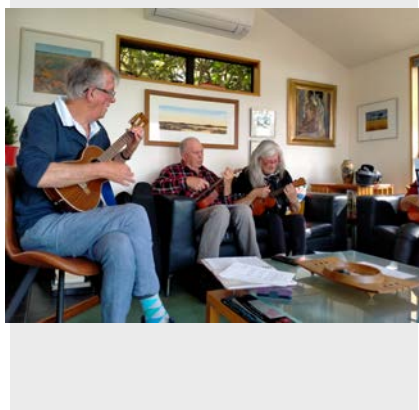




AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

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Our spring activities...



End of year greeting

This week we have made great progress with an exciting new project to develop a harakeke pa at Waeckerle Green in Akaroa. We have been having discussions with the



Christchurch City Council about the possibility of planting varieties of high quality flax that would be available for harvesting and used by weavers in our Kura Raranga workshops. Led by Ngaio Tuari and Richard Graham, a very successful meeting was held recently at the site to discuss the ways in which ACAC and the CCC

might work together to create the harakeke pa that would support of work of future generations of weavers.

This year we also started our ukulele classes - Ukulele Fridays in December. Led by Duncan McMillan, an enthusiastic group came together to learn songs that will be included in a concert that Duncan is planning in 2023. In a collaboration with the schools, he has also been giving

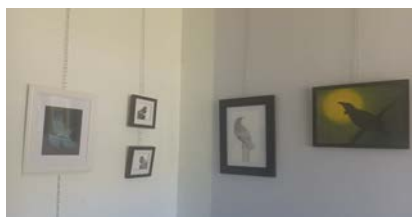
Upcoming event...



The Akaroa Community Arts Council, in association with the New Zealand Society of Authors, is delighted to host our inaugural symposium, Readers and Writers Akaroa 2023 (RAWA). Building on a successful foundation of creative writing events in the past few years, we are branching out with an event for people who love to read books, and for people who love to write them. Next year, we will bring together some of New Zealand's most celebrated writers: Gavin Bishop, Fiona Farrell, Vanda Symons, Victor Rodger, Owen Marshall, and a number of other writers who will share their work across genres, including fiction, flash fiction, crime fiction, histories, and playwriting. So if you are interested in hearing more contact us at (art@akaroaarts.co.nz), put the event in your calendar, and come and join us for a wonderful weekend focused on reading and writing, and enjoying the company of authors.



ukulele classes to children and young people who will also have the opportunity to take part in the concert. So watch this space as more details will follow next year.



Our recent exhibition, *Peninsula Past and Present*, was also a great success. We had fourteen local artists exhibiting paintings, drawings, sculptures and poetry, all of which was highly

regarded by the 450 visitors we had over the four weekends. Our next exhibition, *High Days and Holidays*, will open Easter weekend next year so we encourage all our local artists to consider submitting work to us around the theme.

Our members-only visit to the Ngaio Marsh House and Garden was also a big success.



As I write this we are reaching the end of yet another busy year, and as we reflect on our activities, there have been many highlights. Our *Inside Art* events, which enabled the viewing of local art collections, was enjoyed by an enthusiastic group of ACAC members. So if you have a collection and are happy to show it as a membership event, do let me know (ph: 0211083554).

It has been a big year, and we hope that you have a splendid festive season, and that we see you at ACAC events in 2023.

Marie Connolly, ACAC Chair



One more thing...

Film Club will also start up again in February. Details will be in our summer newsletter, so watch this space

