



### WSA Bulletin - 18 March 2026

**Our WSA Members' events are a welcome and well-attended event** with the latest one held on Friday 13th March. Thank you to those that joined us and thank you to Megan Lyon for her insightful talk on curating the NZPPA 2026 exhibition. Thank you as well to all the artists who presented talks or demonstrations alongside our recent exhibitions. Hearing artists speak about the depth of their practice - their discernment and their focus on underlying intent rather than just the visual surface - offers a valuable opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the ideas and motivations behind their work.

### **Congratulations to Catherine Ryan**

who has won the  
NZPPA People's Choice award  
with her work titled  
'The Daily Grind'.  
Catherine is the recipient of a \$1000  
voucher  
**sponsored by**  
**Gordon Harris Art Supplies.**



**The NZPPA exhibition will move to the KHR Galleria at Villa Tuscany in Matamata -**  
running from 28 March - 24 April. Villa Tuscany is located at 173 Okauia Spring Road,  
Matamata, and exhibitions are managed by the WSA.

#### **Opening event: Saturday 28 March 2-4pm**

Through this new opportunity we will be hosting exhibitions, workshops, discussions and  
creative opportunities for the community.

**Hours of operation are Thursday - Sunday 11am-3pm.**

*If you would like to volunteer to sit at the new gallery - please contact Julie:  
[Julie@wsa.org.nz](mailto:Julie@wsa.org.nz)*

#### **WSA Members' Events**

- **BNZ Theatre tour hosted by WSA Patron Nancy Caiger.** We need a minimum of 10  
people for this tour to proceed with numbers limited to 25 people.  
**RSVP to Julie by 22 March:** [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz)  
Tour details: 25 March, 2026 at 10am. Meeting at 1 Sapper Moore Place no later than  
9.55am. \$5 koha
- **WSA Member's Night - save the date: Friday, 10 April at 5.30pm.**  
Further details to come.
- *If you know a business that would like to sponsor one of the evenings, or WSA activities,  
please email: [julie@wsa.org.nz](mailto:julie@wsa.org.nz)*

**Term 2 enrolments open on WSA's website on 22 March 2026.**

**Current students** - if you wish to secure your sport in next term's class - you need to confirm your place by this coming **Friday 20 March**. Email Julie: [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz)

### **WSA April School Holiday Programme**

Open now for enrolments. See our website for details: [www.wsa.org.nz](http://www.wsa.org.nz)



### **Dates to note:**

**Annual WSA members exhibition dates:** exhibition runs 3rd October 2026 - 26 October 2026. Opening at 3pm - 5pm. Limit 2 entries per member. Entry fee \$20 or \$30 for 2 entries. This will be a selected exhibition so photos will e needed with your entry. Entries close 7 September 2026.

### **Exhibition and Gallery Space: 2027 & 2028**

**2027 exhibition spaces are filling up fast** and 2028 are beginning to fill. We have limited bookings available for the WSA and Ruth Davey galleries. If you or someone you know would like to enquire about a gallery booking - please email: [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz) .

*We also hire for events big or small, flexible days and times. We have many options so please email [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz) if you would like to know more.*

### **Artspost HOURS**

**Mondays - Fridays:** 9.00am - 5.00pm

**Saturdays:** 9.00am - 3.00pm

**Sundays:** CLOSED most Sundays;

Open 11.00am - 2.00pm on a Sunday following an exhibition opening  
*including this coming Sunday 22 March 2026*

**Public Holidays:** CLOSED

Easter weekend we are closed

## **ARTSPOST Exhibitions, Events & Promotions March & April 2026**

**New exhibitions opening this week & running from 19 March - 11 April 2026**

**Chartwell Gallery - *Becoming Air* by Julia Christey**

“My work explores the loaded beauty of an increasingly unpredictable climate — a strange and dramatic sublime that mirrors the turbulence of our cultural and socio-political landscape. Based on momentary observations of the oceans and skies of Aotearoa, these paintings are a visual and emotive response to shifting atmospheric conditions.

My intent is to offer moments of darkness and light - stillness held in paint – and within them, a quiet hope that somehow things will be ok”

**Opening event: Thursday 19 April, 4.30pm**

***Becoming Air* Julia Christey**



**Ida Carey and Margot Philips galleries - Face to Face to Cosmos by Peter Augustin**

"Cosmos has been inspired by my friend Udo and his amazing telescope images of galaxies, nebula, and other space images. The cosmos is an alternative name for the universe or its nature or order. The cosmos is studied in cosmology as a broad discipline covering scientific, religious or philosophical aspect of the cosmos and its nature. We are part of it, with our dreams, our love of the stars, Sun and Moon, with wishes, we see them as a secret in the night, we talk to them in any situation. We humans are the Stars of the Earth, in my paintings of Faces I'm trying to show the diverse connections with the Cosmos, and to give everyone this feeling to be here and to be something special!"

**Opening event: Thursday 19 April, 4.30pm**



**WSA Gallery- Form and Whenua by Rototuna Junior High School**

A collection of paintings and prints from the Rototuna Junior High School students

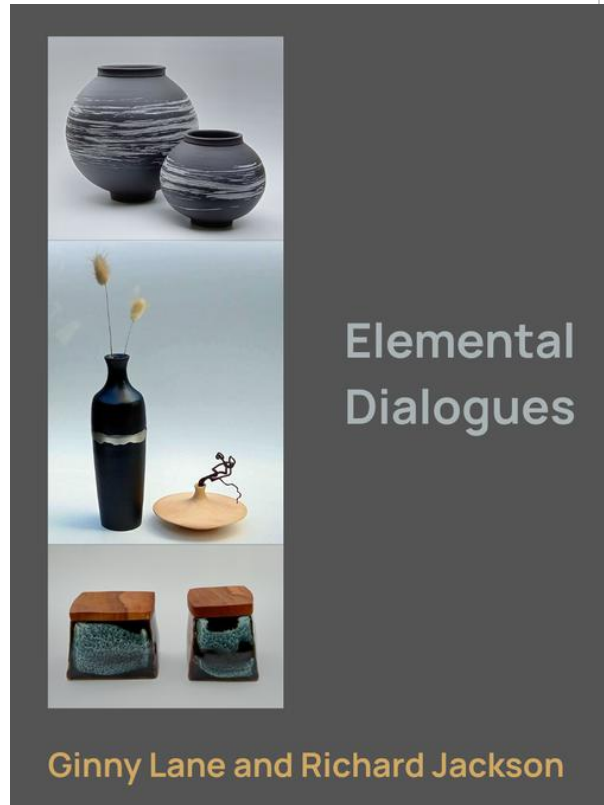
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**Ruth Davey Gallery - Elemental Dialogues by Ginny Lane and Richard Jackson**

This exhibition presents the work of woodturner Richard and potter Ginny. Although both artists work primarily with different materials, they understand how forms and finishes may come together to enhance disparate materials; a form of alchemy emerging where their practices converge. Richard's turned vessels explore the inherent grain and warmth of timber, while Ginny's forms explore the malleability of clay, and the unpredictability of the firing process. A dialogue ensues which challenges each artist to work in new ways to accommodate the distinctive qualities of each other's medium. The resulting form is a symbiosis of two mediums melded into one.

**Opening event:  
Thursday 19 April, 4.30pm**



**OTHER Exhibitions, Events & Promotions**

# 12th Hibiscus & Bays Art Awards

Hibiscus & Bays Local Board



## Call for Entries!



Scan to Enter!

Mairangi Arts Centre is accepting entries for this prestigious juried exhibition. This annual awards exhibition, sponsored by Hibiscus & Bays Local Board, celebrates artistic and creative practices in New Zealand. Exhibitors will be chosen by a selection panel to have their work on display in the 12th Hibiscus & Bays Arts Awards exhibition.

### PRIZES INCLUDE:

\$1000 (x3 Cash Prizes) \*

\$500 Maori Prize \*

21 & Under Artists Award & more

\* Includes exhibition opportunity

### ENTRY DEADLINE:

27th April 2026

### EXHIBITION DATES:

23 May – 13 June 2026

### OPEN CEREMONY:

Sat 23rd May, 12PM

Mairangi Arts Centre, 20 Hastings Rd, Mairangi Bay, Auckland

☎ 09 478 2237

🌐 [www.mairangiarts.co.nz](http://www.mairangiarts.co.nz)



### ARTIST Expression of Interest

WSA artists are specially invited to submit an Expression of Interest for a new Creative Demonstration Zone at **NZ National Fieldays 2026**, hosted by Caroline Peacocke of Copper Mesh Creatives.

With over 100,000 visitors expected, this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your practice to a wide and diverse audience.

We'll be featuring an exhibition of *Jock & Beyond* by David Henshaw in the Heritage Barn, with three adjacent stalls available for live artist demonstrations across disciplines such as ceramics, painting, printmaking, weaving, and more.

If you'd like to be involved, please email Caroline:

**[caroline@coppermesh.co.nz](mailto:caroline@coppermesh.co.nz)** by

**Wednesday 25 March 2026**



*Autumn*  
**Passion**  
*for art* '26

Cambridge Artists Exhibitions  
28-29 March '26  
Cambridge

Visit the artists in their  
homes or studios.  
10am- 4pm

Take a free self-guided tour of  
artists' studios, experiencing  
up close the personal  
workspace of a range of  
talented Cambridge artists  
and art orientated businesses

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scan the barcode to  
visit Passion for Art  
website.




# GORDONTON ART & DESIGN TRAIL



18 & 19  
**APRIL** 2026



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[@THEGORDONTONARTANDESIGNTRAIL](https://www.instagram.com/THEGORDONTONARTANDESIGNTRAIL)



**WSA Membership benefits** include discounts from two of our local cafes:  
**10% discount** on food and coffee when you show your WSA membership card



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