



ARTSPOST Bulletin - 27 May 2026

Welcome to the latest news and updates from WSA

National Youth Art Awards (NYAA): 7 August - 30 August 2026



National Youth Art Awards is an annual competition that showcases the creative talents of young artists aged 13-25 years old, in 3 age categories, across New Zealand. The awards are designed to encourage and celebrate the artistic achievements of students and emerging artists. The competition includes all visual arts mediums, such as painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and digital art, with different prize levels, including first, merit and category awards. Young artists are invited to submit their work for consideration.

Entries now open and close on 21 June 2026.

Waiprint Exhibition

Annual Waikato printmakers exhibition 8 August - 31 August 2026.

Details and entry form are now available on our website.

Opening: The opening celebration will be mid-day on Saturday, 8 August, to coincide with the WAIPRINT workshop.

WAIPRINT Workshop: Repeat Pattern and Tile, Saturday, 8 August 9.30am - 4.30pm,

WSA Print Room. \$65 for the day, all materials supplied

Guest Artist, Maggie Dawson, will present a workshop introducing novice and experienced printmakers to the mysteries of repeat patterns. You will learn how to create a design that repeats and will carve a small lino tile, printing your design onto washi paper to create a wrapping.

Contact Janice Meadows or Julie Johnstone to register interest in the workshop and to save a place: waiprint2026@gmail.com, julie@wsa.org.nz

Annual WSA Members' Exhibition

Annual WSA members exhibition runs from 5 October - 25 October 2026. 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. Opening event 10 Oct, 3pm - 5pm.

Details and entry form are now available on our website.

Artspost HOURS

CLOSED King's Birthday Monday 1st June 2026

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

Current exhibitions

Running from 26 May - 6 June 2026

Artist talks: Thurs 4th June, 12.30pm.

Maladaptive

Megan Campbell



Ora Obscura

Helen Casey-
MacDuff



Luminus

Shadows

Sofia Athineou



XRay2

Dale Gilmore



The Polar Explorers

(the-chiller-art-space)



15 May – 6 June

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Waikato Society of Arts

Members' Night

Thursday
June 4th
5:30pm - 7pm

Bring along your friends and
whanau to celebrate the WSA.



Next Members' Event - 4th June; 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Talk by Gaye Jurisich on The Polar Explorers exhibition in the Chartwell Gallery

New WSA classes & workshops



JOIN OUR TEXTILE CLASS

WEDNESDAY TEXTILES 10-14 YEARS

STARTING
17TH JUNE TO THE 8TH OF JULY
4PM - 5.30PM

\$90.00

Textile art with a focus on embroidery techniques

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PRINT LAB
4 week classes for Teens

Explore printmaking in creative & unexpected ways, with a new technique each week: mono-printing (one-off prints), layering colour, using texture and found materials. Create bold, original artworks. Perfect for beginners or anyone keen to get creative and try something new.

25 June - 16 July
4.00-6.00pm
\$105.00

Book Now:
wsa.org.nz
07 839 4481



Silk screen printing workshop is now full
Acrylic Workshop with Roseanne Croucher
4th July 2026 1pm - 4pm \$85.00pp

Monster Mugs
July School Holiday Workshop

July 6th
9am - 12pm
Ages 5+



Visit wsa.org.nz to view the full timetable.



July Art School Holiday Program
Enrol your child today!

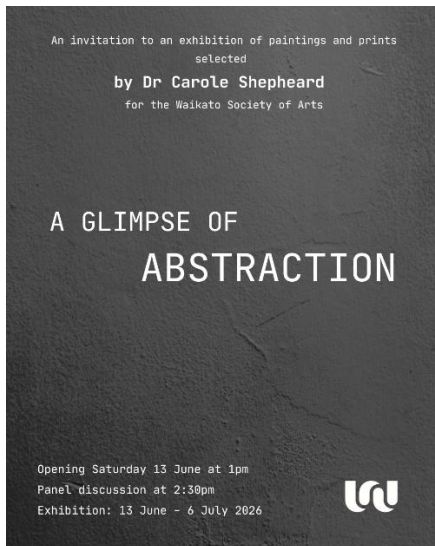
July 6th - 17th
Ages 5 - 14



Visit wsa.org.nz to view the full timetable.



Upcoming exhibitions @ WSA
9 June - 6 July 2026



A Glimpse of Abstraction: a selection of painting and printmaking selected by Dr Carole Shepherd

Panel discussion by Carole Shepherd 3pm after the opening event

- Journeys through watercolour landscapes by Martin Nečas
- Watercolours from the Basement by WSA's Monday afternoon watercolour class
- ...from Grey St Studio by students & teacher of Grey St Studio
- Connect by Rebecca Hinemoa-Smith

SPONSOR'S SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will feature one of our sponsors to highlight their work and the possible connections you could make through the common purpose of supporting the WSA.

VISION COMPLETE EARTHWORKS

Piso and his team kindly sponsor towards the Main Paint Prize in the New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Awards. Without this generosity the award could not continue and would impact many artists lives who enter into this, along with the life changing rewards that come from being an award winner. Thank you team!

At the core of VCE's success is an unwavering commitment to professionalism, safety, and excellence. The company has earned a reputation for consistently delivering projects on time, within budget, and to the highest industry standards. Through years of experience, VCE has developed advanced systems

and processes that not only meet health, safety, quality, and environmental requirements, but continually strive to exceed them through ongoing innovation and improvement.

VCE provides a comprehensive range of civil construction and earthworks services tailored to the evolving needs of the industry. From large-scale excavation and earthmoving projects to sewer infrastructure, stormwater systems, subdivision developments, and road construction, every project is approached with precision, dedication, and a solutions-focused mindset. The team's hands-on experience and commitment to quality workmanship have positioned VCE as a dependable partner for developers, contractors, councils, and private clients alike.

What truly sets Vision Complete Earthworks apart is the company's deeply rooted belief that relationships matter. Family and community remain at the heart of everything VCE does — driving a culture built on trust, loyalty, and genuine care for the people they work with and the communities they help shape. This philosophy continues to inspire the company's growth and fuels its passion for building not only infrastructure, but lasting partnerships and a stronger future for the Waikato region and beyond.



What's on around the Waikato

David Henshaw's Rural NZ: Jock cartoons, landscapes & more

June 10 -13



David Henshaw's Rural NZ: Jock Cartoons, Landscapes and more

Presented by Copper Mesh Creatives.

Take home a piece of David Henshaw's Rural NZ, from original landscapes and botanicals to quality reproductions of his iconic cartoons and books.



**WAIKATO Decorative and Fine Arts Society
(Waikato DFAS)**

Presents a lecture on Caravaggio

Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm



“He was the most famous painter of his time in Italy, known as Caravaggio, his given name was Michelangelo Merisi, but though he had the name of an angel, he was anything but, being a notorious brawler and spending his last years on the run from a murder charge.”

**Presented by Roslyn Whyte (UK)
at The Performing Arts Centre, Southwell School**

Peachgrove Road, Hamilton. (Parking Available)
Come as a guest for only \$25.00 and enjoy a glass of wine and an inspiring lecture,
followed by refreshments and social hour.
Our programme for 2026 and further details about joining as a member can be found on our
website: www.dfaswaikato.org.nz



Print Swap

Inaugural Invitational Print Swap

Email:

handcraftprinters@gmail.com



Deadline:

Friday 31 July, 2026

**Association of
Handcraft Printers**

<https://handcraftprinters.org.nz>

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10 PRINTS
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Editioned or unique
Quality paper 120gsm+
Any letterpress or relief method
Respond to the theme: X

SEND

Your 10 prints plus a self addressed, pre paid postage bag.
AHP coordinates the swap.

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9 selected prints from printers across the country - a curated mix of styles, voices, and techniques.

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