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Arts Heart Exhibition 2020 6th - 8th November 2020



Our Annual April Exhibition was postponed, but we now have a new date!

If you are an artist who 'lives, works or plays' in the Selwyn District we invite you to exhibit your work.

Entry forms will be out shortly, but in the meantime, register your interest by email to:

artsheartselwyn@gmail.com



Allan Hooper: Today, Tomorrow and Forever

Allan Hooper will celebrate his 80th birthday in August, but he still enjoys working with clay and firing up his kilns. Part of the celebration will include an exhibition of his own pottery that opens at Te Huanui on Friday, 31 July and runs until 27 August.

A visit to the Darfield Brickworks sparked Allan Hooper's interest in clay. He was working as a general engineer in the early 1970s and needed a specific kind of brick to build a smelting furnace. After a decade of reading about pottery and kilns, and learning the processes involved in working with clay, Allan opened Albion Brick & Pottery in Darfield in 1984. He operated the business for eleven years.

Allan can tell you heaps of stories about clay: "It's not all 100% and you get failures in the firing, even. Clay's expensive to buy. I dig and process all my own clay".





The Darfield Brickworks in 1976 Source: https://canterburystories.nz/



Allan Hooper: Today, Tomorrow and Forever



Holding up a pot with a deep blue glaze, Allan recites the recipe for an "opalescent blue" glaze. It includes one unusual ingredient: "...clay, from the side of the road way up the Rakaia Gorge—it's a glacial flour...mud—a big seam of it about 10-foot thick. There's millions of tons of it way up there".

The large pieces that Alan has preparing for the August exhibition were fired in an electric kiln that looks like a huge chest freezer. His last firing in preparation for the August show took "24 hours from whoa to go".

Remembering his early days as a potter, Alan points to a large garden pot and says, "See that big fella over there? I made about 25 of them in a day. I had to...I had a mortgage. I borrowed money. I worked like a mad man".

Fortunately he didn't face that kind of impetus preparing for the August exhibition, but if you talk to Allan for a couple of hours, you realise that he still has the drive to make pottery that is functional and beautiful, too.

The opening of "Today, Tomorrow, and Forever" will be held Friday, 31 July, 6pm at Te Huanui Gallery in Darfield, 17 South Terrace, Darfield. Admission is free.

Art Business: Android Apps for Artists

By Margaret White (www.margaretwhite.co.nz)

Other artists have asked me which phone apps I use as part of my art practice and business. As well as the usual social media apps (Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest etc.) that have now become a common way engaging with your audience, here are a couple of other useful android apps for artists:









YouCut is a great app for quick and easy video editing. I use it for making short video clips showing my artistic process. The app is able to crop videos for various social media formats and can also resize files if needed.

PicCollage is an easy app to use if you ever want to create a montage of several images as one photo. The free app does put the pic collage branding on the corner of the montage though. If this is a problem – try Canva.

Art Portfolio is my solution to showcasing my art when I am out of cellphone/data cover. For example I'm sitting sketching in a wilderness area (a frequent occurence) and a passerby starts talking to me about my art. This app is an easy and accessible way to share your work without having to scroll through your cellphone camera roll. Do note that it is not being updated and you are unable to update the year, but it still does perform the basic functions I need it for.

Podcast Addict is the app that I use to listen to podcasts on art while I am carving. It seems to access a good number of the podcasts I like and is easy to use. A couple of the podcasts I am currently listening to are: Artists Helping Artists, Beyond the Studio and The Thriving Artist.

As I come across other useful android apps for artists I will add them onto my art blog at www.margaretwhite.co.nz. If anyone has any suggestions for other apps I should be using or sharing with everyone, please let me know.

Coming Up At Down by the Liffey Gallery...





Selwyn Practicing Artists

Inaugural meeting
Te Huanui Gallery, Darfield
Tuesday August 11th, 7–8:30pm

Selwyn Practicing Artists invites all practicing artists who live, work or play in Selwyn to its inaugural meeting.

This is a group for practicing artists to meet monthly and to provide encouragement, inspiration, information and connection to one another.

Please RSVP to selwynpracticingartists@gmail.com.

Facebook/selwynpracticingartists



October 10-18

Darfield Rec Centre, North Terrace, Darfield
Artweek exhibition and sale

Register for Darfield Artweek malvernarts.org.nz

Further information available

Te Huanui Gallery in Darfield
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darfieldartweek@xtra.co.nz facebook.com/tehuanui

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON!

www.artsheart.nz

Workshops and Exhibitions

Watercolour Landscape Painting Workshop

Tutor: Susie Millichamp

Date: 8th August 10.30am - 3.30pm Location: Lakeland Gallery, Leeston

Booking is essential to gallery lakelandart@yahoo.com or 027 820 3045 as above \$25 Members \$50 Non members

Life Drawing Evening Group

Tutor: Un-tutored
Date: Starting Term 3

Location: Lakeland Gallery, Leeston

Contact lakelandart@yahoo.com or Blanche 3242884 for more

information

Te Huanui Art Gallery in Darfield

Celebrating established, emerging and exciting new artists since 1998

2020 Exhibitions

31 July-27 August

Today,

Tomorrow and Forever

Allan Hooper's 80th Birthday Celebration and pencil drawings by Ben Groters, Cory Koppe, Gareth Rowlands

28 August-24 September **Printmakers**

Barb Gaeth, Nadine Meyer, Katrina Perano, Soon-Lee Spicer, Margaret White

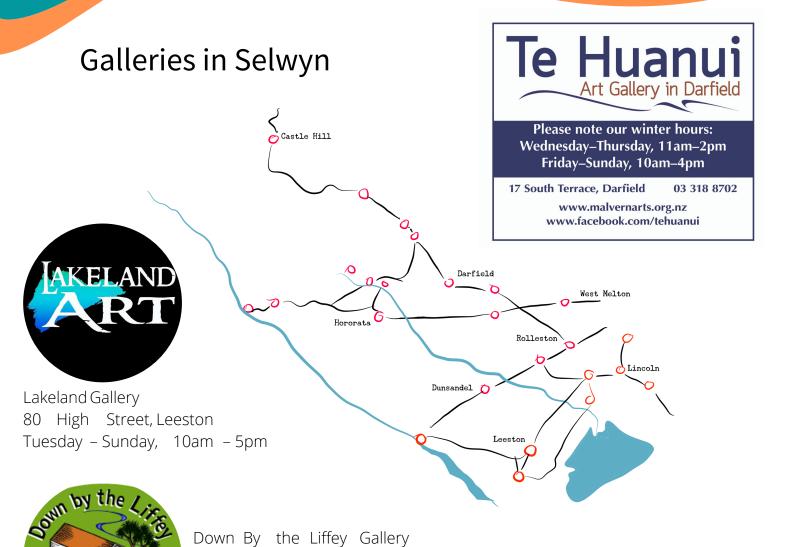
25 September-29 October

Arts Canterbury

MALVERNCOMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Performance: "From Scratch"

Saturday, 19 September, 7pm
Trinity Church Darfield, cnr SH73 & Bangor Rd
The inventive, highly rhythmic percussion group performs on a unique array of original, DIY invented instruments.





Our members are artists, art enthusiasts and those who like to keep up to date with the arts in Selwyn. New members are welcome any time. Annual membership is only \$10. Email secretaryartsheart@gmail.com to join. Contact Us...

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