

"ARTS AND CRAFTS IN ACTION".

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The "Arts and Crafts in Action" display at the Cheltenham Elderly Citizens' Hall in September gave guests an opportunity to observe the progress made by the society in its first few months of existence. A display of historical exhibits of old Cheltenham and Moorabbin was one of the highlights, and was arranged by the Historical Society. Items of general interest included an old diary and Indian clubs brought to this country by earlier settlers, while old photographs and films served to prove that Cheltenham had quite a notable past.

By contrast, the Floral Art Group of the Horticultural Society provided a most striking display of yellow daffodils and other brilliant spring blooms. Attractively arranged, and enhanced by a black backdrop, these provided a glorious splash of colour along one wall of the hall. The Camera Club, on the other hand, illustrated how the camera becomes a pictorial medium, with their exhibitions of various prints by members. Black and white photographs were the means wherein the interplay of light and shade and the delineation of textures provided insights into subjects frequently passed by in the rush of modern living.

The exhibition of watercolour paintings by members of the Art Group showed the manner in which artists variously interpret the world about them, not only in shape but in vivid and living colour. Flowers, landscapes, still life...all were there and were much admired. When it is realised that few of these painters had held a brush, nor had applied colour, until a few months ago, then the Art Group is quite apparently a means of self-expression second to none.

The second part of the evening was a film showing arranged by the Cheltenham Film Society. This group has been in existence for several years, and has access to films of great artistic merit from many countries, and to the great motion pictures of the industry. Quite a number was shown, one of the best being on the Lake District of England. In this, its first combined effort, the Arts and Crafts Society demonstrates that it has within itself something of value for this community. The Society intends to continue, and appeals to everyone interested to contact the Secretary or President for information.

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