



Sample pages made by students in our Art Journaling for Beginners class

Welcome to Term 3!

Even though Covid did its best to interfere, Dunedin WEA has had a great first half of the year! Almost all of our classes have been completely booked up, with all our old favourites, plus two brand new classes in Term 2 (Art of Beginners Māori Raranga and How to Crochet), and another two brand new ones currently taking enrolments for Term 3 (Te Reo with Rewa and Learn to Knit).

We'd like to thank all the students that stayed away when they knew or suspected they'd been close contacts, and for their patience and understanding when our tutors needed to isolate. We hope everyone has recovered (or is recovering) well!

Our new programme is on the last page of this newsletter, or can be found at [Dunedin WEA Courses](#) and don't forget we always keep waiting lists in case of cancellations, so please email Nicola at dunedinwea@gmail.com if your class is full.



A clever student hiding behind her completed Patchwork Scrap Quilt, with tutor Mary

Our Committee

Our committee have done a huge amount of work over the last few years to get the Dunedin WEA up and running - but most of you will probably only know your individual tutors! So thank you very much to:

Mary Geary:

President and Patchwork Scrap Quilting/Orphan Block Buster tutor

Lesley du Mez:

Treasurer

Nancy McLennan-Hughes:

Secretary and How to Paint/Introduction to Drawing tutor

Ron Esplin:

Wonderful Watercolour tutor

Sue Cheer:

Art Journaling for Beginners tutor

**Nick Orbell
Nicola Pye**



Left: a lovely bunch of students from Introduction to Drawing with their tutor Nancy, and top: Wonderful Watercolour tutor Ron, hard at work!

Annual Report from President Mary Geary, presented at our AGM last term

After meeting at the Dunedin Art Show in November 2020, a group of us formed a committee and established ourselves as Dunedin WEA:Te Wāhi Ākoranga o Ōtepoti. We (Ron Esplin, Sue Cheer, Nancy McLennan-Hughes, Nick Orbell, Lesley du Mez and I) were all wondering how it would go and whether there was an appetite in Dunedin for adult education classes? An enthusiastic group of supporters encouraged us to give it a go with their \$1.00 membership fee and we took the plunge and started offering classes in drawing, watercolour, art journaling and patchwork and quilting at the South Dunedin Community Network rooms guided by Lesley du Mez who is the Director of Edsouth WEA in Invercargill.

Since this auspicious beginning we have proved that there is indeed a market for us in the community of adult education with the four classes running consistently over 2021, despite the challenges of COVID. This year two extra classes, Māori raranga (weaving) and crochet have been added to our termly programme. These classes continue to be full and enjoyed by attendees from across our motu.

We have achieved so much in twelve months. We have registered as an incorporated society, opened a bank account, attended the national Federation of WEAs in NZ, successfully applied for funding and, most recently, employed a coordinator to help us achieve our goal of offering affordable adult education to people in our community. We could not have any of this without the guidance of Lesley du Mez who continues to encourage us on our journey.

The Andy Blaikie grant provided to us from Canterbury WEA certainly has helped us in our endeavours. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Nicola Pye, our fabulous new coordinator who can be contacted at dunedinwea@gmail.com. Nicola has brought a new level of energy to our team and is proving to be a huge asset and a very wise choice as our Coordinator.


I do hope you have managed to attend a class somewhere along the way. If not, have a look at our programme for term 3 and come along and join in the fun.

I am excited to see where we go in 2022. We are exploring alternative options for classes such as offering classes to those affected by cancer and people in our local prison.

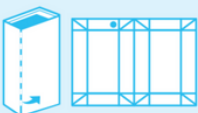
Thank you for your on going support – it is such an honour to be part of this exciting adventure.

Recycle right here!

1 Cut along the top and sides of the carton
*Note: leave the Cap attached



2 Completely open up and flatten



Handy instructions on how to cut the LPBs open - leave any lids on as they help act as glue!

If you use UHT milk, juice, soy milk or anything similar in tetra paks, or if you eat chips in silver foil-lined packets, please save them up and bring them in to recycle next time you're at the South Dunedin Community Network.

All packaging needs to be completely clean and dry, and fully cut open so it can lay flat - especially important for the tetra paks, as they often have a lot of solid material left inside when not cut open - which gets very smelly!

The chip packets are used to make emergency survival blankets for people in need, and the tetra paks (also known as liquid paper board or LPB) are used to make a gib-board type product - all right here in Aotearoa New Zealand!



A very happy Raranga student!

Successful funding applications!

We've been very lucky to receive funding from the DCC Arts Grants and Creative Communities Scheme recently - we're so grateful for the support of these amazing funders! They allow us to keep offering our classes, and to expand our range, while still keeping our fees as affordable and accessible as possible.



Dunedin City





TERM 3, 2022 PROGRAMME

Art Journaling For Beginners with Sue Cheer

7 - 9pm, Wednesdays, 3 Aug - 7 Sept, \$80 includes materials

Introduction To Drawing with Nancy McLennan Hughes

7 - 9pm, Thursdays, 4 Aug - 8 Sept, \$80 includes materials

Art Of Beginners Māori Raranga with Lucy Smith

7 - 9pm, Tuesdays, 9 Aug - 13 Sept, \$80 includes materials

Wonderful Watercolour with Ron Esplin

10am - 4pm, Sunday, 14 Aug OR 11 Sept (1 day only), \$50 includes materials

Orphan Block Buster with Mary Geary

10am - 4pm, Saturdays, 20 Aug and 17 Sept, \$80 BYO materials

How To Paint with Nancy McLennan Hughes

10am - 4pm, Sundays, 4 Sept and 18 Sept, \$80 includes materials

Crochet For Beginners with Tammy Prescott

6 - 8pm, Wednesdays, 14 Sept - 19 Oct, \$80 includes materials

Te Reo With Rewa with Rewa Eliot-Sharpin

5:30 - 7:30pm, Thursdays, 15 Sept - 20 Oct, \$80

Learn To Knit with Alison Ford

7-9pm, Tuesdays, 20 Sept - 24 Oct, \$80 includes some materials but also BYO materials

Our classes are held at the South Dunedin Community Network, 278a King Edward St.
50% discount on class fees for Community Services Card holders, upon verification.

For more info or to enrol go to: www.dunedinwea.org.nz