



## NEWSLETTER NOV/DEC 2019

The Arts Centre has a very busy season ahead. The Steampunk Exhibition which has just finished, was visited by over 900 people during October and November. A significant number of sales were made, which is great for the artists and the Arts Centre. If you have been following us on Facebook, you will have been entertained with the antics of Chair Wayne of the Hill and the infamous Time Machine. We love seeing your comments on Facebook and hope you are enjoying our posts. The Time Machine was sold via auction and is now very comfortable in the home of its new owner. The money from the sale has been donated to the Arts Centre by creator Wayne of the Hill.



(Riverton Childcare Centre Navigator Room visited the Centre to drop off their entries into the Steampunk Exhibition. Their goggles and hat were sold during the exhibition.)

Our current exhibition “The Shape of Our Life” presented by Aparima College is on till the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Art teacher Karl Buckley has worked with students all year to provide an eclectic sample of art for this exhibition. The inspiration for this exhibition coming from New Zealand artist Richard Killeen and Maori and Polynesian imagery.



All art is for sale and priced at \$50.00, so come down to the Arts Centre and support our young people by visiting and purchasing their art.

### EFTPOS AVAILABLE

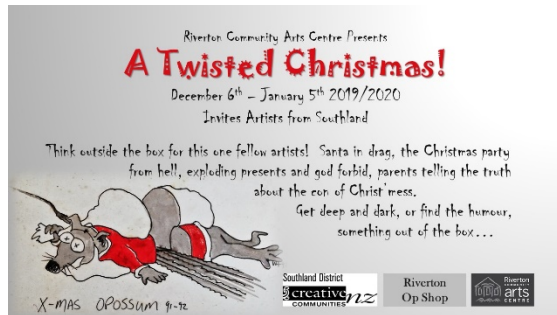
We have Eftpos available at the gallery. We would like to express our appreciation to Dawn Glynn who provided a donation to set up Eftpos at the gallery.

### TWISTED CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

Our next community art exhibition is the Twisted Christmas Exhibition opening on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Southland and Otago artists received a clear brief about the “twisted” element of this exhibition. I’m sure you will

be surprised, amazed and maybe even perplexed by some of the art on show. This is a cash and carry exhibition so you will be able to purchase and take your art home during this exhibition.

### TWISTED CHRISTMAS OPENING



The Twisted Christmas Exhibition Opening coincides with the Riverton Twilight Christmas Market. We will be open from 5pm till 8pm so pop in and have a drink of punch and some Christmas nibbles. This opening will be informal, given the large number of visitors in town.

### CHRISTMAS SPIDERS

Of special mention are the Christmas spiders created by Tuatapere artist Janet Papich. Christmas spiders are \$15.00 and have been selling very well. Janet sources her beads from several sources, but some of the spiders have hand crafted beads made from a Chinese Hill tribe! Every spider is unique, and orders can be taken. We also have small Cybot spiders and large Cybot spiders for sales in the

gallery.



### ARTIST PROFILE

I would like to include information about local artists involved with the Arts Centre in our newsletter. If you're an artist and would like us to put a profile and some images in our newsletter, please contact us. (Email [info@rivertonarts.org.nz](mailto:info@rivertonarts.org.nz))



Lyn Hewitson with some of her Steampunk art

## **VOLUNTEERS**

A big thank you to all our volunteers. The Steampunk Exhibition ran very smoothly, largely due to our awesome team of volunteers working with Wayne and Anna.

Our committee also work tirelessly behind the scenes making events come to life. The committee provided food for the evening, and scrumptious bread was donated by local bread maker Green Cuisine. Please visit them and support locals. Special thanks to Marta Brash for her contribution to our Steampunk Opening by providing much enjoyed food for the evening.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Local-Business/Green-Cuisine-515403838863895/>

It takes a team to run a community art gallery. Our volunteers open and close the gallery, greet visitors, make sales and ensure that everything runs smoothly. Volunteers are trained and supported by Wayne Of the Hill and Anna Cannon. If you would like to become a volunteer gallery assistant, please contact us. You can apply online via our website too.

<https://www.rivertonarts.org.nz/>



Marta Brash (Committee 2019)

## **POETRY NIGHT**

We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting the monthly poetry night on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Our last meeting will be Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please bring a plate of finger food for dessert and a gold coin donation. Bring poetry to share, or just enjoy listening. We will start again in February 2020.

## **CHANGE IN STAFF**

Our coordinator Rebecca Cooper moved to the North Island recently. We wish her and her family well and thank her for her contribution while at the Art Centre. Anna Cannon has returned to the role which is now called "Administrator" and is looking forward to organising the 2020 events schedule.

## **FRIEND OF THE ARTS**

Did you know that the Riverton Community Arts Centre is a charitable trust? We rely on funding, donations and our "Friends" to support exhibitions, events and community groups such as our poetry night. Our friends are important to us and we value our relationship with them. As a friend you are invited to all exhibition openings and you will receive regular news and updates from us.

Friend of the Arts is \$35.00 per year. Our financial year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July till 30 June. If you would like to become a friend, or renew your friendship, please contact Anna ([info@rivertonarts.org.nz](mailto:info@rivertonarts.org.nz)) or phone 0284095941



Here are two of our friends celebrating the opening of the Steampunk Exhibition with us.

## **CONTACT**

We have moved to a mobile service and our landline number has been disconnected. If you need to contact us, please phone 028 409 5941. You can also email:

[info@rivertonarts.org](mailto:info@rivertonarts.org)

Or message us via Facebook.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Marta Brash Exhibiting January 10<sup>th</sup> to February 9<sup>th</sup> *Enrich Your Life with Colour* is not to be missed. Put it in your diary now. Marta is a valued committee member of the Arts Centre and is actively involved in the running of the Arts Centre.

## **MARTA BRASH**

Marta Anna Monos was born in Budapest, Hungary.

During Marta's school years, art and music were her core subjects, gaining a bachelor diploma in music. Originally, she wanted to be a piano teacher but in a change of direction around 20 moved to interior design and weaving wool carpets for wall decoration.

Marta managed her interior design business for over 15 years in Budapest, tailor making wooden cabinets, small furniture, wool rugs, and wool wall hangings, selling all types of decorations for home decor and interior design. During this time Marta exhibited in three large Craft and Art Exhibitions in Europe – Munich (Germany) 1985, Dijon (France) 1986, Milan (Italy) 1986.

Marta moved to New Zealand in 2001 and started to work in wool sheds as a wool handler, achieving a certificate in merino handling whilst in this position. After starting work at the New World Supermarket in Gore as a checkout operator, Marta met her husband Robert Brash, who became her most devoted supporter, best friend and life partner, since meeting seven years ago.

In 2012 Marta finished her New Zealand Interior Design Diploma and started her home staging business The Nest.

[www.thenestinterior.co.nz](http://www.thenestinterior.co.nz)

“Colours, special shapes and patterns are my main obsessions, I believe that colours have an influence over the quality of our lives. Light, strong and vivid colours give me a sense of calm, hope, a good mood and happiness - while dark, greyish colours make me feel depressed or put me in a sad mood”.

Marta works with many different mediums: wool, glass, acrylic paint, resin and mosaic.

Marta loves the Riverton Artist Community having become a member of the Riverton Arts Committee in 2018 and feels very proud to be a member of it.

“I've had a chance to meet lots of very talented artists, and very curious people who come back time and time again to visit these exhibitions and I am very excited to be showing my work this January”.

## **MYSTERY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER**

Wayne has organised a *Twisted Christmas* raffle which we will be selling during the market and at the Santa Parade. You can buy tickets from the arts centre at \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. You can also email us, and we can give you our bank account number to pay if you can't get into the centre.

This certainly is a "newsy" newsletter and I hope you have enjoyed reading it.

On behalf of Wayne and the committee we wish you a happy and safe holiday period and hope to see you in the gallery during our Twisted Christmas Exhibition.

Anna Cannon

Administrator

Riverton Community Arts Centre

