



ARTSPOST Bulletin - 26 August 2026

Welcome to our latest bulletin. There's plenty to view in the galleries and retail store, and new classes to join in with. Please make note of the dates below for the AGM, short-term classes, upcoming exhibitions openings and workshops.

WSA MEMBERSHIPS

We are asking members to check their membership cards to see if your membership has expired. This is important to do ahead of our AGM. It's easy to resubscribe: either logon to our website or pop into Artspost and see one of the staff at the counter.

<https://wsa.org.nz/product/wsa-membership/>

Upcoming Events at Artspost

AGM 2026

Please make a note in your diaries for WSA's 2026 AGM.

Date: 14th October 2026

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Print Studio

Basement level, 120 Victoria St, Hamilton

WSA ART CLASSES

Short-course art courses @ WSA

Our 4 week classes are due to start this week and in the coming weeks. Options include:

- **Abstract Painting** with Joslyn Hobbis. Tuesdays, August 25 - September 15
- **Textiles for 10-14 year old's** with Marianna du Plessis. Wednesdays, 26 August - September 16
- **Intro to Drawing** with Susan St Lawrence. Tuesdays, September 15 - October 6
- **Expressive Drawing** with Susan St Lawrence. Fridays, September 18 - Oct

School Holiday Programme

Our next School Holiday Programme is now loaded to the website and enrolments are open.

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

WSA Members' event

Thursday 17 September at 5.30pm, Artspost

Current exhibitions at Artspost - last chance to view this week

The galleries will also be open on **Sunday 30th September from 11.00am - 2.00pm.**

- NYAA 2026
- Waiprint 2026
- Beyond the Block

Father's Day - Sunday 6th September

Artspost retail store has some fantastic gift ideas for the special guys in your life. Pop in to see what we have in store.

WSA Term 3 Short Courses - *starting September*

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



Tuesday Intro to Drawing Techniques

Term 3

4 Week Course with
Susan st Lawrence

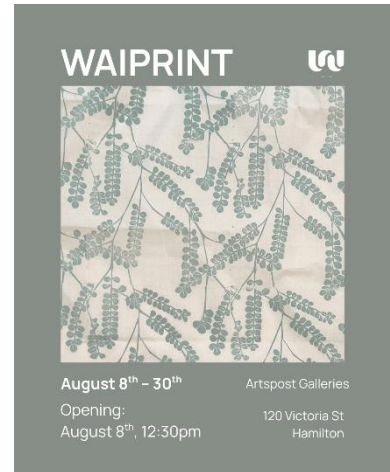
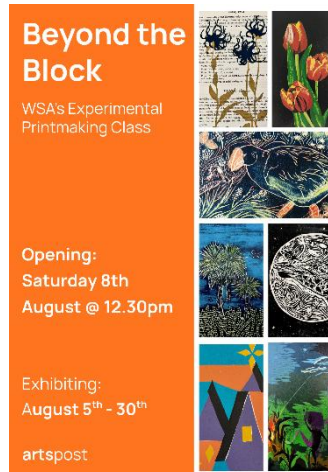
\$145.00

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



Current exhibitions

On until Sunday 30 August 2026



Upcoming EXHIBITIONS

from 4th - 26th September 2026

- ***Shared Earth* - by Waikato Society of Potters.** Opening event: Friday 5th September 2026
- ***Lessons from the Land* - works on paper by Caroline Peacocke.** Opening event: Friday 5th September 2026
- ***Horizons* - by Rototuna Senior High School.** Opening event: Friday 5th September 2026



*lessons from
the land*
Caroline Peacocke

Opening:
Friday 4th September
at 5.30pm

Exhibiting:
September 2nd - 26th

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HORIZONS
Rototuna Senior
High School

Opening:
Friday,
4th September
at 5.30pm

Exhibiting:
September 4th -
September 26th

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HORIZONS



ROTOTUNA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Upcoming exhibition entries now open

- **MEMEX** - WSA's 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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Win this vintage Robin White poster!



As a fund-raiser for the Ruth Davey Merit in Printmaking prize at next year's NZPPA, we are holding a raffle for this piece of Hamilton history. It was generously donated by **Sarah Marston of Framing Workshop in Silverdale** and she has offered a 10% discount on framing the 400x630 poster.

The image is White's 1978 screen-print 'Mere and Siulolovao, Otago Peninsula' and the occasion was the 1979 United Women's Convention. **Tickets are only \$5 each.**

While you have this important New Zealand artist in mind, be sure to see 'Robin White: at home with us', the outstanding exhibition now on at Waikato Museum. Then treat yourself to Gaylene Preston's film about White, 'GRACE A Prayer for Peace', on the Radio NZ website: www.rnz.co.nz/video/grace-a-prayer-for-peace.

WSA & Artspost in review

Waikato Chamber of Commerce BA4 event held at Artspost.

A well attended event was held at Artspost, attended by members of Waikato Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to Courtenay Paul from Studio Recess who won an original print by Ruth Davey.

Workshops and Artist Talks

- WSA Printmaking Tutor Talks highlighted many of the print techniques WSA printmakers teach. Talks were presented by Steph McLellan, Caroline Peacocke and Renee Marjolein. Janice Meadows talked about the history of Waiprint and this year's feature artist - Maggie Dawson and the workshop she held.
- FREE workshops: 'Print your own workshop' hosted by Renee Marjolein, and Cyanotype workshops (*Supported by Hamilton City Creative Communities Scheme*) hosted by Caroline Peacocke, were well subscribed and enjoyed by all.
- RECREATE attended print workshops over 3 weeks in the print rooms. It was great to see the engagement of these workshop attendees and the special pieces they made.



*Top left: Artworks by Recreate students
Bottom left & middle: Cyanotype workshops*

*Top right: Tuesday Exploring Art Techniques
Bottom right: Print Tutor talks*



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**

Writer's column

A new initiative is the 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 a contribution from Anne Curran.

Windchime

seashells fallen
scattered and broken
from a cobweb- shrouded
wind chime
shells and a piece of driftwood
moss- covered
disintegrated
hanging from a rusted washing line

sitting in her armchair
eyes bright
she tells me of happy days
spent at Waihi beach
morning swims in the sea
collecting shells at low tide
how this is the place
she knows as home
but will never return to
letting go
the wind chime playing
her lover's ashes
scattered to sea

Anne Curran



Artspost venue hire

Available for your workplace function

5 exhibition galleries and retail space.

Venue hire

WSA Staff - hourly rate.

Catering can be provided or BYO.

Tables, chairs, glassware, projector,
art studios & more available for hire.

Gallery tours available



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Waikato wide events

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 prepared 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 hours depending on individual carving speed). WSA Print Studio, basement level.

Tickets available through WSA soon



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

WSA Sponsors - with thanks!

Please support these local businesses who do so much for the community.



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