

GUIDELINES FOR NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Mana Arts!
We're so delighted to
welcome you as a member.

These guidelines introduce you to the many opportunities you have as a member and outlines some of the things you may need to know.

By joining Mana Arts, you become part of a vibrant and supportive artistic community where creativity thrives, ideas are exchanged, and connections are made.

At Mana Arts, we believe in fostering inspiration, learning, and artistic growth. Whether you're here to develop your skills, showcase your work, or simply enjoy the company of like-minded individuals, we're committed to making your experience rewarding, enjoyable, and engaging.



Our dedicated committee works hard to ensure that every member feels included, supported, and informed. We offer exhibitions, workshops, social events, and plenty of opportunities to be involved in the creative life of the club.

We look forward to meeting you, celebrating your creativity, and growing together as a community. Welcome aboard – we can't wait to see what you create!

President, Mana Arts

Weekly Art Groups

All sessions are at 3 Douglass Close, Plimmerton, unless otherwise stated

MONDAYS

» L-Plates – 10am to 12 noon

Art basics classes for beginner artists held on Monday mornings over the year. Cost \$10 per lesson.

Contact Jan Nalder for course contents and enrolment, email nalder@top.net.nz or tel 04 239 9632.

TUESDAYS

» Open Studio – 10am to 2pm

All welcome, no scheduled groups, rooms available to key holders.

Contact Trish Forde tel 0274 453 128.

WEDNESDAYS

» Open Studio – 10am to 12 noon

» Painting Group & Open Studio – 7 to 9pm

Contact Robyn Armour, tel 027 609 0012, email robynarmour@gmail.com

THURSDAYS

» Morning Painting Group – 10am to 12 noon

Contact Jeanette Hawinkels, tel 021 262 7740

FRIDAYS

» Sketch Group – 10am to 12 noon

Outdoor sketching from around Labour Day until Wellington Anniversary Day, indoor sketching the rest of the year.

Contact Graham Poynter, 021 0217 4344, email gpoynter03@xtra.co.nz

WEEKENDS

» Pastel Group & Open Studio – 10am to 2pm

Held on the fourth Saturday and Sunday of every month, and also the second Saturday of every month if not being used for a workshop.

Beginners welcome!

Contact Bev Janes, 027 419 3504 or email Bevjanes44@gmail.com

Workshops & tutorials

We organise workshops throughout the year, bringing in renowned artists to teach new techniques and refine existing skills.

» These workshops are open to the public, with members receiving a discounted rate. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page, newsletter and website for classes. There is usually at least one tutored class a month.

Have an idea for a workshop?

If there's a topic or artist you'd love to see featured in a future workshop, let a committee member know – we're always looking for fresh inspiration!

For more information on our workshops, email hello@manaarts.co.nz

Mana Arts exhibitions

At Mana Arts, we love giving our members the opportunity to share their creativity with the world! You are invited to exhibit your work in our clubrooms or at other suitable local venues throughout the year.

Joining an exhibition is a fantastic chance to showcase your work, connect with other artists, and potentially sell your pieces. We encourage all members to participate and celebrate the creativity that makes Mana Arts such a special place.

Before each exhibition, you'll receive an entry form with all the details, including dates, guidelines, and any applicable fees.

Got questions? Need help preparing your artwork? Reach out to a committee member – we're here to support you!

Exhibition guidelines

To keep our exhibitions professional and fair for all members, here are a few key requirements:

» You must have a **current membership** to enter your work.

- » All submitted artwork must be **your own original creation**. Copies of other artists' work or unsigned pieces will not be accepted.
- » All exhibited pieces **must be available for purchase**.
- » Paintings **must be dry and presented professionally** – framed or mounted to a high standard, strung, and ready for hanging, and must be properly labeled.

Space may be limited, so we may need to restrict the number of artworks and size of artworks per member to ensure everyone gets representation.

Sales and commission

The club charges an entry fee to all exhibitions and may retain a commission on sold artworks. We set the entry fee and commission for each exhibition and let you know what it is. We are very conscious that we are there for you, the artists, so we do not charge commercial rates but we do try to ensure we cover our costs and exhibitions help us to be financially viable.

Insurance

Mana Arts does not insure artworks exhibited or stored at the clubrooms. Artists are responsible for their own insurance coverage.

Club equipment and tools

Looking after our shared resources is key to keeping our creative space running smoothly. We provide **easels**, a **light box** and lots of hand resources. All Mana Arts equipment must not be taken out of the clubrooms

A printing press is available for use by members. This is an expensive piece of equipment so make sure you know what you are doing before using!

An overhead projector is also available – perfect for enlarging images onto a canvas.

You are expected to keep the clubrooms tidy. Please wipe up and sweep up any messes. Do your dishes and don't leave food in the fridge. If something is broken please let us know – make a note on the white board.

Library

We have a well curated library of art books – both reference and 'how to'. Please feel free to borrow – fill in your name in the library book and be respectful about returning within four weeks. We also welcome donations of art books in good condition.

Notice and display boards

Feel free to pin up any items of interest for fellow members to see! If you're displaying sketches or artwork, be sure to name and date them so they can be returned to you. Unclaimed, unnamed sketches may be removed after a period.

Displaying art in the clubroom

Members are welcome to exhibit their work in our clubrooms, but please note that this is at your own risk. We do ask that you take your work home with you at the end of a class, although you are welcome to leave finished or dry work for a week if there is space, which is very limited. Please do not put wet work on the walls – we want to avoid drips! There are drying racks in the club rooms which can be used.

Our newsletter

We publish a **monthly email newsletter** packed with club news, upcoming activities, and community highlights.

We love contributions – book reviews, galleries, art trips! If you have something to share, send your content to our newsletter editor, and we'll spread the word – email newslettermanaarts@gmail.com

Website and social media

Mana Arts online presence is as follows:

- » Website: www.manaarts.co.nz
- » Facebook: [Mana Arts Plimmerton](https://www.facebook.com/ManaArtsPlimmerton)
- » Instagram: [@ManaArtsPlimmerton](https://www.instagram.com/ManaArtsPlimmerton)

Sharing your work online

Photos taken at workshops and events may be posted on our website or Facebook at the Committee's discretion.

Individual artist photos or artworks will only be shared with the artist's approval.

If you'd like your profile or artwork featured on our website or Facebook, email presidentmanaarts@gmail.com – we will do our best, but reserve the right to decide what will get published.

Get social at Mana Arts!

Being part of Mana Arts isn't just about creating – it's about connecting, celebrating, and sharing inspiration!

We host regular events to bring members together through art exhibitions, festive gatherings and casual meet-ups.

Exhibition openings are a great chance to showcase your work, mingle with fellow artists, and enjoy a creative atmosphere.

We also hold a **Christmas get-together** to wrap up the year and often have social events especially for you, the members.

Become an active member!

At Mana Arts, we are more than just an art club – we are a community. And like any thriving community, we rely on passionate and dedicated people to help us grow, evolve, and create opportunities for our members. We always need more people prepared to be part of the Mana Arts committee and to help us and volunteers for events.

So, if you're passionate about art, community, and creativity, we'd love to have you involved! You could join the committee, assist with an event, or help out behind the scenes.

Being part of the committee or volunteering is about being part of something bigger. You will play a crucial role in making Mana Arts a welcoming, engaging, and well-organised space where artists can connect, learn, and showcase their work.

You will get to:

- » have a say in how the club operates;
- » gain valuable leadership and organisational experience;
- » meet and collaborate with amazing artists;
- » make a lasting impact on our artistic community.

For more information about volunteering or becoming a committee member, email presidentmanaarts@gmail.com



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