC members' Film Club happens on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The next gathering will be Tuesday 17 August at 5.45pm when Ethels will screen *Warrior Queen*. For information, contact Marie on 0211083554.

Membership

Don't forget, we rely on our membership fees and grants to bring new events to Akaroa. So come and join us at: https://akaroaarts.co.nz/contact/

Landings at Akaroa French Festival 2021

Once again in partnership with Akaroa Heritage Festival Society, ACAC will produce Landings, our historic, theatrical reenactment on the main beach; we really hope that many of you will be able to join in - take a part in the play, or help out behind the scenes; certainly, come and watch - as ever, it promises to be informative, funny and bold! We're lucky enough to have repeat performances from our friends Michael Hurst, Jennifer Ward-Lealand and Nathan Bonner - aka Mulletman - plus the return of the fabulous Wellington Sea Shanty Society. We'll also work in collaboration with Mana Whenua from Onuku, students from Akaroa Area School and the descendants of many of those first intrepid souls - French and otherwise, who bravely sailed across the oceans to make new lives in our stunning Horomaka. Saturday 16th October, 8.30am, main beach, Akaroa. Bring a beach chair, a blanket and a hottie! Call Lesley 021 527184 for further information.

