

PRESIDENTS COMMENT



Life is very nice, but it has no shape. The object of art is actually to give it some and to do it by every artifice possible – truer than the truth (Jean Anouilh)

Members can be pleased with the public response to the Members' Exhibition, May/April. Several works sold and some have been taken overseas by tourists who were impressed with our local show and local art – well done and thanks to all who entered and those who helped with the organizing, curating etc.

Two big events are coming up. Firstly the Christchurch Quake Photos Exhibition, – a combined effort of WSA, The Waikato Times (Fairfax photo-journalists) and the Mayor's office. This is a charity event to raise money for the Mayor's Fund in Christchurch and we are calling on members to help with staffing this show – 16-20 May in the Reception Room at the Hamilton City Council.

The other event, is a 'fun' event and a "first" for WSA. We are launching our Business House Awards "Cover your Canvas" – and thank Westpac Bank, our bank, for their assistance with this. Hamilton Business houses are being urged to enter this award, and in doing so gain membership of and donate to WSA. Westpac are not only providing the award and the judge, but will hang the finalists in the windows of their Hamilton branches at the end of July. You will be hearing more of this. Entry forms available from the WSA office from the end of April. Spread the word around – this award is the first of its nature we have run and already it is becoming highly competitive. Some members might like to offer their services to business who really can't find an artist on their staff!

... and next up the WSA organized National Youth Art Award: This year the exhibition of finalists will coincide with the SPARK Festival. Membership of WSA is never dull!

Dianne Yates

AFTERNOON TEA FOR WSA SENIOR MEMBERS

Your WSA Exec Committee has arranged to have an afternoon tea for our senior members. This is planned to take place at the Dame Hilda Ross retirement village on Monday, June 27th and there will be two sessions, one at 10 am and the other at 2.30 pm. At the teas a short 30 min DVD about the winner of the NZPPA, John McLean will be shown. As members may want to use this opportunity to socialize together we suggest that our members take the opportunity of the afternoon option. Residents at Hilda Ross will also have the opportunity to participate. Please RSVP to Eriko at 839 4481 if you are able to attend, and which session.

EARTHQUAKE PHOTO FUNDRAISING EVENT

WSA in conjunction with the Waikato Times and the Mayor's office in Hamilton will be mounting an exhibition of earthquake photographs from Christchurch as a fundraiser for the Christchurch Mayor's rebuilding fund. Mayor Julie Hardaker has agreed to host the exhibition in the reception lounge of the Hamilton City Council - remember the week 16th to 20th May.

Members, if you are available to help staff the Christchurch Quake Photo Exhibition between 10am and 4 pm between 16-20 May - (it is in the Hamilton City Council reception room - so should be comfortable, dry and warm) - please telephone Eriko: 839 4481

SORRY STUART – AND CONCERNED MEMBERS

Our last issue had a good article by David Lloyd about Stuart Stubbs. I guess, as Editor, I should have had an appropriate 'lead-in' few phrases at the top of the article. As it was the article did have a slightly obituary look about it and several members had the phones running hot – OMG had they missed Stuart's death notice or funeral? Rest assured that Stuart is alive and well and our President was seen waving to him as he (or his ghost) drove past on Victoria St soon after the newsletter was published. Stuart now can claim to have joined many famous people including Mark Twain who is quoted as saying "Rumours of my death have been greatly exaggerated"

Have a look at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_premature_obituaries

ART HISTORY LECTURES

"Demystifying the Arts"

This series is designed to foster an informed appreciation of the arts.

Featured academics and artists offer presentations in an engaging and informal atmosphere to encourage greater community understanding and involvement. This series will have a New Zealand perspective. The series will be held at the Academy of Performing Arts on the third Thursday of each month.

Please note that this is the third Thursday – not the fourth as in last month's Newsletter.

Dates: Starts on Thursday 19th May 7-9pm to enrol Ph. 07 858 5055

Venue: Academy of Performing Arts (enter via Gate 2B, Knighton Road)

Fee: \$5 per session or \$35 for all sessions

The first three lectures are:

Thursday 19 May, 7pm: Professor Ngahuia Te Awekotuku
'He mana tangata: Arts of the Ancient Maori World'.

Thursday, 16 June, 7 pm: John Robson The Artists Who Sailed with Cook

Thursday, 21 July, 7pm: Richard Wolfe Settler Art

CHRISTCHURCH QUAKE ART

Joan Travaglia, who had spent many of her formative years (including her art course at Ilam) in Christchurch, has been moved by the enormity of the Christchurch quake. She has produced linocut prints entitled "To Christchurch With Love" – these are also on sale at the Greenslade Gallery exhibition and ArtsPost, and \$20 of each sale goes to the Red Cross Christchurch Relief Fund. I'm similarly moved by what I saw when down in Christchurch and wholeheartedly recommend these prints. They are 74 x 95mm, easily posted and not expensive to frame.

'To Christchurch with Love' Artist: Joan Travaglia.
Artist Price: \$40



Handmade artist print, A vinylcut printed on Incisioni, an Italian made fine art paper. The building depicted in this artwork is Christchurch Cathedral, surrounded by leaf patterns. Hovering above the Cathedral is a tree with cloud & bird forms, symbolizing rebirth and hope.

From every print sold, the artist donates \$20 dollars (50%) of sale price, to the Red Cross Christchurch Relief Fund. Contact details: joanmt@wave.co.nz ;07 8509198

COMING AND CURRENT WSA EVENTS

May/June

Members Morning Tea – ArtsPost – 10am Tues 3rd May
Drypoint and Etching Workshop – Sat 8th May (see notice)

Second Solar Print Workshop 14 & 15th May (see notice)
Earthquake Photos – see notice

Art History Talks begin 19th May (see notice)
Senior Member's morning tea (see notice)

July

Business Art Awards

August

National Youth Award

WHAT'S ON AND COMING

WAIKATO MUSEUM

There is too much to include here so I thought I'd just comment on two excellent exhibitions on at present. The first is "Friendly: Friends Respond to Collection Works" which is a great collection of works selected by the Friends of WAM. It includes works by William Baker, Walter Wright, Frances Hodgkins, Sir Tosswill Woolaston, Colin McCahon, Ralph Hotere, Margot Philips, Pat Hanly, Robin White, Ian Scott, Julian Dashper, Tony Fomison, Tom Kreisler, Ted Bracey, Nigel Brown, Joan Fear, Ross Ritchie and commentaries are provided by members of the Friends and other Waikato artists. If you haven't seen this, don't miss it.

While I was there I popped in to see the Dr Seuss exhibition – something quite different but very good. I thought I'd just have a quick look but ended up having to be led out of the exhibition by the arm. These two alone will keep you interested for hours.

There is more here too <http://www.waikatomuseum.co.nz>

ARTSPOST GALLERIES

29 April - 6 June 2011

<Tātai Whetū / star clusters>

Wintec Students & Alumni

<The Environmental Art Photography Challenge 2011>

<Landscape of Ghosts>

Derek March photographs

Briar March video

Jeffrey Holdaway audio sound scape

INSPIRIT GALLERY - TAMAHERE

10 May-10 June

<New work by Santie English>

Highly regarded symbolist painter Santie English exhibits a wonderful collection of new paintings to surprise and delight.

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

May 2011

<Works by Harry Hart>

The prints are as always in their bins and drawers.

There are also hand made books and lovely glass.

There will be more of Harry's paintings in The Persimmon Tree.

Hilary Ramage

Baffin Street Gallery

Pirongia. 3802

AT THE FRAMING WORKSHOP

April 2 - 30

Duncan Ryder <On The Line>

Opening Preview Fri 6th May 5.30pm – 7pm

120 Silverdale Road, Hamilton

8.30-5.30 weekdays 9-1 Saturdays

ph 07 856 4236

WALLACE TRUST ARTS GALLERY – MORRINSVILLEWallace Collection

New exhibition now on!

April 28 - June 19

"Non-Representational Art" from the Collection

June 22 - August 14

Mary McIntyre

Main Gallery

Until May 11

'In Times of War' Hamilton artists David Lloyd and

J.D.Gilmore reflect upon

ANZAC Day in their own inimitable styles

May 12 - June 5

Ngaira Randall and Yvonne Singleton 'Colour in Time': bold, abstract textural paintings from two talented Waikato artists

June 8 - July 6

Sarah Anderson ('Stonescape') and Gaye Jurisich

(installation)

Community Gallery

April 29 - May 11

Rukumoana Marae: the second exhibition at Wallace Gallery from Ngati Haua's deep pool of creative talent

May 12 - 25

'Rural Recollections' by Sue Edmonds and Ruth Manning.

A quirky amusing look at rural life in the Waikato

May 25 - June 7

Morrinsville Lyceum Art Club: group exhibition (painting)

June 8 - 21

Morrinsville Quilting Club: group exhibition (textiles)

Exhibition previews: Thursday May 12th 6:30-8pm and

Wednesday June 8th 6:30-8pm

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 – WAITAKARURU, SCOTSMAN VALLEY

E: Scape, curated by Sarah Anderson, features a wide range of work included a number of environmental artworks. 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.

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

OLD TOWELS WANTED

The Art School is in need of any old towels you may not want. They get used for all manner of things including as paintbrushes. Please drop in to Anne at our Art School at ArtsPost.

ONE DAY DRYPOINT & ETCHING**-PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP-**

10 – 4pm - Sunday 08 May 2011

Tutor - Joan Travaglia

For Beginner and Experienced Artists

In the Print Studio

Basement of ArtsPost

- All materials will be provided eg: zinc & plastic plates, paper, inks, solvents etc
- Please bring any tools you own.
- Tools will be available to borrow.



'3 faces of Eve' by Joan Travaglia

You will need:

- An image eg photo or drawing.
 - Help will be given with design.
- The fee: \$110. Pay on the day.

All enrolments to:

Anne Kalnins ph 07 839 4481 WSA Art School

SOLARPLATE ETCHING WORKSHOP

The workshop in December was oversubscribed so we've organised a second one for 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

2011 NATIONAL YOUTH ART AWARD

The WSA Youth Art Award which was so successful in 2009 will be repeated this year. It will be held in conjunction with the Spark Festival week and will take place at Centre Place with the exhibition opening on the Sunday.

Entry forms and image of art need to be at WSA by 31st July. (Entry form will be included in June newsletter) Entries must be delivered to WSA Office on the 10, 11, 12th August and picked up from the show during 21st 22nd August.

Opening 2pm Sunday 14th August – runs to 20th August. This year the artworks will be limited in size 1m in any direction. The number of hung works will be limited to 20. **Entrants' age must be 15-27 years old.**

STATION TO STATION

As a keen patron of the arts in Hamilton we would like to offer you the exclusive opportunity to purchase earlybird tickets to this theatrical hit.

Crackling with wit and intelligence, *Station to Station* is a darkly funny play by Bruce Mason Award winning playwright Michael Galvin. International events collide with personal passions as a charismatic television presenter turned religious zealot and his beautiful sidekick, take a mother and son on a rollercoaster ride from Kiwi suburbia to Jerusalem.

Featuring wonderful performances from Michael Galvin (*Shortland Street*) and Antonia Prebble (*Outrageous Fortune*), STATION TO STATION is a theatrical hit from one of New Zealand's most exciting new playwrights and

is the first of Michael's plays to tour outside of Auckland.

We would like to offer you our EARLYBIRD special ON NOW.

\$8* off A Reserve Tickets until 5pm Friday 20 May (+ special student price of \$15* +service fees)

To take advantage of this offer please call 0800 TICKETEK (0800 842 538), Groups of 6+ please call the groups booking line Auckland 09 307 5058

Book in person at any Ticketek box office before 5pm Friday 20 May or online at www.ticketek.co.nz

7.30pm Friday 1 July and Saturday 2 July, Clarence St Theatre, CNR Clarence and Tristram Streets, Hamilton www.hamiltontheatres.co.nz

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<p>HAWKE'S BAY Thursday 16 June 7.30pm Friday 17 June 7.30pm HAWKE'S BAY OPERA HOUSE Ticket Direct 0800 4ticket www.ticketdirect.co.nz</p>	<p>NEW PLYMOUTH Thursday 23 June 7.30pm Friday 24 June 7.30pm THEATRE ROYAL Ticketmaster ph 0800 111 999 www.ticketmaster.co.nz</p>	<p>HAMILTON Friday 1 July 7.30pm Saturday 2 July 7.30pm CLARENCE ST THEATRE Ticketek ph 0800 ticketek www.ticketek.co.nz</p>
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ECO-NEWSLETTER –

Getting ARTS CONNECTION

Your Executive Committee is always looking at ways to reduce WSA expenditure so we can keep the subs down. We are looking to reduce printing costs, reduce our carbon footprint, and reduce the postage costs. Another advantage is that you get your newsletter quicker, get the B&W edition in colour and can take advantage of the hyperlinks in it – ie you just click on the blue text and go straight to Email or a website. So if you would like to get your newsletter by Email (and earlier) rather than by post, please let Eriko know (8394481) or Email wsa@wsa.org.nz.

BECOME A MEMBER

Download a membership form:

www.wsa.org.nz

Pick up a form from the WSA Office or Arts Post

Phone (07) 839 4481 to get one sent to you.

WAIKATO BUSINESS ART AWARD

Westpac Bank has agreed to sponsor and host this art award with WSA. Entries will be made by specific Waikato businesses. They will receive a blank canvas and a WSA Membership.

The exhibition (in Westpac Bank Hamilton branches) will be late July.

If your business is interested in entering, contact Eriko 839 4481 wsa@wsa.org.nz for entry forms.

WSA SKETCH CRAWL

Next Sketch Crawl #11 will be on Sat 21st May at the Hamilton Gardens. Dudley Cleland will facilitate the afternoon. No sketching experience is needed – come and learn from the techniques of others.

Meet at the Car Park near the Turtle Lake at 1pm and bring whatever sketching materials you need and clothing appropriate for the day. We'll go ahead whatever the weather as there are plenty of sheltered parts of the Hamilton Gardens.

FROM THE ART SCHOOL

WSA members morning tea at the school (upstairs at Artspost)

Date Tuesday May 3rd Time 10 am

You are most welcome to join us for a shared morning tea, this is a great chance to meet and chat with fellow members and artists.. We look forward to seeing you.

The Autumn Term recommences May 9th

Highlighting - EXPERIMENTAL PRINTMAKING - Woodcuts and Mono prints. Monday 5.30 Tuesday 9.30 with Joan Travaglia.

This course will teach the basics of woodcut and mono/ type, but will encourage the students to experiment and rework their prints using them as a base and transition for other works. Prints can be developed further by drawing, pastels, and a variety of different materials. This course is suitable for both beginners and experienced printmakers, and other artists who wish to utilise print techniques in their work.

Anne Kalnins

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Double	\$65 (Seniors \$50)
Single	\$45 (Seniors \$40)
Student	\$20 (Current Student I.D. required)

You can make pay your subscriptions (or make donations) to the WSA by post or via the Internet. Our

SPARK – 2011

Spark, that amazing and popular international media, art and design week associated with Wintec will be with us again (in its 12th year) during the week 9th to 13th August. There is too much on to mention here but do go to

http://2010.spark.net.nz/?page_id=163 recommended.

MEMBERS EXHIBITION

The Executive Committee asks that WSA members understand that for the Members Exhibition we try to exhibit as many entries as possible, but that there is a selection process governed by our regulations and the space available. We do appoint, therefore, a curator and rely on their decisions. It is always with regret that some members' works are not selected but selections must comply with the regulations set out in the entry form.

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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

Art Connections monthly newsletter welcomes articles and images relating to the arts, and listings of upcoming art events. All contributions need to be provided by 20th of each month to Eriko Hulse at the WSA office, email wsa@wsa.org.nz. Please type "Newsletter" in subject line.

TAX REBATE

The WSA would like to inform you that our organisation is a registered "Charitable entity".

This means you can claim a rebate for income tax purpose for cash donations of \$5 or more made to the WSA.

Please ask Eriko for a receipt when you make donations to the WSA.

FROM THE EDITOR

This WSA Art Connections Newsletter could not be created without the help of several of our Executive Committee members and other WSA members. Thanks.

And a very special thanks to SHARP who continue to help us substantially with photocopying and to Warehouse Stationery who supply our paper. Please do let them know how grateful we are when you do your buying.

NEXT WSA SKETCH CRAWL

Next Sketch Crawl #11

Date: Sat 21st May
Meet at the Car Park near the Turtle
Lake of Hamilton Gardens
Time: 1pm

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