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Editor's Note

Welcome to our first KAN newsletter for 2011. The Committee has been working behind the scenes to bring you fresh ideas and information based on member's feedback. We welcome comments and suggestions from the members at all times.

President's Report

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish all KAN members and their families a happy and prosperous New Year. In view of all the natural disasters and political troubles in recent times, we also hope you have a safe one.

In November last year we held our second Expo event at the Mentone RSL. According to the surveys returned from KAN stallholders, members enjoyed the interaction with the public and fellow artists.

More than half of the stallholders reportedly sold art and craft works. 8 pieces were sold for less than \$50, 4 pieces for between \$50 and \$100, and 5 pieces for over \$100. Well done!

Overall I think that the Expo was a great success and anyone who saw the musical performances would have been impressed, but I would like to see the spotlight more on KAN members in future events. Thanks must go to Jamie Smith (ex-City of Kingston), Tiffany Ball the Expo Producer and Debbie and Brian Williams for organising the event.

Feedback from members of this event has been noted and will be taken into account in any future events. At this stage the committee is considering several options for members to exhibit their work.

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Mosaic Artist – Sandy Peeters



Don't throw it out! Find a way to make it into ART.

Mosaic is the art of creating images with an assemblage of small pieces of coloured glass, stone, or other materials

I am a committee member of the Vic branch of [MAANZ](http://www.maaanz.org.au) (Mosaic Association of Australia & New Zealand.)

MAANZ has active groups in all states &

regularly hold workshops for their members & anyone who is inquiring about this wonderful art form.

Through the education program, MAANZ offers mentorship opportunities to work alongside established professional mosaicists. And MAANZ encourages the members to get the mosaic art form out into the community with community run mosaic events

The Vic branch is holding a juried mosaic exhibition coming up in 30 March – 1st May. "Creativity Unlocked" will feature 2 & 3D works that include the theme of a lock & key in the design. Sunday 9 April 2-3pm will be an artist talk about how & why they created their art pieces. The exhibition will be held at the [Town Hall Gallery](#) in Hawthorn.

In August this year there will be a Mosaic symposium in the Barossa Valley S.A. International & Local workshop facilitators will

conduct workshops & demonstrations to share knowledge & ideas. For more information on Mosaics please contact me on the KAN email.

What's On

ALL WELCOME TO OUR FIRST SOCIAL NIGHT FOR 2011!

KAN members and friends are invited to dine and socialise at the Mentone RSL, 9 Palermo St, Mentone, from 6pm onwards on Friday March 18. There will be live music and dancing and those who have attended in the past will know how entertaining these evenings are. The bistro opens at 6pm and there are special deals for Seniors. This is an opportunity for friends to get together, relax and have fun, so don't miss out.

If anyone has any queries, please contact Tony Nightingale on 9772 3550 or 0419503384. See you there!



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Schmooze 2011 - Artist networking opportunities and forums

A Home for Talented Artists

Thursday 24 March at 6:30-8:30pm

In 2011, Schmooze takes it to the next level with a series of free inspirational forums featuring some of Australia's leading Artists.

In March, get to know Kingston Arts Centre's prominent artists in residence; oil painters Herman Pekel and Stephen Doyle and silk painter Sharon Percival.

Gain an insight into their creative process and studio environment as they open their studio doors to showcase their talents.

Find out more about [Schmooze 2011](#), **All events are free...BUT bookings are essential!**

Call 9556 4440 to book your place today.

Joy of Art Group Annual Show

Saturday 2nd April, 1-4pm

Sunday 3rd April, 11am until 4pm

In Hall, back of Aspendale Presbyterian Church (Melways 92 H4) Corner Lyle Grove and Station Street, Aspendale.

Gold coin entry.

Come and enjoy local artists' work, admire, discuss, purchase. You may even decide to join us!

For more information contact Ron Spencer, mobile: 0409 010 406, home: 9580 2956, email: meron3@bigpond.com

Mentone Public Library

Mentone Public Library - an independent subscription library founded and run by volunteers since 1925.

We would be delighted to have you join us in one or more of the author events with us. The series is entitled: AN AUTHOR FOR ALL SEASONS.

Furthermore, we are seeking children's authors and story-tellers for our winter bill. Should you know of KAN members who would be interested in speaking, we would be grateful if you could pass this onto them.

It must be mentioned that we cannot provide payment to authors and story-tellers, as we are a non-profit group. What we can offer is a free venue for local authors to promote and sell their works to the Mentone public. Authors will be allocated up to an hour for their presentation, and the focus of the author talk is completely at the author's discretion.

For further details or to express interest in speaking please see the flier below.



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Mentone Public Subscription Library

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Mentone Public Subscription Library is proud to launch the following community events and offerings for 2011:

- **AN AUTHOR FOR ALL SEASONS:**

This is a special series of author talks, enabling the public to meet and get to know the works and literary minds of local published authors and professional story-tellers from Mentone and surrounding bayside suburbs.

- ❖ **SUMMER:** Shirley Randles - Saturday, 5th March 2011.
- ❖ **AUTUMN:** Gaytana Adorna – Saturday, 30th April 2011.
Mairi Neil – Saturday, 28th May 2011.
- ❖ **WINTER:** Story-telling sessions for children. Authors and dates to be announced.
- ❖ **SPRING:** Jackie Kerin – Saturday, 26th November 2011

All sessions commence at 11am. Entry is by gold coin donation. Authors will be selling and signing published works on conclusion of their talk. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

- **BOOK GROUP:**

The library seeks expressions of interest from Mentone residents and the City of Kingston community who would like to participate in a monthly book/literary discussion group. Each session would run for up to an hour. Participation is by gold coin donation.

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