



AKAROA COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

MARCH 2023

What's coming up...



The Akaroa Community Arts Council, in association with the New Zealand Society of Authors, will be delighted to host our inaugural Readers and Writers Akaroa (RAWA) festival. We are all set to go with 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. Early-bird registration closes on 2 April so come and join us:

DATE: 10-11 June 2023

WHERE: The Gaiety Hall

For more information and registration details go to our website here: <https://akaroaarts.co.nz/readers-and-writers-akaroa-rawa/>



Local latex mask makers from latest monster workshop

WELCOME TO ACAC

It's hard to imagine that we are into autumn already, as trees change colour and the weather turns a bit cooler. I hope you have enjoyed some good summer days, and that you are now keen to see what our autumn and winter events programme looks like.

In our most ambitious programme yet, we will be hosting our inaugural RAWA festival in June. So if you enjoy books, reading, and writing, come and be inspired by some of New Zealand's most acclaimed authors - 10-11 June. At the RAWA festival, we will also be launching ACAC's new book - *Fantabulous Fables*, a beautifully illustrated collection of works by writers who have a connection to Banks Peninsula.

Our plein air oils class has been great fun this year as enthusiastic painters, experienced and beginners, took to the countryside and painted some of our wonderful Banks Peninsula scenery.

Sadly though, we have had to postpone our upcoming art exhibition - *High Days and Holidays* in April. But we will be back in touch as soon as a new date is confirmed.

Enjoy the last days of summer, and we hope to see you at ACAC events this year.

Marie Connolly, ACAC Chair

FILM CLUB

Members Film Club has started, and will be held in the last week of each month. Put it in your calendar, and we will be in touch with details closer to the time.



Easel-ly -Arty

Discover your whenua - children's workshop, 20-21 April 2023



SKETCH GROUP

And don't forget our Sketch Group! Sharpen your sketching skills - check out our website for details, or contact us on art@akaroaarts.co.nz

Members event - Portraiture Exhibition

Given the success of our members visit to the Ngaio Marsh House and Garden visit last year, we have decided to provide further subsidised events. Our first will be in May, connected to the upcoming portraiture exhibition at the Kate Shepherd House in Christchurch. The portraits are drawn from the collection of the late Avenal McKinnon (née Gough), the long time Director of the New Zealand Portrait Gallery. Our ACAC visit will include afternoon tea at the home of ACAC members, Diane Morcom and Edward McGuinniety. Diane is a trustee of the New Zealand Portrait Gallery. If you are a member of ACAC and are interested in this event, register your interest: art@akaroaarts.co.nz

Landings

A little further out but on Oct 7th this year ACAC are gearing up to re-mount the world famous theatrical extravaganza - *Landings* at the next French Festival. This is the chance to dress up pre-1840's, channel your great great grandparents and become involved on the main beach at dawn. Any level of involvement is to be encouraged and will be guaranteed to be fun and informative.



Garden Sculpture

If you are interested in making a wonderful piece of art for your garden, then come to the popular Garden Sculpture workshop, led by our wonderful local artist, John Harding.

Date: 1-2 April . See here for details: <https://akaroaarts.co.nz/garden-sculpture-2023/>

We hope to see you at our events this year, and remember to join our membership - a bargain at \$10 per year! Your membership fee will help support our subsidised events, and our important children's scholarships.

