



# ART CONNECTIONS

Welcome to the April 2024 newsletter

Term 1 is nearly over at the art school, and we would like to thank the students who regularly support our school and tutors by enrolling in their classes. We are lucky to have a dedicated team of tutors who come to the WSA and provide high quality courses for all ages. If you are thinking of doing a class in term 2 then please make sure you book quickly as spaces are limited.

The NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards will be held in the artspost galleries on 12 April at 5.30pm. Our judges, Kura Te Waru-Rewiri and Marian Maguire will be announcing the prize winners from the 62 finalists who will be exhibiting until 5 May. We are excited to host the NZPPA and look forward to the community enjoying and supporting the Painters and Printmakers who have worked so hard to achieve this accolade. This is the Waikato Society of Arts main fundraiser for the year so please come and see the incredible works on display, encourage your friends, business owners and art lovers to view and support the artists. You may find a piece of art that ends up going home with you.

The Ruth Davey collection is now on display in the artspost shop space and any sales from Ruth's works goes to the NZPPA Merit in Printmaking Award each year. Please support this as this fund goes straight to the winning artist.

Now that we have the artspost galleries and shop, if you are thinking of a gift for someone remember there is a wide selection of art from small to large that we sell and any sales benefit the artist and the WSA operations. All items at artspost are made by NZ artists. We are running WSA and artspost on a small staff ratio, and this is a trial to see if WSA can sustain this extra undertaking of four galleries and the retail space. It was pleasing to hear all the positive comments about the presentation as a lot of work goes into this and the new Ruth Davey gallery, set up by volunteers. If you feel you can contribute to helping with art studio and materials maintenance, then please contact us as we have a list of small jobs that go along way to us keeping on top of things.

Blue gallery will be closing on 30 April. We would like to thank PAUA Architects for their support in making this another exhibition opportunity for artists. We would like to thank the volunteers who sat at blue while exhibitions were on and to all the artists who exhibited, the buyers and the supporters, we couldn't have done this without you.

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The current exhibition, Coastal Ink-spirations, is by three WSA printmakers, who had a successful opening last Saturday and are there for a couple more weeks. The final exhibition, Converging Journeys, will be opening on 10 April and running through until 27 April. Make sure to mark these as must views and make the most of this gallery before it's gone.

As a charity and not for profit organisation we are always happy to receive donations towards the many threads that make up the WSA, from national awards, art classes and materials, the art library, gallery supplies, maintenance and towards the daily operations that keep this all available for the community.

Thank you for your continued support.

Julie Johnstone

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## New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Awards 2024

**artspost**

galleries

### Opening Event & Awards Presentation

Friday 12th April

5.30pm-7pm

### Judges Talk

Saturday 13th April

9.30am

As part of the NZ Painting and Printmaking exhibition, we will be hosting **artist talks** throughout this time. Please save the dates 14th, 20th and 27th of April from 10.30-12.30pm. There will be 3-4 artists who are finalists in the exhibition talking about their work, on each date, with some time for questions. Come and support this new initiative from the WSA. Please remember to save time for the Judge's talks on 13 April from the earlier time now of 9.30am.



Exhibition runs daily until Sunday 5th May. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar.

**Monday - Friday 9am-5pm**  
**Saturday 9am-4pm**  
**Sunday 10am-3pm**

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# artspost

exhibitions

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## The bronzies: HOOKED ON BRONZE EXHIBITION

5 April - 29 April



During the past year, a group of local creative folk came together to explore making their own bronze sculptures. The bronzies collective is made up of potters, ceramists, teachers, jewellers and a blacksmith - all of whom are inspired by the alchemy of fire and the lost-wax process of casting bronze sculpture. This process is quite involved and needs good team work, so the bronzies banded together to share (and in some cases make) the equipment and resources needed to get pouring. They meet in each other's studios and workshops to create and inspire and share lunches along with the latest news!

The bronzies invite you to their first exhibition at ArtsPost entitled HOOKED ON BRONZE. It will display a variety of bronze hooks and hangers HOT from their furnace.



**Opening event at 5.30pm Friday 5 April - Meet the makers!**  
**Closes 4.00pm Monday 29 April**

Nicholas Brumder, Theresa Brumder, Yasmin Davis, Peter Faulkner, Noelene Mutch, Susan St Lawrence, Meg Wilshier.

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## Joan Fear (1932 - 2022) : The Works

11 May - 9 June

Joan's posthumous exhibition presents her experience of life recorded in oils, acrylics, pencil, pen, pastel, conte, watercolour, ink, dyes, charcoal and ceramics, in a selection of Joan's work from the 1950's through to 2022, when she stopped making work aged 90.

Sixty plus years of acquired skill, mastery of media and dedication to her practice can be seen at artspost in Hamilton 11 May - 9 June 2024.



'Waikato Pastoral I' by Joan Fear  
signed and dated 1983. Size (framed) 680 x 680 mm

*"When I paint, I am playing with colour, texture, space, time - all that: but I am telling a story - maybe just for myself, maybe not: it doesn't matter. What does matter, at least to me, is that the story involves me - that I mean it, that my experience of life is put there."* Joan Fear (1932 - 2022)

# artspost

## Retail space

Our retail space at artspost has a beautiful collection of handmade and bespoke items made by artists from around the Waikato and New Zealand. From framed art, prints, ceramics, jewellery, coloured glass, aprons, tea towels, cards, vintage wool blanket craft and much more. We are constantly adding new stock as we discover more fabulous products from around New Zealand. Well worth a visit to find a special gift or item for your home.



## Bruce McLachlan - 'The Way You Look At It'

7th March - 4th April

If you haven't yet viewed artist Bruce McLachlan's exhibiton in the Ruth Davey Gallery space at artspost, be sure to call in before it ends on 4 April.



## Printopia 2024

3-5 May 2024

Corban Estate Arts Center

Don't miss this year's Printopia and experience all the fun of a big print fair.

Beginning with an awards night from 6-9 on Friday, 3 May, and running from 10-3 on Saturday and Sunday, there's a full weekend of inspiring free talks and demos and specialist half-day workshops.

Come meet awesome printmakers from across the country and shop for prints, materials and equipment. This year WSA has taken a stand in the Vendors' Hall.

Please contact Janice to have your prints included or to help run the stand on part of Saturday or Sunday. Email Janice at [jmeadows51@gmail.com](mailto:jmeadows51@gmail.com) with the subject line: "WSA at Printopia".

Meanwhile, check out their website for more info on talks and demos and to register for workshops: <https://printopia.nz>



## WAIPRINT 2024

18 July - 19 August, artspost

Printmakers, start thinking about your submissions for WAIPRINT. We're back in artspost this year and looking forward to filling two galleries with our best efforts. Please note the dates, which have been changed since the February newsletter.

Our guest artist this year is Heather McLean, who is known for her beautiful woodcuts. Her theme will be 'Flora' and we can expect engaging colour, texture and rich surfaces.

A trained printmaker and educator, Heather will be taking a workshop to share her techniques for creating mesmerizing multi-block prints. We don't have dates or costs yet, but if you're interested in the workshop please email Julie at [julie@wsa.org.nz](mailto:julie@wsa.org.nz) with subject line 'WAIPRINT workshop'.



image by Heather McLean

## Raffle

### Win this Ruth Davey original etching

in a raffle to benefit the Ruth Davey Merit in Printmaking Prize awarded at the 2024 NZPPA. You can see this Davey print (and others) at artspost and purchase tickets for only \$2 each or three for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn at the NZPPA opening, which begins at 5,30 on Friday, 12 April.





## National Youth Art Award 2024

26 July - 18 August

The National Youth Art Awards 2024 exhibition will be held at artspost galleries, 120 Victoria Street, Hamilton.

All artists are encouraged to enter from ages 13 years to 25 years in 3 age categories. 13-14, 15-19 and 20-25 years.

**This years judges:** Ahsin Ahsin & Tamsin Green



Ahsin Ahsin is an artist from the islands of Aitu and Aitutaki. He has completed major mural works as part of Boon street-art festival and Street Prints Mauao. Ahsin has exhibited largely throughout Aotearoa in Kirikiriroa, Auckland and Melbourne. He has an extensive list of commission work and has participated in international art initiatives including a series in India & Belgium.

I whānau mai au i Ahitereiria, ki te whenua o te tangata Gadigal. He uri tēnei no Aerani, no Itaria, no Ingarani, no Kōtirangi hoki. E noho ana au i Kirikiriroa inānei. He kaiako ahua ki Wintec He kaiwhakahaere toi ki Ramp Gallery Ko Tamsin Green tōku ingoa. I am originally from Australia, where I lectured in fine art and ran a contemporary gallery. I spent four years in Brooklyn, New York before moving to the Waikato to be close to whānau. I currently teach in the School of Media Arts at Wintec and run Ramp Gallery.



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**Entries close 17 June 2024**

**Artists notified 25 June 2024**  
(finalists and non-finalists)

**Awards and Opening night**  
Friday, 26 July 2024 at 5.30pm

blue Gallery

‘Coastal ink Spiration’

Group exhibition by Lorraine Sabini, Caroline Peacocke & Renee Marjolein

20th March - 6th April

Below are some photos of the fabulous exhibition by talented printmakers Lorraine Sabini, Caroline Peacock and Renee Marjolein’s joint exhibition. If you haven’t yet called in to view the exhibition make sure you do before 6 April. Open Wednesday - Saturday 11.30am - 3pm.



‘Converging Journeys’

Group Exhibition by Li-Swan Lim, Jeanette Shennan, Kim McEvelly & Emily Anne Eales

10 April - 28 April

Opening Event Wednesday 10 April



3 Anzac Parade Hamilton

Wed - Sat 11.30am-3pm

The WSA’s last exhibition at blue gallery will be a group exhibition by 3 watercolour artists and ceramic artist Emily Anne Eales. These four artists have each migrated from elsewhere on this planet. They have come from different climates, cultures, work, and rhythms and they have chosen to adapt to the seasons, rhythms, and notions of Hamilton, New Zealand. There will be a lovely variety of art exhibited well worth making a visit to view.



## Mavis & Co Rototuna Exhibition

**Pat Berry**  
**5th April - 7 May**

Long term WSA member and untutored Monday class student Pat Berry is next to exhibit at Mavis and Co Rototuna. Following a number of years pursuing a career and being involved with family interests, Pat is now following a long standing interest in oil painting. Primarily, his paintings are oil on canvas, a medium he enjoys working with and exploring. He paints places and portrays experiences that have impacted his life in some way. A number of his paintings are about out of the ways places he has visited and experiences he has had while tramping, travelling or fishing. Make sure you call in to view these stunning pieces and enjoy a drink and something to eat while there if you wish to.



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### 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL KIRIKIRIROA ART TOUR



This is Lee

Monday 22nd April 2024 10-11am

- Please bring a gold coin for Lee, your guide.
- Meet at **Arts post 120 Victoria St, Hamilton**
- Tour the current exhibition.
- The tour will finish at 11am.
- You are more than welcome to leave before this, and take breaks when needed.
- You can bring a support person (or Parent) for free. Kids are not to come alone.
- Please ask questions

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 5PM - 7PM

22 MARCH -  
 28 APRIL  
 2024

Feeling Lover Boy, Kellie Edwards

## 5-12 year olds April Art Holiday Programme

We have an exciting programme of art activities on offer during the April School Holidays. From painting, watercolour, clay, collage, paper art, drawing skills and much more. Enrol for 1 morning or multiple. Our tutors are highly skilled and passionate about passing their vast knowledge of art onto youth.

**All Materials Provided**



**Monday 15 April- Friday 26 April**  
(no session 25 April - Anzac Day)

**9am-12pm**

\$35 per child per morning or \$30 if attending 5 mornings or more.

**Enrol online**  
[wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz)

## 12-17 year olds April Sculpture & 3D Character Design Holiday Programme

**Monday 15th April - Thursday 18th April**

**Enrol online**  
[wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz)

**\$219 includes**  
**all materials**

**9am-12pm**



Students made some wonderful creations in the January Sculpture and 3D Character Design school holiday programme. This time, we tested mica powder to give sculptures a metallic look. We are blown away by the level of talent exhibited by students. The Sculpture and 3D Character Design school holiday programme is run by Anya Gladstone-Gallagher and will return in the April school holidays. The programme will run over four mornings in the first week of the school holidays.

## 12-17 year olds April Puppet Making Holiday Programme

In the April school holidays, sculpture tutor Anya Gladstone-Gallagher will run a new Puppet Making school holiday programme. Students will design and build a rod puppet. They will learn how to sculpt a head, create the body and garments, and most importantly, make it move! So come and check it out!

The Puppet Making holiday programme will take place over three mornings in the second week of the school holidays.

**Monday 22nd April - Wednesday 24th April**



**9am - 12pm**

**\$165 includes**  
**all materials**

**Enrol online**  
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# Calendar of Events and Exhibitions

## APRIL

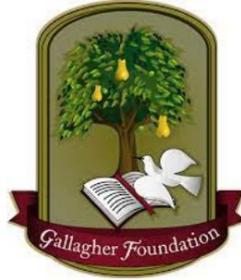
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<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 'Hooked on Bronze' exhibition ends at artspost Term 2 Classes Start	<b>30</b> Sandz Group Exhibition Starts - artspost	<b>Future Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• King's Birthday - Monday 3rd June (no classes)</li> <li>• Joan Fear exhibition ends - 9th June</li> <li>• Term 2 Ends Monday 24th June</li> <li>• Matariki Holiday - Friday 28th June</li> <li>• July School Holidays start Monday 8th July</li> </ul>			

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