

WSA MEMBERS' EXHIBITION "A PASSION FOR ART"

Our 2010 Members Exhibition will be in the ArtsPost in March 2010 from Friday 5th to Sunday 28th March. All work with entry form (with this newsletter) and fee must be delivered to the WSA office on or before the 1st March.

A feature of the Exhibition will be the work of past and present tutors. The opening will be at 5.30pm on Thursday 4th March at ArtsPost. Drinks will be supplied. Members are asked to bring a plate.

Volunteers Needed

2nd March 9am Unpacking of works
4th March 5pm Preparing and helping with food and drinks at ArtsPost Contact Eriko. 07 839 4481

ARTS CIRCLES: Hamilton Gardens Saturday 27th February 10am – 3pm

This year the Hamilton Gardens Arts Festival will feature two artists circles which replaces the Right Bank Festival. In the Piazza, under cover, will be a circle of selected artists who will be working exhibiting and selling their own work while outside on the grassed circle by Turtle Lake will be stalls of quality arts and crafts for sale. WSA is managing the Piazza circle and will feature WSA members. However any artist who wants to work and exhibit can apply. We would like to showcase artists practising a wide variety of media and techniques.

We would like artists to come with their tools of their trade, to work in their own media while engaging the public and promoting their own work.

Some of the details advertised in the December newsletter were incorrect. The correct date is Saturday the 27th February, the day of the jazz and food so there will be an easy going crowd. Also, there is a small fee for artists in the Piazza, including WSA members. The fee is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for groups up to 4 people who work together.

We would like work to be available for sale. Artists will manage their own sales and will not be charged commission.

All sites in the Piazza are undercover and sheltered from the wind. The WSA will co-coordinate artists for this Circle. There will be helpers during setup and a trouble

shooter throughout the day.

There will be an arts and crafts market/exhibition on the Turtle Lake lawn. The fee for the Turtle Lake circle is \$30. Contact Lisa Pemberton (lisa.pemberton@hcc.govt.nz) 07 838 6977 at HCC for information.

If you can participate and exhibit even for part of the day at the Piazza circle, please call 839 4481 to book the space, then fill and send the application form to WSA PO Box 1018 Hamilton 3240 with payment by 15th February. Any inquiries, 839 4481.

WSA Charitable Trust

In line with the instructions of the Special General Meeting (SGM) last year the Executive Committee has finalised the wording of the Trust and will be ratifying the Trust Deed at our meeting of the Executive Committee on the 9th Feb 2010. Members have been invited to view and comment on the Deed. If members wish to attend the Exec. meeting for comment they can do so at 5.30pm on 9th Feb at the meeting room at the back of ArtsPost Building.

The Deed calls for 3 – 5 Trustees to care for the objectives of the Trust. The positions are honorary ones with only actual expenses being able to be claimed if they are incurred. The principle objectives of the trust are to advance education related to culture and the arts in the Waikato region.

Your WSA Executive Committee is interested in nominations from WSA members. Members interested in nominating other members as Trustees simply pass their names on to our secretary, Eriko (07 839 4481)

The Exec Committee will consider all nominations with a view to obtaining a mix of trustees with a good balance of experience and vitality.

WSA EVENTS FOR 2010

February 2010

19th Feb

NZPPA Exhibition opening and award ceremony
WSA Members Exhibition – entries in on or by 1st March
27th Feb
Gardens Festival "Art Circles"

March 2010

5th—28th March

WSA Members Exhibition

November 2010

WaiPrint

What's on

ArtsPost

5 February - 1 March 2010

Opening Preview 4 February at 5.30pm

ESSENTIAL LANDFORMS - a painterly approach
Barbara von Seida

YELLOW, PINK, RED, ORANGE
Kamini Nair

WALK AND WONDER
Joy Yeates-Ross

Waitakeruru Sculpture Park

Sun 22 Nov 2009 - Sun 28 Feb 2010

Cost: \$10, children under 12 free

Time: 10am till dusk every day

Curated by Rob Garrett, contemporary sculpture exhibition.

Where: Waitakaruru Arboretum and Sculpture Park, 207

Scotsman Vallery Road R D 4 Hamilton

Further details: The Waikato Sculpture

Trust 8240733 info@sculpturepark.co.nz www.sculpturepark.co.nz

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

In the unlikely event of any of you passing near Darfield during March you might like to see your editor's, his wife's and his brother's exhibition.

"Beyond the Road Ends" Selwyn Gallery, Darfield
Opening 6th March until 1st April. Painting, printmaking and photography.

Yellow Art Awards - Congratulations

We are pleased to note that WSA member Jo Gallagher won the Yellow Art Awards and her art will go on the cover of this years phone book. Jo thanks those members who voted for her art work and WSA congratulates her on the award.

Congratulations to Campbell Smith

The Society of Wood Engravers, England have made Campbell Smith an Honorary Member of the Society. This is in recognition of his 25 years of belonging to the Society. Campbell is the only member from New Zealand



ON THE ROAD

and the Wood Engravers have enjoyed the relationship with someone on this side of the World.



THE VISITORS

Congratulations from WSA, Campbell, well deserved recognition.

And Congratulations to Maiqing, our Treasurer

Maiqing has just passed her examinations and is now a chartered accountant.

"SHOW AND TELL"

We have put "Show and Tell" on ice until later in the year. In the meantime if you have any ideas regarding subjects for us (an art genre, framing, photographing art, ????) do let us know.

WSA Strategic Development Plan

WSA Executive committee has formulated and approved a Strategic Development Plan with help from Meliors Simms and Joan Travaglia. It includes many initiatives for the future of WSA. The plan is too large to include in the newsletter but members can obtain a copy by contacting Eriko Hulse or Martha Simms.

Victoria Cinema

Members should be aware that the Victoria Cinema is no longer offering WSA members a special discount. However there is still a discount for seniors and on Wednesdays. Ph. (07)838-3036

WAIKATO HOSPICE ART

Martha advises that several of our members have promised art work for the Waikato Hospice (in addition to what we have already been given) and that she will be phoning about shortly about collecting these. The Hospice will be opened in March – more later.

FROM ART SCHOOL

Welcome to the Summer term which recommences on the 8th February. There is still time to enrol and convert you Summer holiday experiences into art works! We would like to welcome two new Tutors they are Patricia Wall just arrived from Ireland and Craig McClure. Patricia will be taking over the popular Art for the Absolute beginner evening class and Craig will be tutoring Painting in Acrylics, also an evening class. A profile on these tutors will appear next month. To Enrol in one of our many popular classes please phone the Art School on 8394481. We look forward to seeing you back.

Anne

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR WEBSITE

Jan Kaywood can photograph artworks to put on the WSA website in her well equipped studio. She can give them to you as prints or on a CD. Reasonable rates. Contact her at 8506399.

THE WSA WEBSITE – MEMBER OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OWN PAGE

Now WSA Members can have a page on our website. This is a great chance to showcase you own art but surprisingly, few seem to have taken up the offer.

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 four pages working. Have a look at the WSA site/artists - to get an idea of what your page might look like and the information Janice requires.

Janice is looking forward to putting more members work on our site now that she is back in Hamilton.

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

Moves Afoot: – a collector's item.

Rob and Evelyn Gardner helped enable the publication of the WSA 75th Anniversary publication on the last 25 years of WSA history *Moves Afoot: A supplementary history of the Waikato Society of Arts 1983-2009*. For those of you who haven't caught up with this publication, it is a quality handmade limited edition publication of 100 and a very collectable item. It was launched at the WSA celebratory dinner. It is available now through WSA. Contact Eriko now to get a copy before it goes public and gets sold out. \$30 for WSA members.

An outstanding collaboration

Megan Lyon has written the history of the past 25 years of WSA, a supplement to the The First Fifty Years by Susan Skudder published in 1984.

Alan Deare of Area Design, an award winning book designer; and Meliors Simms, a contemporary book artist, have collaborated to design and produce a limited edition artist's book that art collectors, local history buffs and bibliophiles will want to own.

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.

TRUST WAIKATO GRANT

WSA is thrilled to be granted support from Waikato Trust to the value of \$12 000.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The astute among you will have noted that this edition is in black and white! I had promised a colour edition to start the year. There were no colour photos – and there will be next month – so our first colour edition will be in March.

Barry Smith Editor "Art Connections"

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.

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Gala Champagne Award Announcement

The New Zealand Painting & Printmaking Award 2010

Sponsored by Philip Vela Family Trust

● \$20,000

Friday February 19. 6pm at Hamilton Gardens Pavilion

Tickets \$10 ea. available from WSA, 120 Victoria St. Hamilton
Door sales on the night



In conjunction with Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival 2010

THE NEW ZEALAND PAINTING AND PRINTMAKING AWARD 2010

Now in its tenth year, the NZPPA offers New Zealand artists national recognition and a prize that has risen this year to \$20,000, courtesy of the award's principal sponsor, the Philip Vela Family Trust.

The judge for the 2010 award will be **Dr Lesley Duxbury**, a practising artist and Associate Professor in the School of Art at RMIT University, Melbourne. She exhibits internationally in solo and selected group shows, and her work is held in all major public collections in Australia. According to the RMIT website, Dr Duxbury "uses both traditional and contemporary Print media -- Photography and Printmaking -- to make works that question our perceptions of the natural environment". The NZPPA awards reception on 19 February will be the first event of the Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival and the exhibition will hang at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion for the duration of the festival.

15 February Selected work due at Hamilton Gardens

19 February Exhibition opening and award ceremony

The organising committee will want help for the unpacking and hanging, on the evening of the opening, during the exhibition and for the packing and returning at

the end. This will be our biggest effort for the year so please help when the call comes.

The opening event will be at the Hamilton Gardens Pavilion at 6pm on Friday, 19th February. Please note that there will be a new layout for the art works. Therefore this year the entrance will be from the side near the information centre. Entry is \$10, tickets obtainable from the WSA office. This year there are a greater number of prints among the finalists. Members will be interested to know that the following Waikato artists are among the finalists.

Tim Croucher, Adrienne Grant, Colin Gibbs, Kate Hill, Nell Nutsford, Joyce Stalker, Joan Travaglia, Tracey Mitchell, Michele Rumney, Jane Weir.

ART WORKS AT THE CANVAS RESTAURANT

Canvas, the museum's restaurant, is happy to display WSA member's works. If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity contact Errol Exner at Canvas on 8392535 or info@canvas.net.nz. Please also let the WSA office 07 839 4481 know if you are taking up this offer as we would like to monitor and encourage the success of this venture.

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