



## WSA Bulletin - 21 April 2026

### Final two days to see the NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards 2026 exhibition at the KHR Galleria in Matamata.

Please support this new opportunity if you are in the Matamata area. A special thanks to Karl Reipen and Christine Melchior for providing this destination space to the WSA.

**Hours are:** Thursdays and Friday: 11am - 3pm

Villa Tuscany is located at 173 Okauia Spring Road, Matamata



### WSA Members' Events

- **WSA Member's Night - save the date:**  
9 May 2026 from 1-3pm bring along a friend or two and introduce them to everything they could enjoy being a part of at WSA and Artspost
- *If you know a business that would like to sponsor one of these events, or WSA activities, please email: [julie@wsa.org.nz](mailto:julie@wsa.org.nz)*

## **Term 2 enrolments are now open. Term starts 4 May for 8 weeks.**

We have over 30 classes to choose from for ages 5+

New classes: Landscape Acrylic Painting on Tuesday mornings, Teenage Art Skills 13-18 years on Wednesdays.

Class sizes are small - 8 to 9 students.

Make sure to enrol now before you miss a spot.

Children's classes have all materials provided.

Please enrol on WSA's website

**[www.wsa.org.nz](http://www.wsa.org.nz) or email [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz)**

## **A special Silver Metal Clay Workshop with Marcia Colquhoun**

**Book now**

**Date:** 02 May 2026

**When:** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** Studio 2

**Tutor:** Marcia Colquhoun

**Price:** \$220.00 all materials included and you leave with a beautiful piece of handmade jewellery.

***What a great gift for Mother's Day or for someone special.***



## **Tutor Profile - Josie Ward**

I am a textile designer, maker / artist. I love to work with different textures and materials to create tactile pieces of work. I find most of my inspiration in nature. Often while out walking I will spot a tiny pattern on a tree or find a fascinating piece of lychee or rock, to inspire a painting or pattern design. I studied textile design at Massey university, where I got to work across many different mediums.

**Term 2 classes: Monday, Thursday and Friday.**

## Tutor Profile - *Chloe Sutherland*

I'm a recent contemporary art graduate. I primarily work with watercolour and occasionally lino printing, however I've experimented with a range of mediums including photography, installation and sculpture during my degree. With an interest in biology and scientific illustration driving my practice, I enjoy painting detailed observational studies. My lino prints tend to be a lot more stylised and illustrative with my favourite subjects being fungi and insects. I'm excited to be tutoring at the WSA and to inspire our young and upcoming artists.

**Term 2 classes: Monday, Tuesday and Saturday**

### Dates to note:

**Print gathering:** 9 May 2026 from 9-12pm

**Monthly Member's event:** 9 May 2026 from 1-3pm bring along a friend or two and introduce them to everything we do at WSA and Artspost

**National Youth Art Awards:** 7 - 29 August 2026 check website for more information

**Annual Waiprint exhibition dates:** 8 August - 29 August 2026 - more information to follow

**Annual WSA members exhibition dates:** 3rd October - 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 be needed with your entry.

Entries close 7 September 2026.

**New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Awards 2028:** 20 March - 18 April 2027

**Small Sculpture Awards 2028:** 18 June - 10 July 2027

### Exhibition and Gallery Space: 2028

**2028 exhibition spaces are now filling up.** 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

**Public Holidays:** CLOSED. **ANZAC weekend and Monday following we are closed**

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**ARTSPOST Exhibitions, Events & Promotions**



## Studio Stories

Hong & Class

16 April - 09 May



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## DEVOTION

NEW WORKS

Opening Preview  
Thurs 16th April  
5.30pm-7.00pm

16 April - 9 May

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
Sat 9am-3pm

**artspost**  
120 Victoria St, Hamilton



## Eclection

Chris Todter & Sally Samins

16 April - 09 May

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## The End of the Line

Ellie Lee-Duncan

16 April - 09 May

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On Thursday night we had the openings of our new exhibitions in the five art galleries with an amazing turn out of supporters, family and friends for all the artists. What an awesome community to be a part of and thank you to everyone involved for making it such a fun night. Congratulations to all the artists exhibiting and for the high standard of work we are privileged to have at Artspost. If you haven't been into Artspost to see the exhibitions or the incredible NZ artists' works in our retail space then please drop in. Share the word to anyone who has not visited us before to come and enjoy being amongst such a wide range of creativity while supporting a local community organisation, the WSA.



**Other events around the Waikato & beyond**

# 12th Hibiscus & Bays Art Awards

Hibiscus & Bays Local Board



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## 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

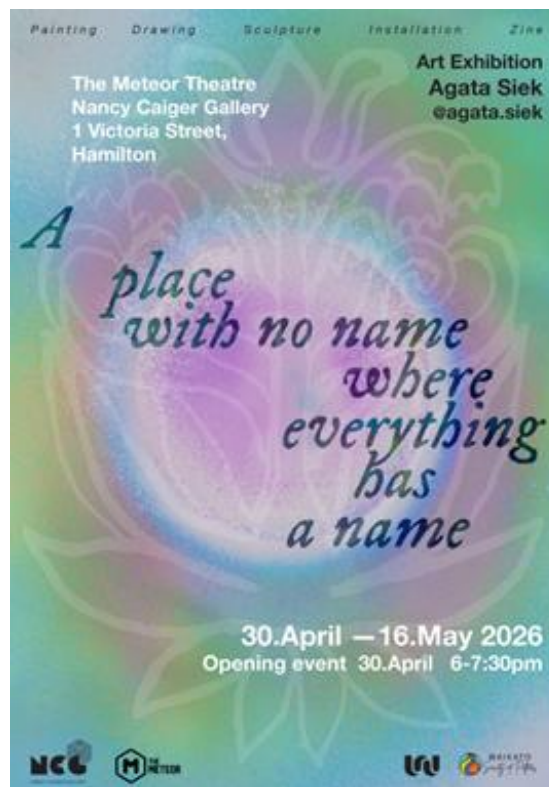
### OPEN CEREMONY:

Sat 23rd May, 12PM

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

09 478 2237

www.mairangiarts.co.nz



Artist's Talk with  
**Rick Rudd**  
MNZM

6pm

Friday 1st May

Waikato Society of Potters,  
Ward Park Arts Centre,  
2 Seddon Rd, Hamilton

**Entry by koha**

All proceeds support the  
Quartz Museum of Studio  
Ceramics and its mission to  
preserve, celebrate, and  
uplift ceramic art in  
Aotearoa.

**Pot Luck dinner**

Bring a kai to share, if you  
have the capacity



The Waikato Society of Potters invites you to experience an extraordinary evening with Rick Rudd – one of Aotearoa's most acclaimed ceramic artists.

With a five-decade career, national and international exhibitions, major awards, and works held in leading museums across the motu, Rick is a true icon of New Zealand ceramics.

Founder of the Quartz Museum of Studio Ceramics—the country's only dedicated studio ceramics museum—Rick continues to shape and inspire the future of the craft.

Don't miss this rare chance to hear from a living legend of clay.

Register  
online



**WSA Membership benefits** include discounts to local businesses when you show your WSA membership card



**WSA Sponsors - with thanks!**

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