

Canterbury SOCIETY OF ARTS Newsletter

INVITATION
to the
OPENING

CONTEMPORARY NEW ZEALAND PAINTERS

Saturday, February 22, at 8. p.m.

Members And One Guest Only.

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ABOVE IS YOUR INVITATION to attend the opening of our FIRST EXHIBITION FOR THE 1964 SEASON. Quentin MacFarlane, Dip.F.A. (Hons.), a member of Council and one of the painters included in this collection, will open the exhibition, which runs to Thursday, March 5.

COMING EVENTS IN OUR GALLERY

Town and Country Art Club Exhibition - This will run from Thursday, March 12 to Friday, March 20. Will our members please note that production of their Art Society Membership card will admit them without charge to this popular exhibition.

THE 84TH ANNUAL AUTUMN EXHIBITION OF THE CANTERBURY SOCIETY OF ARTS. - will open on Saturday, April 11 and continues for the three weeks ending Sunday, May 3. Your invitation to this, the premier show on our calendar, will be arriving shortly. (This year "Varnishing Day" will be revived in the form of a 5-7 p.m. gathering on Friday, April 10, in the gallery for the working artists exhibiting.)

NEW MEMBERS.

Our Membership Secretary, Mr. R. R. Laidlaw, is pleased to introduce to us, and we to welcome, the following new members:-

His Worship the Mayor, C.M.G.	Miss Diane Laughnan	Mrs. M. L. Bernatchi
Mr. Geo. Manning.	Mr. D. H. Graham	Mrs. A. Nimmo
Cr. H. P. Smith	Mrs. R. N. Simpson	Mrs. C. Douglas
Cr. G. D. Griffiths	Mrs. M. Gray	Miss E. A. Vaughan
Cr. A. R. Guthrey	Mrs. M. W. Willcox	Mr. G. N. Francis
Mr. N. E. Tingey	The Victoria Gallery	Mr. E. M. Melton
Mr. T. D. Lawrence	Mr. R. A. McKinnon	Mr. A. R. O'Malley

It is particularly pleasing to note the names of councillors of this city, headed by that of our Mayor. It is gratifying to the Society to have this evidence of their support and we hope that we in return, will be able to offer them interest and inspiration.

WORKING MEMBERS of the Society will shortly be given details of a trial scheme to rent to artists an area of wall space in the gallery for a stated period at a small fee. This is designed to accommodate those artist members who are not in a position to mount a one or two-man show. A trial exhibition of this kind is scheduled for mid-year and informal discussions concerning it will be possible at the artists' function already mentioned, Friday, April 10.

NEW GALLERY.

Patience must be one of our virtues but we feel we have now made real progress. Members will have seen recent newspaper reports stating that the Department of Justice is now ready to buy our Gallery and the site. Your Council confirms they have been officially advised of this. In our reply, we have said that we will be ready to recommend to our members that the Gallery be sold as soon as we receive a satisfactory reply from the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council to our application for financial aid to cover the total estimated cost. About £35,000 will be needed in addition to the proceeds of the sale of the old Gallery. We have reason to believe that our application for financial aid will be considered as soon as the Arts' Council is appointed, and we expect this in the next few weeks.

We are watching for alternative sites. It is felt the area west of the River and bounded by say Montreal Street and Cranmer Square offers good potential, but there are, quite possibly, other sites. If Members are aware of any, we would appreciate the information.

The Council
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