



ARTSPOST Bulletin - 02 October 2026

Welcome to our latest bulletin and news from WSA.

WSA AGM 2026

The WSA AGM will be held in WSA's Print Studios for all current paid WSA Members. Please pay your membership if it has expired and you wish to attend.

Date: 14th October 2026

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Print Studio, Basement level, 120 Victoria St, Hamilton

Museum Carpark Closure

The Museum carpark behind Artspost will be closed from 12 -18 October for footpath repairs. Please find alternative carparking on the street and in nearby carpark buildings while the footpath maintenance occurs.

WSA Classes - Term 4 enrolments are now open. This is the last week to enrol before we close some of the class enrolments.

EXHIBITIONS now open

- **COW | City of Wonder.** Call into see exhibitions by Stu Bridson (Level 1, Artspost) and Caroline Peacocke (Artspost Gallery windows). **Last day: 4 October 2026.**
 - **PCANZ Small Print** travelling show of NZ-wide printmakers, including works by our Waikato printmakers. Runs from 1st October - 25th October 2026.
 - **WSA Members' Annual Exhibition:** from 5th October - 25th October 2026.
- Opening event: 10th October 2026 at 1.00pm**

EXHIBITION ENTRIES - Open now

NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards 2027 - entry forms are available on WSA's website.
Entries close: 17 January 2027.

Artspost HOURS

Mondays - Fridays: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturdays: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Sundays: usually CLOSED except for after an exhibition opening

Current & upcoming exhibitions

On until Sunday 25 October 2026

2026 WSA Members Annual Exhibition

5th - 25th October 2026

Opening event:
10th October @ 1.00pm



Artspost: 120 Victoria St, Hamilton



**EXHIBITION runs
1 October -
25 October 2026**

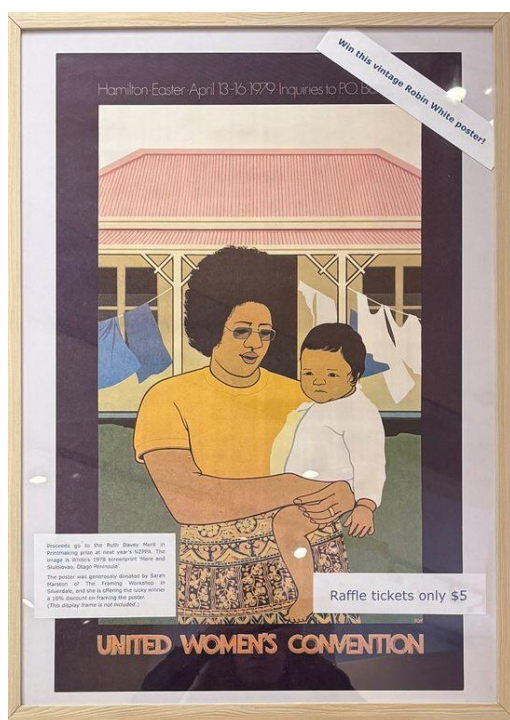


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**The
SMALL
Print**

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.**

Raffle will be drawn on 20th December 2026

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 Tutor Spotlight

Steph McLellan

Steph teaches intaglio-based printmaking classes on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

I grew up predominantly in the far North with my Dad who was a secondary school

mathematics and physics teacher. We spent our weekends when I wasn't doing horse events visiting galleries and artists, as my father had a passion for the creative

arts. It was on one of these excursions that I met NZ screen printer Fassett Burnett in

his Cable Bay studio. Straight away I was taken by the pared down landscapes and the process of printmaking.

I moved to the Waikato to attend Waikato University and Teachers College. David



Fowler at the Hamilton Teachers College Art Dept got me started on drypoint prints. While in David's class we were taken to meet Ruth Davy in her home studio, and there I was inspired by her etchings.

My drypoint prints caught the eye of an itinerant lecturer I had in 1990, the late Stan Boyle who invited me to come along to the WSA etching class run by Stan himself and Joan Travaglia. I attended classes from then on, totally hooked and the rest you can say is History..... I'm still a member 33 years later, and can still be found with inky fingers in the print room, however with the passing of Joan and Stan I am the one happily tutoring and encouraging others to love etching as much as I do. Although I love and dabble in all forms of print, etching is my passion and time in my studio is my happy place.

Nici Peacock

Masters in Fine Art - The New York Graduate School of Figurative Art
Nici teaches Drawing and Painting Techniques on a Wednesday morning.



Writer's column

Reading the Wind

i have certainly
felt and heard the wind
smelled the aroma
from the works in an easterly

there are ways to see the wind
in the movement of clouds
and their shadows
brush strokes

racing over the tussock slopes
its flow over the land
the sway of it
in canopies

at sea
the set of sails
cat's paws on water
the lean of the yacht

the glide of thistledown
giving you the vagaries of air
the way butterflies will
drift about the garden

and it ripples over ponds
flutters leaves
drifts smoke
from our campfire

and if i come home
wondering which way
the wind is blowing
i'll soon find out

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NYAA People's choice winner, Olive Galea being presented with her prize - a voucher from Gordon Harris. Her winning artwork is pictured on the right.



Waikato & beyond events



Waikato Decorative and Fine Arts Society

(Waikato DFAS)

dfaswaikato@gmail.com

Tena katoa katoa

Further to my visit on Monday, I would like to share more information about our lecture on **Thursday 1st October at Southwell School, Peachgrove Road** at 7.30 pm.

This lecture ties in beautifully with the **COW Art and Design Week** (cowartdesign.co.nz) in the city and is about the **Textile Visionaries of Modern Art and Design**. In particular, it focuses on Marion Dorn, and the wider avant-garde movement of the 1920's and 30's. (See poster attached)

Our Lecturer from the UK is **Ashley Gray**, a recognised textile expert who specialises in Modern Artist Textiles, their design and history. A leading authority on this subject, he is well published and has curated many exhibitions.

Waikato DFAS has been in existence in Hamilton for over 17 years and is part of a National 8-lecture programme by overseas and local experts on a range of topics from the Fine and Decorative Arts and Design, Literature, Architecture and History. We are soon to release our 2027 programme which can be found on our website: **www.dfaswaikato.org.nz**

You are welcome to come anytime after 7.00 pm and enjoy a free glass of wine. The lecture starts at 7.30 pm and there is free parking in the school grounds. You can come as a guest and pay \$25.00 either by cash or online - **Bank Account Number: 03 1568 0260926 000** - just add your name and we will know it's you!

For more information, please contact

Lyn Jones (Chairperson) Phone: 021 0610716



Waikato Decorative and Fine Arts Society (Waikato DFAS)

presents a lecture by Ashley Gray (UK)

Thursday 1 October 2026, 7.30pm at Southwell School

**Textile Visionaries of Modern Art and Design:
Marion Dorn**

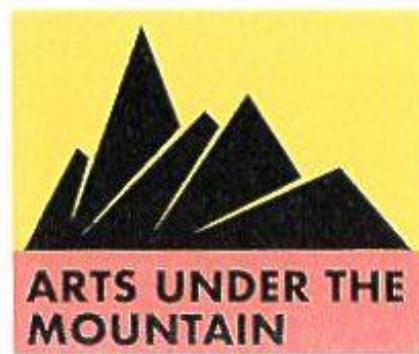
Marion Dorn was a groundbreaking textile designer primarily in the form of wall hangings, carpeting and rugs. This lecture explores her career and the wider avant-garde movement between the wars.



Ashley Gray is a recognised textile expert who specialises in Modern Artist Textiles, their design and history. A leading authority on this subject, he is well published and has curated many exhibitions.

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



Street Festival, Te Aroha
 Sunday 01 November
 10 am – 2 pm on Whitaker Street
 Contact: Deborah Dove (Committee Member)
 Ph: 021 410743
 Email: tearohafestivals@gmail.com

She SHED TOUR tickets for Gisborne's art trail are now on sale.
\$15.00 per person
 Please contact Caroline Peacocke via email to reserve your tickets.
caroline@coppermesh.co.nz



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