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Your Editors Waffle

I recently read an article by Dr. Doug Wilson on the subject of “Getting Older and more Creative”. There are many senior citizens who have been highly creative in their declining years: Frank Lloyd Wright, Michaelangelo, Guiseppe Verdi and Grandma Moses to name a few examples of these people. University experiments have shown that creative senior citizens gain in confidence and independence. Sadly, creativity is fading in today's world as screens and headphones create isolation bubbles, limiting the creative flow of ideas between individuals.

Dr. Doug always wanted to be a writer but suffered from dyslexia, so his writing and spelling presented a barrier to enhancing his skills. However, since his retirement, Spellcheck and dictating Dragon Speak has enabled him to persue his dream and he has been writing children's books.

Of interest to us at SeniorNet is his book “Aging for Beginners” in which he outlines the personal intervention we can do to prolong our lives, reduce the risks of many diseases and clearly avoid premature death.

Dr. Doug appears often on Radio New Zealand with Kim Hill and has presented videos on Youtube and Facebook. Technology has had a major influence on his life, and it has the option of influencing our lives for the better.

Special Interest Group Meetings

Camera and Photo Workshop Group

At the last Camera Group meeting we had an interesting Pro Show Gold video from Herb about his recent cruise around New Zealand. Then Glynn showed us how he created the mosaic on page 4. Roger and Tony showed us their gadgets which they use to copy VHS video tapes to their PC. We then shared a lovely morning tea brought along by members. Tony had some suggestions as to topics to photograph next year, so we will recommence in January rather than wait until the end of February. We will advise members closer to the proposed date.

Genealogy Group

The Genealogy Group will meet next on Tuesday December 1st at 1.00pm. We will investigate different websites for historical information about our ancestors.

Tuesday Tutorials

These tutorials are offered each Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon. Please bring any questions you may have to these sessions. Bring your laptop or tablet if you use one. The final tutorial will be on Tuesday 1st December, and recommencing on Tuesday 26th January.

Apple Mac Group

The final meeting for this group will be Thursday December 3rd from 9.00am to 11.30am.

We can discuss items of interest from the information sent to us by John. For further information contact John Rose; <jlrose@ix.net.nz>

Link to SeniorNet Specials

Don't forget to regularly check the Federation website to find out what's going on in the rest of New Zealand.

<https://seniornet.co.nz/>



General Meetings. These will recommence on 11th February next year. As Westpac has provided significant support to SeniorNet we will be holding sessions on on-line banking and confidence and security in banking.

On Creativity

Here are another two photos from the Editors recent South Island trip



A Heron statue



A feeding Heron

One of the things which can be seen around Nelson-Marlborough is the prevalence of artists and creative people and an idea for a montage was seen at one of the shops. Here is your Editors interpretation of the idea using the above photos and Faststone Image Viewer.

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This is the last newsletter for 2020 so from your Committee we wish you all the best for thee festive season. We look forward to meeting up with you all again in the new year.

