

Discussion Groups Newsletter for February 2018

Happy New Year to you all.

I do hope you have all enjoyed the lovely weather over the holidays and are now ready to take up your routines again.

Those of you who receive your Forums by mail will have received a brochure about the Discussion Groups included in the last edition for you to read over the holidays.

I do hope that you all took the time to read it and hopefully it enthused you to join up with one of our discussion groups this year.

I am still taking names of those interested in the Creative Writing group. We maybe have a home and a facilitator.

For some time I have been looking to begin a Philosophy group. I have had a few interested members who would like to join this group contact me. However I am still looking for a facilitator and/or a host/hostess. So if you would like to take part in this new group please contact Ngaire on 454 2170. Don't feel pressured to facilitate the group if you wish to join it.

The TED group is another one that requires a facilitator and a home to meet in. Once again if you interested please register your interest with Ngaire on 454 2170 in the first instance.

If none of the groups on offer take your fancy, but you still wish to take part in one and have a wish to see a particular topic begun, please me know and I will do my best to get the topic started. My contact details are 454 2170 or email; ngairemichael@gmail.com

I wish you all a great year of learning, socialising and enjoyment this coming year.

Ngaire Bates

Art History Group

I am happy to offer some more discussion topics for the course. Throughout the course, I would like to look at a wide range of topics, artists and styles. However, this year I would like to link the wider world of Art History to at least one work in the Dunedin Art Gallery Collection. For example, I would propose examining the work of the French artist, James Tissot. There is a single work by Tissot in the Dunedin collection and another in the Auckland Gallery. We would examine the life and career of Tissot and look at how those two works fit into his overall output and style.

I suggest that in the first session we begin with a look at portraiture. I would ask intending participants to bring along some thoughts about one of their favourite portraits, possibly one from the Dunedin collection or the Hocken, but it could be from further afield.

That should get us warmed up! See on Wednesday afternoon at 2pm on the 14th February.
Moya

Book Group

The next meeting of the book club will be held at Ngaire's place at 1.30pm. on 8th February.

Ngaire's address is 67A Tahuna Road. It is better if you park on the road and walk up the steep drive. Her house is a pole house second on the left up the drive.

The topic is a general: 'Book that has been published recently' at least less than 10 years old. I would also like to get some planning done, so members please bring your ideas.

Creative Writing Group

This group is in recession but we do have a possible venue and a possible facilitator so if you would like to take part in this group please phone Ngaire on 454 2170 to register your interest.

Current Affairs Group-Monday

This group will begin the year on the 19th February at Joy's place at 1.30pm. The topic will be Plastic. Good or bad.

Current Affairs Group-Tuesday

The Tuesday Current Issues Group has met in both December and January (with reduced numbers) and now we look forward to our first big meeting of the year on the third Tuesday morning in February.

Expanding Musical Horizons Group

The “Widening Musical Horizons” group will start on Monday 12 February and will explore the topic “Pops Meet the Classics Pt 2”.

Best wishes, Paul

Gallery Group

The Gallery group starts on Wed. Feb. 14th. 2018. The first meeting is to the Nevill Studios at 35, Crawford Street, Dunedin at 10.30. Laurie White is organising this visit.

Maryalyce is hoping we can get a visit organised in April to go to Alexandra to see the Elizabeth Stevens show. Thanks Tash

Local History Group

The Local History Group's year has already begun, 25th January, with an exploratory visit by five of us to the Dunedin Office of Archives New Zealand, scoping out the wide range of government holdings relating to Otago and Southland, which now occupy over 5 kilometres of shelving. Our next visit will be St Barnabas Church at Warrington on Wednesday, 28th February. The subject for research will be Bishop Samuel Tarratt Nevill (1837–1921), first Anglican bishop of Dunedin, who is buried in the churchyard there. Stuart

Museum Group

This group is in recession.

Poetry Group

_No report received

TED Talk Group

This group is in recession but is looking for more interested members to join in our discussions.

Please phone Ngaire if you are interested.

Group Schedule February 2018

**Please phone the hostess if you are unable to attend.
Please contact the facilitator if you wish to join a group**

<p><u>Art History</u></p> <p>Facilitator – Moya Smith Phone- 4761415 or 0274761415 Email – moya.smith@xtra.co.nz Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th February at 2pm (second Wednesday)</p>	<p>Venue: Home of Moya Smith 43 Wharfdale Street</p> <p>Topic – Portraiture New members welcome.</p>
<p><u>Current Affairs - Monday Group</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Joy Hayward Phone:-454 4996 or 021 150 8387 Email:- joyhayward@hotmail.co.nz Next meeting- Monday 19th February 2018 at 1.30pm (third Monday)</p>	<p>Venue: - Home of Joy Hayward. 195 Portobello Road.</p> <p>Topic –Plastic-Good or Bad</p> <p>Please note:- We meet in the Vauxhall carpark at 1.25pm and share a ride up the hill.</p>
<p><u>Current Affairs - Tuesday Group</u></p> <p>Facilitator;- Gretchen Kivell Email:-gretchen.kivell@xtra.co.nz Phone;- 473 0031 Next Meeting;- Tuesday 20th February at 10am (third Tuesday)</p>	<p>Venue;- Home of Gretchen Kivell 1 Windsor St Opoho</p> <p>Topic – To be advised. New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Expanding Musical Horizons</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Paul Wheeler Phone:- 476 0462 Email:- wheeler@outlook.co.nz Next meeting:- Monday 12th February at 10am (fourth Monday)</p>	<p>Venue:- Home of Paul Wheeler 5 Roger Street MacAndrew Bay</p> <p>Topic;- Pop Meets the Classics Pt 2</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Gallery</u></p> <p>Facilitator:- Tash Hurst Phone:- 467 9747 Email:- tash.hurst@xtra.co.nz</p>	<p>Venue- Nevill Studios 35 Crawford Street</p>

<p>Next meeting:- Wednesday 14th February at 10.00am (Second Wednesday)</p>	<p>Topic: Nevill Studio visit</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Book Group</u> Facilitator:- Jean Roulston Email:- jeanr08@xtra.co.nz Phone:- 455 0941. Next meeting:- Thursday 8th February at 1.30pm (Second Thursday)</p>	<p>Venue- Ngaire Bates. 67A Tahuna Road, Tainui Phone 454 2170</p> <p>Topic:- A book that has been published recently.</p> <p>New members welcome</p>
<p><u>Poetry</u> Facilitator:-_ Judith Cowley Meetings and contact details change from month to month.</p>	<p>Venue:- Changes from month to month</p> <p>Group Full</p>
<p><u>Local History Group</u> Facilitator;- Stuart Strachan Email:- sjstrachanz@gmail.com Phone:- 482 2339 Next meeting:- Wednesday 28th February at 10am at Stuarts place in Waitati</p>	<p>Venue;- To start at Stuarts place then onto St. Barnabas Church at Warrington 10.00am at Stuarts place, 10 Short Street, Waitati, for the prior discussion on Bishop Nevill, before moving onto St Barnabas afterwards</p> <p>Topic: As above</p> <p>New members welcome</p>