

Auckland Watercolour Society

Inc. July Meeting

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Dennis Clark

Dennis Clark was our speaker for the July meeting of the Auckland Watercolour Society.

Kathie Shaw took a few notes from his talk: "Dennis Clark has been an artist for 65 years starting when he was 8 years old drawing and copying Walt Disney cartoon characters – his father took an interest in his work and encouraged him to go further. Dennis' early watercolours showed promise.

He later trained himself to be able to work in calligraphy and produced illuminated addresses becoming an expert in this field.

When he tried acrylics and oils he had a difficult transition as they did not "flow" as in watercolour – Dennis mastered these mediums and in 1985 became an art teacher. Dennis had 5 studios. His teaching techniques involve constructive critiques always to help and encourage.

Dennis gave an outline of his Paintbasket Website in New Zealand and described his "Paint Along" course which now attracts students world wide. Through his efforts he has now gained permanent residency in New Zealand."

Apart from the Paint Basket Website tuition courses Dennis Clark holds workshops in his studio at Long Bay and is always willing to help fellow artists and art students.

Dennis' first solo exhibition in New Zealand is currently on at the Kumeu Art Centre until the end of July. His second solo exhibition will be held at the Estuary Art Centre in September.

The Challenge

This month's challenge was "waterfalls" – there were 15 paintings on display for Doug Higham's words of encouragement. Next month's challenge is "Realistic Abstracts".

