

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The Hamilton Summer Arts Festival is a great time to celebrate the contribution Waikato Society of Arts has made to the community, to Hamilton City and the Waikato Art Scene.

The Annual Event of the NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards is one of the, if not the most important exhibitions in Hamilton and the Waikato. It is also a great opportunity for artists to have their works shown at an important public event and to win the praise and appreciation due.

We have to thank the Vela family and our other valuable sponsors for making this event so worthwhile. We also have to thank our members Pam Nash and Maree Glass and Janet Knighton and their team for all the hard work they put into the arrangements. A big thank you also for all the WSA volunteers who make this event happen.

Congratulations also are in order for the WSA members who made it through to the finals. It was good to see so many of our members with works on display.

The grand Gala Opening on Friday, 18 February was one of the best ever. The talks by Dan Chappell, the publisher of Art News and Warwick Brown, our judge for 2011 were both enlightening and well received. Many remarked on the standard and variety of works on show and several people commented to me that they thought this was the best show yet.

Having started the year on such a high, we look forward now to the success of the Members' exhibition at Artspost in March, the continuing success of our classes, and such fun events as the Sketch Crawl.

Dianne Yates, President

PS: I scored two new acquisitions for my collection this year – I just couldn't choose which I preferred! ... and it was great to meet the artists and hear their stories.



THE NEW ZEALAND PAINTING AND PRINTMAKING AWARD 2011



John McLean 'Dinghy and waka with unstable foreshore structures'

The winner of the 2011 Waikato Society of Arts New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award is Taranaki artist John McLean. His *Dinghy and waka with unstable foreshore* was picked for the \$20,000 prize from 52 finalists by judge Warwick Brown. In addition, the work valued at \$28,000 was purchased by sponsor, the Philip Vela Family Trust, netting the artist a stunning total of \$48,000.

"This year's show is of exceptionally high quality" said Brown "and selecting one work above the others was a most difficult task"

The finalists range across most contemporary art styles from expressionist to minimalist.

The deciding point for Brown was that McLean's painting represented the high point of an important series that the artist has been working on for sometime.



From Left John McLean, Lyn Vela, Warwick Brown

Merit Awards were presented to:

Gary Currin Warkworth

Jenny Dolezel Auckland

Gina Jones Wellington

Ian Moore Auckland

Scott Powell Hamilton

Linda Roche Auckland

Various Distances Apart
Kaipara

What is this 'Real Life'
thing I keep hearing
about? (III)

Untitled (square hologram)

JG01.1

Interculture

Pigment Study: 10 Shades of Black Oil Paint: Composition #5

Pam Nash

A more extensive photo coverage in next months colour edition. (Ed)

COMING AND CURRENT WSA EVENTS

February

NZPPA exhibition Closes – 3rd March

March

Members' Exhibition: Arts Post 25th March – 25th April
Opening Thursday 24th March

Sketch Crawl: Hinemoa Park 19th March

May

Second Solar Print Workshop 14 & 15th May – see notice

WSA MEMBERS' EXHIBITION – ARTSPOST

"Facets of Creativity"

Date of exhibition: 25th March – 25th April 2011
Opening: **24th March 5:30pm**
Gallery Venue: Margot Philips, Ida Carey, Chartwell Galleries, ArtsPost

All work with entry form and fee must be delivered to WSA office, upstairs 120 Victoria St. ArtsPost Building, no later than 3PM of 18th March 2011

WSA office hours are 8:30 AM– 3:00 PM

See inserts for more details and entry forms

ARTS WAIKATO

Members with Email will have received "News in Brief" from Arts Waikato. This is a weekly 'whats on' of Waikato Art – with too many items for me to precis. Here are a couple of links from it.

Arts Directory

The home of arts, cultural and creative opportunities in the Waikato! This directory is the place to advertise both paid and voluntary work with the creative sector and it is free to post a listing. To add a listing click on this link <http://www.artswaikato.org.nz/add-listing.html>

Community Arts Advisor- temporary position. Apply now. Click here to view: <http://www.artswaikato.co.nz/Arts-jobs.html>

WHAT'S ON

WAIKATO MUSEUM

- Friendly - the Friends respond to collection works
26 March - 10 July 2011
- The Secret Art of Doctor Seuss - come to Hamilton
29 January - 25 April 2011
- Art Torque
Until 31 July 2011
- Ngaa Pou Whenua
On Now
- Aruheotai
Until 25 April 2011
- Never a Dull Moment! Hamilton stories
On Now

For more information see <http://www.waikatomuseum.co.nz>

ARTSPOST GALLERIES

18 February - 21 March

- I wanna be a billionaire...!
Janet Barratt
- Cycles and Seasons
Yvonne Ancombe
Catherine Smith
Joy Ross
Pauline Tapping.
Yvonne Singleton
June Hopper
- More than Firewood
Waikato Guild of Woodworkers

25 March - 25 April

Opening 24 March

- Facets of Creativity
Members of the Waikato Society of Arts

INSPIRIT GALLERY - TAMAHERE

360 Pencarrow Road Tamahere Hamilton

- Retro-perspective art exhibition

25 Feb-27 March 2011

Popular New Zealand culture, kitsch Kiwi icons and 20th Century vintage nostalgia, is reinterpreted through the eyes of leading New Zealand artists. Depicting past emblems of Aotearoa through an innovative lens is a line-up of eight diverse artists - Robin Cuff, Rachel Olsen, Chris Meek, Jenny Scown, Ciane Lawrey, Christine Rabarts, Jane Siddall and Lynda Little.

Contact Jenny Scown 07 856 3170 or jenny@inspirit.co.nz for further information. Inspirit gallery is open on the weekends 10am-4pm, Tues-Friday hours vary so please call first or drop in when open sign is out.

BAFFIN ST GALLERY, PIRONGIA

Weekend Workshop:

Aromatherapy, Ways with Lavender

March 12th - 13th. 9.30 - 4pm

Limited numbers, pre-enrolment essential \$90.

Studio Group Visit to Sculpture Park date to be confirmed.

Exhibition of paintings and prints

Hilary Ramage
Baffin Street Gallery
Pirongia. 3802

THE FRAMING WORKSHOP

Paintings by Gaye Fraundorfer

March 5 - 31

preview Friday March 4 5.50-7pm

120 Silverdale Road, Hamilton
8.30am-5.30pm weekdays 9am-1pm Saturdays
ph 07 856 4236

WALLACE GALLERY – MORRINSVILLE

We are privileged to be hosting an exhibition called 'Legato', which Curator Kay de Lautour Scott is bringing over from Italy. 'Legato' was created as a response to the Battle of Cassino and features New Zealand artists' reflections upon the themes of war and remembrance. Sarah Scott -Kay's daughter- will be launching her own exhibition of paintings in the Community Gallery and the Wallace Collection changes to Self Portraits and Landscapes part II.

Main Gallery

Feb 18th – March 16th 'Legato'

March 18th – April 13th "In Bloom"

An open exhibition featuring 30 New Zealand artists, to coincide with the Morrinsville Floral Festival (March 30th – April 2nd)

Community Gallery

Feb 18th – March 16th Sarah Scott

March 18th – 31st Matamata Art Group

April 1st – 13th David St. Primary School

Wallace Collection

Feb 18th – April 13th Self Portraits and Landscapes part II

Wallace Gallery Morrinsville

167 Thames Street

Morrinsville

Tel 07 889 7791

info@morrinsvillegallery.org.nz

www.morrinsvillegallery.org.nz

Opening Times: Tues-Sun 10am-4pm (closed Mondays)

FREE ENTRY

THE WAIKATO SCULPTURE TRUST - 'MAKING SCULPTURE MATTER'

'Sculpture in the Park' an exhibition of contemporary outdoor sculpture is drawing to close so with only a week to go I recommend you head on out to the Park to see this fabulous event! Closes 6th March.

Next up we have E: Scape, opening on the 20th March, this exhibition is curated by Sarah Anderson and will feature a wide range of work included a number of environmental artworks, three of which have been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Ebbett Prestige. Visitors will again be given the opportunity to express their opinions by voting for the Peoples choice award, sponsored by House of Travel. Featured are many new works by leading NZ artists including the stunning 'Vertol' by David McCracken seen for the first time at the Waikato's very own sculpture park. This is an exhibition offering a wide range of work from the monumental, literally in the case of Bernie Harfleet's 'Inglorious' to the very intimate work of Harkness Henry award winner Gareth Williams.

Please remember to sign up for the ENVIRONMENTAL ART PHOTOGRAPHY CHALLENGE, go to our website



David McCracken Sculpture

www.sculpturepark.co.nz and click on the environmental tab for details. This is a competition open to everyone; entries close 8th April so be in to win!

Venue: The Sculpture Park @ Waitakaruru Arboretum - 'The Art Place to be', 207 Scotsman Valley Rd - 15km east of Hamilton.

CREATIVE WAITOMO EXHIBITION

April 8 - April 17, 2011

Te Kumi Road Te Kuiti, Opposite Bosco.

Creative Waitomo brings you a collection of new works by King Country artists in an exhibition not to be missed. Painting, felting, woodturning, etching, and fibre art. With something for everyone, you will be inspired and impressed.

Dawn Hansen- Guest Exhibiting Artist/Potter

Dawns work is delightfully original- funky,quirky and colourful range of work with imaginative one-off pieces.

Enquiries to Jo Gallagher 07 877 8677

LIFE DRAWING

- From Sandra Rogers

A 3 hour Untutored Life Painting or Drawing Workshop will be starting Monday April 4th from 12:30 to 3:30pm at the Waikato Boating and Fishing Clubhouse on Grantham Street.

There will be 8 sessions for \$5 each.

For more details call Sandra Rodgers Ph 849-0448.

It is being sponsored by HCAC.

Also...

Every Friday The Hamilton Life Drawing Group is drawing at the Waikato Boating and Fishing Clubhouse from 12:30 to 2:30pm. We provide a drop-in service to the arts community. There is no joining fee. The cost is \$10 per session and refreshments are provided. Call Sandra Rodgers for more details 849-0448

SKETCH CRAWL

**Next Sketch Crawl #10 – Saturday March 19th
Hinemoa Park: Convenor: Carla Parry**

This is free and you don't need any experience.
It is not a workshop but members are free to share information and advice.

This one will be at **Hinemoa Park, meet at the fountains on Sat 19th March at 1pm.**

Hinemoa Park is next to the Seddon/Norton Rds roundabout. Carla Parry will act as facilitator.

For those who are late or get lost the cell phone to call is 0210734890. Bring sketching materials, portable seat, warm clothing if it is cold. If it is very bleak attending will be your choice. Assume the show will go on unless no one turns up!!

For tips and photos

<http://www.wix.com/newactionfront/newactionfront>

Sketch Crawl the Tron happens every couple of months or so, at the same time as the World Wide Sketch Crawl whenever possible.

Check at <http://www.sketchcrawl.com/forum/>



Barry Smith

MORRINSVILLE ARTS FESTIVAL LAUNCHED!

Wallace Gallery director Charlotte Giblin has announced that a new Arts Festival is being created in Morrinsville, with an exciting programme of events already being lined up.

The Festival will run from 9th-14th August 2011, with the intention that it will become an annual event, bringing increased visitors to the area, and involving shops and businesses with a new creative focus. Every day during the festival there will be a different programme of evening entertainment at the Gallery, including music, theatre, dance and fashion from both amateur and professional groups. The day-times will see "live art" happening through the Gallery, so visitors can see artists at work, and there will be street entertainers and music at the weekend.

Shops and Businesses in Morrinsville can get involved by becoming part of an "Art Trail" through the town so visitors will be encouraged to explore the whole area; each participating shop or business will be assigned a Waikato artist who will donate works for their window display or reception area during the Festival week.

Performers or groups wishing to be part of the evening entertainment programme and any artists or businesses interested in getting involved with the Art Trail should contact Charlotte at the Gallery.

info@morrinsvillegallery.org.nz Tel: 07 889 7791

NZ BOOK MONTH HAMILTON EVENTS

We thought WSA members would be interested in these talks. Coming soon. All events are free

Chick Lit and Scifi

author talk with fiction authors Michelle Holman and Russell Kirkpatrick

Thursday, March 3, 6.30pm
Garden Place Library

What makes a good Kiwi book

panel discussion

Thursday, March 10, 6.30pm
Wintec House Long Room, Wintec

Captain Cook's GPS

author talk with John Robson and Joan Druett

Thursday, March 17, 6.30pm
Garden Place Library

Click, touch, turn: the future of the book

panel discussion

Thursday, March 24, 6.30pm
Central Library, University of Waikato

Win your very own E-book reader courtesy of Bennetts Bookshop!

THE WSA WEBSITE – MEMBER OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OWN PAGE

An artist's page is a benefit for paid-up WSA members only. To get started with your own page, email Janice Meadows at jmeadows51@gmail.com and she will reply with further instructions. Janice now has the pages underway. There are now new pages. Have a look at the WSA site - artists - to get an idea of what your page might look like and the information Janice requires. WSA can provide help with photographs etc.

Contact Janice as above.

Thanks to Trust Waikato for the Development Grant that funded the website upgrade.

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FROM THE ART SCHOOL

Welcome back to all our members, artists and students. What a splendid turn out the school has for the hot summer term. New and beginner students are delving into the mysteries of their chosen area. All the returning students and artists have said 'Its wonderful to be back' what better testament can we have!

A very sincere thank you goes to Joan Travaglia for being successful with the Lion Foundation sponsorship for the coming year. Her efforts are very much appreciated by all at the school. We also received a much appreciated grant from the Hamilton City Council.

A huge population of crickets has invaded the printroom, perhaps they like printmaking as well!

Anne

2011 YOUTH ART AWARD

The WSA Youth Art Award which was so successful last year will be repeated in 2011:

Date: between 24 June – 8th August 2011. More information later.

ARTIST ROOMS FOR HIRE

The art rooms at WSA Art School are able to be rented. If any members are interested in hiring these for themselves or a group, please contact Anne.

SOLARPLATE ETCHING WORKSHOP

Another Solarplate workshop workshop in May

The workshop was oversubscribed so we're organising a second one in May for those who missed out on the first one. As this issue of the newsletter goes to press, there are still a couple of places available. Printmaking experience is not a requirement; absolute beginners could expect a stimulating two days and successful prints.

The cost for the two-day workshop is \$135. It will be held 14 & 15 May in the WSA Printroom in the lower level of ArtsPost. For further information or to register for the workshop, contact Janice Meadows by email: jmeadows51@gmail.com

Printmaking classes

Anyone inspired by Waiprint to try their hand at printmaking should contact Anne Kalnins in the WSA Art School: 839 4481. The school offers four classes: students can learn either relief (e.g., woodcut) or intaglio (e.g., etching) techniques in either the morning or the evening.

Janice Meadows

KIA KAHA

Kia kaha to all our friends in Christchurch – especially those in the arts community – and to Janice Meadows who is in USA attending to a family illness.

A SINCERE THANKS FROM WSA

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FROM THE EDITOR

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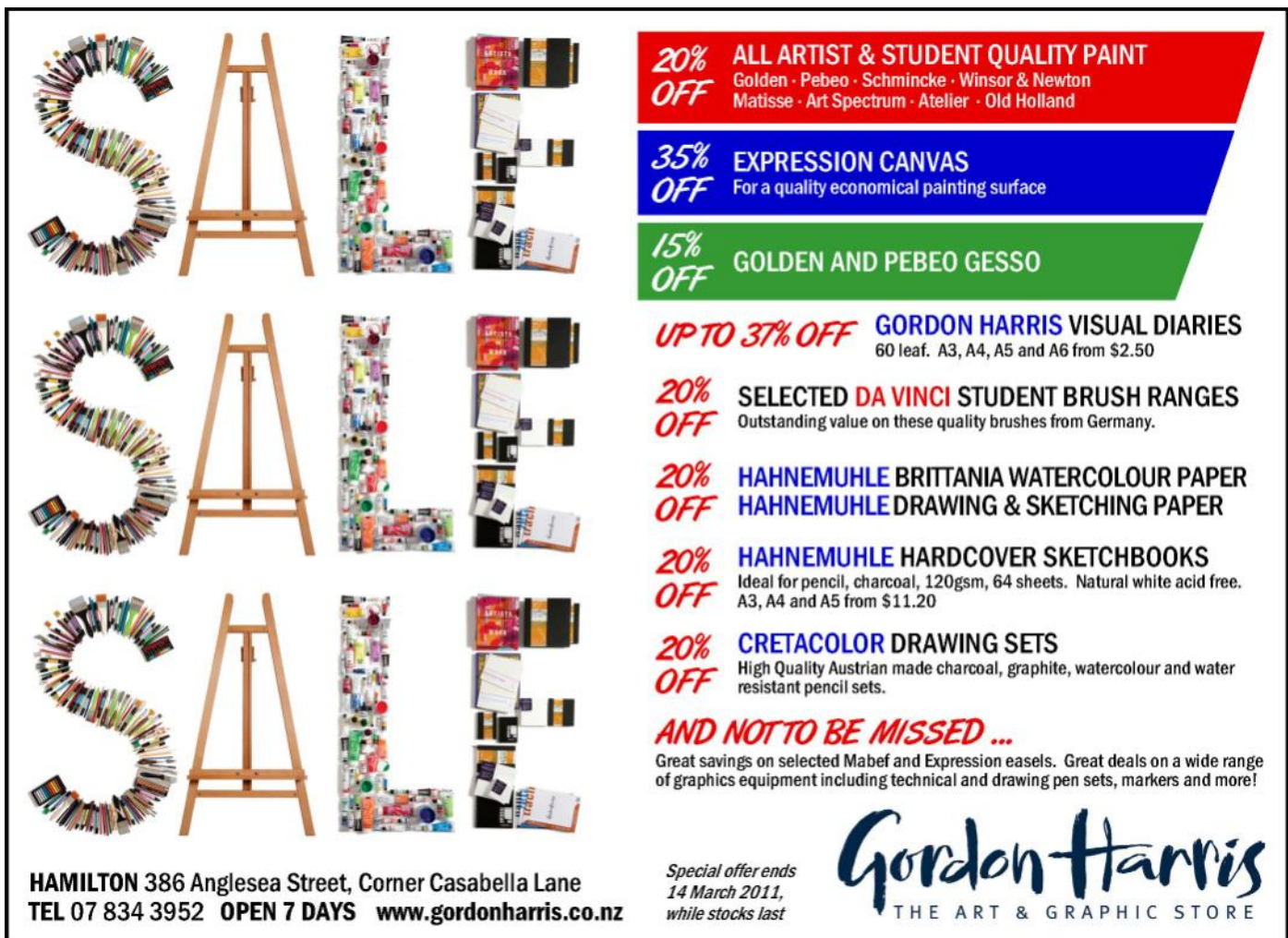
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Barry Smith

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