

Canterbury SOCIETY OF ARTS Newsletter

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A NEW GALLERY

This is possibly the most interesting Newsletter we have sent. The objective to which your Council has been working for almost two years has been achieved. We have been advised by the Minister of Internal Affairs that a grant of £20,000 will be made to us by the Golden Kiwi Board of Control to enable us to accept the offer of the Department of Justice to buy our present Gallery for about £23,000. The two sums will provide £43,000 and we have made tentative successful enquiries regarding the provision of any additional money we may require. A special meeting of Members will be convened shortly to which certain resolutions, required by our rules, will be submitted and these will enable us to proceed. The council is anxious for as little delay as possible in the preparation of plans and enquiries which may enable us to take advantage of overseas gallery planning have already been initiated.

The Council is united in the view that our old gallery is entirely out of date and must be replaced if the Society is to function actively, efficiently and with distinction in the future. The grant can open up for us a new life in the Society in our growing city, now fast rebuilding.

Our sincere thanks are due to many influential busy persons and organisations who have supported our aim. Among these are the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. K.J. Holyoake, the Ministers of Internal Affairs, Sir Leon Gotz and Hon. D.C. Seath, the Minister of Finance, Hon. H.R. Lake and Mr M.A. Connelly, M.P. for Riccarton. Also we have had fine support from all other Canterbury Members of Parliament, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and City Council, the newspapers and many others. This is a fine example of co-operation to achieve a desirable result - a new gallery and a new Law Courts building in the city.

ANNUAL MEETING - You have already received your notice and the annual report. Please come at 7.45 p.m. on THURSDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, at the old Gallery.

At this meeting and for a week or two thereafter, an Exhibition from the Society's Permanent Collection will be shown.

GALA GIFT EXHIBITION & AUCTION - This was a real success, over £700 was realised. The idea was proposed by Mrs Rhona Fleming. We thank all who by their gifts and donations and by their purchases, supported so positively the new Gallery Fund. Our thanks to Mr Norman McCrostie who acted as auctioneer with much good humour.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME FOR EARLY 1965

22nd February --	6th March	PAN PACIFIC ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBITION
27th March	-- 18th April	ANNUAL AUTUMN EXHIBITION
15th May	-- 29th May	TOWN AND COUNTRY ART CLUB
14th June	-- 25th June	SCHOOL OF ART EXHIBITION

PAN PACIFIC ARTS FESTIVAL - The Pan Pacific Arts Festival Council has established a Visual Arts Advisory Committee. This Committee will organise various exhibitions for the Festival. Our representatives are Mr Quentin Macfarlane and Mr John Oakley who has also been elected Chairman.

NEW MEMBERS - We welcome to membership of the Society:

Mr A.E.B. Anderson	Mr J.G. Honore	Mrs G.A. Nutt
Mrs S. Brittenden	Mrs Thomas Hyde	Mr E.W. Reeves (rejoined)
Mrs M. Candy	Mr H.N.A. Jacometti	Mr George E. Roth
Mr R.W.H. Crouch	Mr John E. Jones	Mrs A.J. Scott
Mrs A. de Silva	Mr H.W. Macfarlane	Mrs E. Muir Thomas (rejoined)
Mrs G. de Thier	Miss C.J. McLennan	Mr J.G. Thompson
Dr Morgan Fahey	Mrs P.M. Morris	Mrs H.R. Thomson
		Mrs M. Wemyss

ASSOCIATION OF N.Z. ART SOCIETIES - The Society was represented at the Annual Meeting in Wellington on November 14th. About 22 representatives of Societies from all over New Zealand attended. This Association does good work by providing a voice in Wellington, the Headquarters of the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council. It is led by the President, Mr E.C. Simpson, and an Executive Committee. Our representatives are Prof. F. Page (husband of artist Evelyn Page) and Mr R.J. Waghorn, to whom we are most grateful.

