

Marianne has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Otago (a four year degree) plus studied at the then Aoraki Polytech the HOD then being Michael Armstrong.

She prefers abstract paintings in bright colours but is quite capable of painting scenery. In my office there is a painting titled men in suits. She is a competent photographer too with all photos in this year's 'Hugh Smith Perry' calendar taken by her. There are a couple of copies left, if you would like one just ask Hugh.

Why not call into the Arthur Street Kitchen and have a look at her work. You could purchase a painting at a very reasonable price. Even donate it to Rotary for auction. Hugh might even be able to meet you there and shout you a coffee, if you make a time with him.

The New Zealand Woman's weekly has even liked one of her works on Instagram. Labour has said it is not intended to put capital gains tax on art works. Get in quick and make an investment while her works are cheap. She hopes to make a career of art.

Help encourage a young artist born and educated in South Canterbury. Go take a look. There might be a painting that tickles your fancy.