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Bagatelle – What is its history?

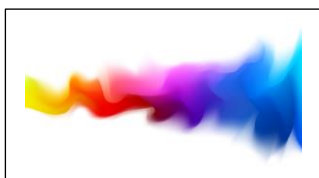


Do you like to knit or crochet?

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Art Workshop



Watch this space!!! Coming up soon ... we are working to offer our 50 plus community some artful opportunities. Cross fingers the details will be revealed in the July Program!! Are you, or someone you know longing to get into something artistic, for the first time or returning? Has it been a while??

**Be Collective
& Volunteering!**

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested in hosting/kitchen duties, handy people, people who would like to help with a general working bee or our painting task coming up to complete our kitchen. We are always looking for entertainers too! Time to showcase our local talent. Fancy being a quiz master? Or Housie caller? It's all hands- on-deck working together for our club and our local seniors. Nelson Volunteer Centre's [Be Collective](#) site is recommended for anyone interesting in volunteering.

Knit & Natter



Our most popular and growing group is for those with a passion for knitting or crochet along with a desire to connect with other kindred-spirits to share a chinwag, a laugh, comparing notes and pondering life in general. Our passionate coordinator Deb Pettersen is keen to teach young parents or anyone wanting to learn every Wednesday so this is an intergenerational activity. Not just for 50plus. Circular knitting is her speciality!



Facebook – Has attracted more people to visit our club than we were expecting! Long may it continue ...

H.A.M. Stories

History, Art or Mystery!



What local stories do *you* know? Would you like to share?

We are surrounded by curiosities. Janie Seddon, a town full of art, the history of our town, monuments, the early days.

Have you ever played something like a Bagatelle? (pictured above) You may not know Bagatelle was the forerunner to the modern pinball machine having originated in France in the 1700's as an indoor game where the well-to-do would gather socially to play it and see who could get the highest score, and likely gambling and alcohol was involved! The French word *bagatelle*, from the Italian word *bagatella*, means a trifle or little decorative nothing. The game became popular in America in the late 1700's when French soldiers brought the game over during the American Revolutionary War. Since then Pinball machines have become common place.



Our May Tiki Tour didn't go ahead with high winds and heavy rain warnings forecast. Frustratingly several people said it ended up not too bad that day, BUT we will have another go visiting Tapawera in June. Will you, or someone you know like to join us?

We are very grateful to **NBS** for providing a mini-bus.

Matariki



Matariki will be celebrated between 19 June to 11 July this year.

At our monthly social we will be celebrating a 'mid-winter Christmas' and Matariki theme – will you join us?

Keep snug, dry & warm!

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