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## U3A Port Hills Inc

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### Port Hills U3A Newsletter May 2024



**Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Important:**

- For the safety of our members the outside door to the church will be locked at 10am when the meeting starts.
- Please plan to be at the meeting before 10am.
- The door can be always be opened from the inside to make exit from the church easy.

**Venue:** St Martin's Presbyterian Church, 43 St Martins Road, St Martins

**9:30** Morning tea and socialising

**10:00** Speaker: Mark Soltero Art Historian

Mark was born in San Francisco and attended Art School where he met his wife, the New Zealand artist Kim Hennessy. They moved to NZ in 1995 and have raised two sons in Governors Bay.

Mark's practice contains a number of seemingly disparate threads from Typography and Camouflage to Architecture and Cinema interiors. For the past decade Mark's work has been largely monochromatic but recently, beginning with the use of Silver and Gold, the work has begun to return to his earlier practice with colour.

Mark is also a member of the collective Art Associates Aotearoa. He has given public presentations on his practice at Dunedin School of Art, Ara Institute of Canterbury and the Christchurch Art Gallery. He holds an MFA from Dunedin School of Art and is represented by Artfull Online, Chambers Art Gallery Christchurch and McAtamney Gallery Geraldine.

Mark's exhibition schedule in 2024 includes;

2nd March – McAtamney Gallery Geraldine – opening 11:30am (Joint Exhibition)

8th May – Chambers Art Gallery Christchurch – opening 5:15pm (Group Show)

12th June – Chambers Art Gallery Christchurch – opening 5:15pm (Solo Exhibition)

[link to the March 2024 Exhibition catalogue](#)

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**11:00** Monthly Meeting

## Annual Mid-Winter Lunch

The Port Hills U3A Annual Mid-Winter Lunch will be held at the Russley Retirement Village on Wednesday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12.15 for 12:30 following the July monthly meeting.

An email will be sent out in a couple of weeks with the details about the lunch.



## Thank You

The Committee would like to thank Jill Peters, Jan McEwen, Barbara Robertson, and Penny Newcombe for volunteering to organise our social morning tea at our monthly meetings.



## Future Speakers

Date	Speaker	Topic
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prof. Anthony Robins	Artificial Intelligence
July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Prof Greg O'Beirne University of Canterbury	How's your hearing? Advances in hearing technology
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nicola Toki CEO	Forest and Bird
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Vallender	
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frieda Loser	History of Chocolate



## Special Interest Groups

The **Art Appreciation Group** on another great outing to the Canterbury Museum at CoCA (Centre of Contemporary Art) exhibition, Ngā Hau Ngākau (Breath of Mine).

Moira MacPhail



Photos of the **Botany Group** meeting at Shona's place.  
Cathy Goulter



*What has your Special Interest Group been doing lately?  
We would love to see your photos*

Share photos of your group's activities with the rest of our membership. Please send photos, name of the group, where you are or what you are doing. Simple! To Helene at [h.mautner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:h.mautner@xtra.co.nz)



## Contributions and Donations

Thanks to our members for their continued support to the Hoon Hay Foodbank and knitting wool community projects.

### Foodbanks

We are continuing to collect cans and/or packaged food, including baby food, as well as fresh food such as fruits and vegetables at our monthly meeting.

Please place your contributions in the boxes in the entrance foyer.  
Thanks for your contributions.



**December food collection**

### Knitting Wool

The wool is used by volunteer knitters to crochet blankets or knit jerseys for pre-schoolers. Finished items are mainly given to the Plunket Outreach programme, Salvation Army programme and other charities as needed. Please contact Naida Murray on 338 5030 if you have any questions, or check at our monthly meeting.

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