



ARTSPOST Bulletin - 12 August 2026

Welcome to the latest news and updates from WSA

The 2026 National Youth Art Award | NYAA 2026 had a very successful opening on Friday night. A huge thanks to our judges, Aisha Roberts and Tyrone Te Waa, as well as the wonderful sponsors, and the families and schools who have supported this wonderful national award, now in its seventeenth year. Congratulations to all the finalists and a special mention below to the age category winners and overall winner.

For a full list of the first place award and merit prize winners - please see our website:
<https://wsa.org.nz/product/nyaa-2026/>

Catalogues are also available on our website.

- **OVERALL AWARD WINNER:** Aislin Tse – *Open Your Eyes*
- 13 -14 Years First Prize: Aaron Liu – *The Painter's Pause*
- 15 – 19 Years First Prize: Aislin Tse – *Open Your Eyes*
- 20 -25 Years First Prize: Nyle Turuwhenua – *He Māori Ahau*



NYAA 2026 is supported by:

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**Notice of the Waikato Society of Arts Annual General 14 October 2026 at
5pm
in the WSA print Studios at the back of the Artspost building**

Upcoming Events at Artspost

Waikato Chamber of Commerce is holding their next BA4 event at Artspost.

We would love you to join this event and network with our local business community.

Please register directly on the Waikato Chamber of Commerce website:

<https://business.waikatochamber.co.nz/events/details/ba4-waikato-society-of-arts-6662?calendarMonth=2026-08-01>

Date and Time

Wednesday Aug 19, 2026
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM NZST

Location

Waikato Society of Arts - Artspost building, [120 Victoria Street, Hamilton](#)

Fees/Admission

Free of charge for Waikato Chamber members.
\$39.00+GST for non members.

Artspost Workshops and Artist Talks

- **NYAA Cyanotype workshop - FREE to all.**
 - Saturday 15th August 9.00am - 11.00am
 - Held in the Chartwell Gallery
 - Hosted by WSA's printmaking tutor, Caroline Peacocke
 - **Supported by Hamilton City Creative Communities Scheme**
- **WSA Printmaking Tutor Talks - FREE entry**
 - Saturday 15th August, 11.00am - 12.00pm
 - Held in Ida Carey Gallery
 - Tutors speaking: Steph McLellan, Renee Marjolein, Janice Meadows, Caroline Peacocke
- **Print your own workshop - FREE to all**

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- Hosted by WSA's printmaking tutor Renee Marjolein
- Held in Ida Carey Gallery

WSA 4 week art courses

Did you know that WSA holds a variety of 4 week courses as well as our 8 week term classes? Options include:

- **Abstract Painting** with Joslyn Hobbis. Tuesdays, August 25 - September 15
- **Intro to Drawing** with Susan St Lawrence. Tuesdays, August 25 - Sept. 15
- **Expressive Drawing** with Susan St Lawrence. Fridays, September 18 - Oct 9
- **Textiles for 10-14 year old's** with Marianna du Plessis. Wednesdays, 26 August - September 16
- **Print lab for Teens** with Caroline Peacocke. Thursdays, August 27 - Sept. 17

Please enrol for classes via our website: <https://wsa.org.nz/art-school/classes/>

WSA Term 3 Short Courses

4 Week Art Classes

Did you know that WSA offers 4 week art classes?

You can still enrol in our 4 week art classes. We offer a range of art classes, exploring different art mediums, that are only 4 weeks long as opposed to our usual 8 weeks. These courses are designed to give you a taste of certain materials and cater to those who may not have the time for the full 8 week courses.



Enrol now at wsa.org.nz

Tuesday Abstract Painting

Term 3

4 Week Course with Joslyn Hobbis

\$110.00

WSA Studio 2
9:30am - 12:00pm
August 25 - September 15



Thursday PRINT LAB For Teens

Term 3

4 Week Course with Caroline Peacocke

\$105.00

WSA Printroom
4:00pm - 6:00pm
August 27 - September 17



Tuesday Intro to Drawing Techniques

Term 3

4 Week Course with Susan St Lawrence

\$145.00

WSA Studio 3
9:30am - 12:00pm
September 15 - October 06



Wednesday Textile Art

Ages 10 - 14

Term 3

Explore the fun of textile art! Learn everything from basic back-stitching, button sewing, decorative stitching to more advanced darning techniques with our tutor, Mariana.

WSA Studio 1
4:00pm - 5:30pm
August 26 - Sept 16



Friday Expressive Drawing

Term 3

4 Week Course with Susan St Lawrence

\$145.00

WSA Studio 2
9:30am - 12:00pm
September 18 - October 09



EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Current exhibitions

Running until Sunday 30 August 2026



How did they do that?

Printmaking processes explained with examples of works and the plates or surfaces they were printed from. Call into the Ruth Davey Gallery @Artspost to discover these processes for yourself.



NEXT Artspost Exhibitions

Running from 4 - 30 September 2026

- **Waikato Society of Potters** - annual pottery exhibition. Opening at 5.30pm on Friday 4th September 2026
- **Lessons from the Land - Caroline Peacocke**: Opening at 5.30pm on Friday 4th September 2026
- **Rototuna Senior High School** - artworks by students. Opening date to be confirmed.

ENTRIES for upcoming exhibitions

- **MEMEX** - WSA's annual members exhibition. Entry forms are available at Artspost or on the website.
Entries close 21 September 2026. The 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.
Opening event 10 Oct, 1pm - 3pm.
 - **NZPPA 2027** - entry forms available on the website. Please check details for entry deadlines.
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WSA Tutor Profiles

Caroline Peacocke

Printmaking Tutor

Caroline is a Waikato-based painter and printmaker whose practice spans experimental printmaking and textured acrylic painting, with forays into 3D form across paper, clay, glass, and metal. With a background in architecture, zoology, and contemporary art, her work blends structural awareness with organic detail, resulting in pieces that are both tactile and thoughtfully composed.

Caroline draws inspiration from the landscapes she inhabits - rural sheds, derelict buildings, found objects, and small sensory moments gathered from daily life. She frequently combines relief, intaglio, and solar printing techniques, pushing the painterly boundaries of printmaking and exploring innovative methods of presentation. Her works unfold as



Upcoming exhibition

personal visual stories, expressing memory, emotion, and place.

Since 2012, she has shared her passion as a tutor of Experimental Printmaking at the Waikato Society of Arts, and her pieces have been collected by art lovers both in New Zealand and internationally.

Caroline's upcoming exhibition 'Lessons from the Land' will open on Friday 4th September at 5.30pm.



Dale Gilmore

Oil Painting & Drawing Tutor

Someone asked me how long I'd been painting. It took me a while to think about that. I think I've been playing with art for a long time. My earliest memory of art is doing a drawing at about seven years of age and being complimented by my parents. It must be genetic. I've got family members past and present who have been artists. My art teacher at High school wanted me to be an art teacher but at that stage it wasn't a possibility. I did various jobs when I left school but wanted to work in the arts. At twenty two I did an adult apprenticeship as a signwriter. After eighteen years digital technology was taking over and I needed a change. I was accepted into the University of Waikato Teachers College to train as an Art Teacher.

I hold a Degree in Education and a Degree in Painting from Wintec Media Arts school. I started seriously exhibiting when I started teaching. My work deals with ideas around the nature of reality. I suppose it's quite philosophical really. Are we who we really think we are? My work tries to challenge our own perception of ourselves and our lived experience. I hope it does that.



We are encouraging our community to think of their will not as a chore but as a creative act.

Your life is unique. Your values are personal. Your story deserves care.

Creating a will is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can give your family and loved ones. It can also be a chance to reflect on the causes and communities that have shaped your life.

WSA's **Your Complete Life and Legacy Guide** is designed to support you through this process. It helps you organise key information, record memories, and clearly express your wishes. Using the guide helps you work out what is important to you and makes it easier to then reflect that in your will. The completed guide is a gift for loved ones that makes things easier for those you leave behind.

Available for a **koha donation** to Waikato Society of Arts, the guide also supports the continuation of creativity and culture in our region.

To receive your copy, contact

✉ wsa@wsa.org.nz

Artspost HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturdays: 9.00am - 3.00pm

CLOSED most Sundays: open Sunday 30th August 2026, 11.00am - 2.00pm

LOST PROPERTY

Found in the print room. Please see staff at Artspost counter to claim.



More creative news

Artspost Writers' Columns

A new initiative suggested by long time WSA member, Barry Smith, is the new Writer's Column we have in the Artspost retail space. Located on the centre left column as you enter the main entrance, this space is open for anyone to contribute to at our discretion and will be swapped over each month. Here is the first contribution from Barry Smith.



beyond

at times like this
i wish that we could meet
in some celestial valley
where we'd admire
the blazing snowfields
soaring ridges
engulfing hanging cirques -
hear the cries
of watching kea -
at our feet
small nodding heads
of blooms reply
and we would gather
water running fresh
through lichenized rocks,
find sun-dried twigs
to feed a fire beneath
our blackened billy -
to sip our tea and
ease out backs and limbs,
soak up the morning sun
as does
the blessed beech
beyond.

barry smith



Waikato Decorative and Fine Arts Society (Waikato DFAS)

presents a lecture by Charlie Hall (UK)

Thursday 20 August 2026, 7.30pm at Southwell School

Peggy Guggenheim – A Life of Collecting



Describing herself by writing, "I am a museum", Peggy Guggenheim was an American collector and patron of modern art. Her collection is one of the most iconic assemblages of Twentieth Century art.



Charlie Hall is a passionate arts educator, lecturer, and guide, based in London and Italy. He designs and hosts art talks and events and is a tour lecturer and leader.

Come as a guest for only \$25.00 and enjoy a glass of wine and an inspiring lecture, followed by refreshments and socialising.

Our programme for 2026 and further details about joining as a member can be found on our website www.dfaswaikato.org.nz or email dfaswaikato@gmail.com

City of Wonder : Drop-in and Workshops

City of Wonder '26 is an upcoming local arts and design festival event in Hamilton City Centre, featuring contemporary art, spatial interventions, and creative exhibitions. It will run from 25 September to 4 October 2026.

As part of the festival Renée will be offering a drop-in print experience and two workshops in the WSA print studio

Drop-In Printmaking (free)

Have a go at printmaking in the ArtsPost main level. Ink and print with prepared blocks using a portable press. Suitable for all ages.
Saturday September 26th. 10am-2:30pm. Artspost retail space.

Workshops

Carve and print your own small woodcut. Choose from four repared compositions based on the works of prominent Hamilton artists, Ruth Davey, Ida Carey, Margot Philips and Campbell Smith. Drinks, nibbles and all tools and materials provided.

Aimed at an adult audience but children 12yrs+ welcome with an accompanying adult participant.

Thursday 1st October and Friday 2nd October. 6pm (Approximately 2 hrs depending on individual carving speed) WSA Print Studio, basement level.
Tickets available through WSA soon

She Shed Tour Gisborne

The 10th-anniversary **She Shed Tour Gisborne** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 15, 2026, running from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. This milestone 10th event features new venues, six new artists including WSA's Caroline Peacocke, and local charity fundraising supporting Alzheimers New Zealand. Grab a group of friends and make a weekend of it.

Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2026
 - **Time:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - **Milestone:** 10th Anniversary event (biggest tour yet)
 - **Tickets:** \$15.00 per person - on sale soon. Please see Caroline if you would like to reserve tickets now.
 - **Location:** Gisborne Tairawhiti
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