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August 2024

Welcome to the August 2024 Newsletter

On Friday July 26th Artspost opened three new exhibitions. The National Youth Art Awards, Waiprint and Maria Spanbroek. What an amazing crowd of people that attended, to support these artists and their work. Thank you to Sam Cunnane from Wintec who kept the NYAA opening flowing smoothly, Hollie Tawhiao on the WSA Executive for the karakia and mihi whakatau, the Judges who chose a record number of finalists and finally, the incredible group of sponsors who make the National Youth Art Awards possible through their generosity with the prize money and their time to attend. There is the opportunity with Waiprint and the NYAA to vote for the People's Choice Award in each, so try to come along and see the exhibitions and choose your favourites. The winner of the NYAA People's Choice Award, receives a \$500 voucher from Gordon Harris Art Supplies and the runner up receives a \$350 voucher to the Sculpture Park's 'Out of the Box' game for up to 10 people. The Waiprint winner receives a free one-year WSA membership. We would like to thank Janice Meadows for the countless hours she puts in to organising the Waiprint exhibition and managing all that this entails. A big thank you to the fantastic team of volunteers who helped, from sanding and painting the walls, curating the exhibitions, hanging works, keeping the opening refreshments flowing, washing dishes and all the other tasks that go on behind the scenes. These are all jobs that happen every 4 weeks now at the WSA and without volunteers coming forward we would not be able to achieve this so seamlessly. Please contact us if you would like to be a part of this team for any of our exhibitions coming up.

Artspost retail space will now have Paulette working extended hours Thursday to Monday and primarily overseeing the stock and displays. You may have noticed how amazing this space has been looking since we opened in February, and this is thanks to the team behind the scenes and Paulette's merchandising expertise up front. We are looking forward to seeing more beautiful stock come into this area.

Term 3 has started, and classes are in full swing now. We would like to thank Paulette for her hard work and skills creating resources and tutoring the children's classes she has run over the past 9 years at WSA, her students will miss her. Our other skilled tutors have picked up Paulette's classes and Paulette is continuing to run her watercolour class on a Wednesday morning. The very successful School Holiday programme is being passed over to Josie Ward, who has been helping with this and currently tutors four children's classes with us. Josie has a BFA, specialising in textile design. The artschool email will be covered by Julie and art school business will still carry on as usual with enrolments and enquiries.

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Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Hollie Tawhiao who is stepping down from the WSA Executive. We would like to thank Hollie for her enthusiasm, motivation, skills and expertise she has brought to the team. Thank you for the valuable time you have given us, we will miss you on the Executive but are so pleased you will still be involved in helping to organise the 2025 NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards. We will be announcing details on the 2025 NZ Painting and Printmaking Awards shortly with the exhibition date being set for 21 February – 23 March in line with the Hamilton Arts Festival.

Julie Johnstone

'Mud, Fire, Magic!'

Exhibition by The Waikato Society of Potters

22 August - 22 September

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Ida Carey, Margot Philips
& Ruth Davey Galleries

The Waikato Society of Potters is delighted to showcase the work of their diverse, creative membership in their 52nd Annual Exhibition – Mud, Fire, Magic! Come along and see how artistic imagination is turned into ceramic reality. This is an exhibition celebrating all our members, no matter what stage of their clay journey they are at. It's diverse and eclectic, and quite a lot of fun. Join us at the **opening preview on the 22nd of August, 5.30pm** or check it out any time between the 23rd of August and 22nd of September at the ever-fabulous ArtsPost in Hamilton.



Pit Vase by Diane Parker

Andrea du Chatenier artist's talk

FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 7PM

please bring a plate to share

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Ward Park Art Centre
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www.waikatopotters.co.nz



'Once Were Trees'

Exhibition by Julia Christey

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Chartwell Gallery

Opening Preview, Friday 23 August, 4.30-7pm

Artist talk, Saturday 24 August 11 am

Exhibition dates 23 August to 23 September

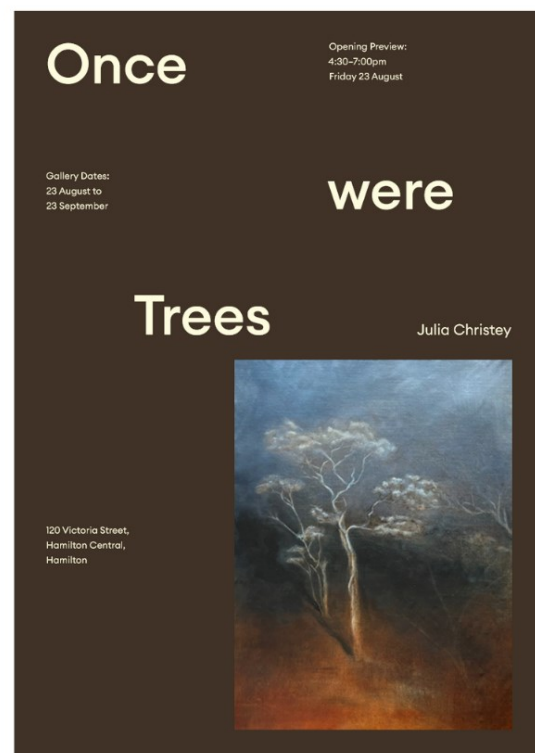
Julia Christey's enduring interest lies in the interface of human agency and our environment in its beautiful, dramatic and damaged form.

She explores disruptions to our ecological network by drawing on her experience, memory and emotional response to this complex landscape. Conceptually and technically, Julia uses erasure to explore the sense of loss and destabilisation of our ecology. She considers habitat destruction and catalogues the passage of time to create an uncomfortable tension representing an uncertain future.

Once were Trees celebrates our remaining primordial native bush as well as setting out a challenge as to how we can integrate better into the complex system that is our ecology.

Julia is a contemporary Waikato artist and holds a M.A. (Dist) in Visual Art. A practicing artist for 20 years, Julia has been a finalist in numerous national art awards and her work is held in private and public collections across New Zealand, Europe and the US.

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'Explore + Express = Freedom'

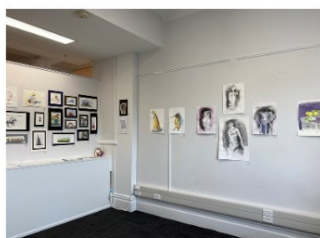
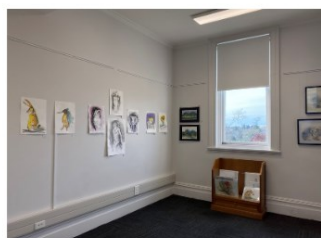
Exhibition by Maria Spanbroek

23 July - 18 August

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Ruth Davey Gallery

Currently exhibiting in the Ruth Davey Gallery at artspost is Maria Spanbroek. There is a stunning variety of art exhibited including framed and unframed works. Well worth calling in to view with many at affordable prices.



Waiprint 2024

WAIPRINT 2024 opened Friday night with great success, thanks to an impressive standard of entries and impeccable curating and hanging by Steph McLellan, Vicki Jones, Maree Glass and Caroline Peacocke. We were fortunate to have Heather McLean, our talented Guest Artist, in attendance with several members of her family.

It was a good time for seeing old print friends and meeting some of the newer contributors to our annual event. Opening in tandem with the NYAA ensured a large attendance, so there were lots of eyes on works and several sales, especially from the bins of unframed prints. The refreshments, prepared by WSA volunteers, went down a treat (pretty much down to the last crumb) and the bar did a booming business, ably staffed by the A-Team: volunteers Sue and Mike Roots and Malcolm Green.

If you didn't make it on the night (or couldn't see past the crowds) please be sure to visit during the exhibition. It continues through Sunday, 18 August. artspost is now open Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 9-3 and Sun 11-2.

Janice Meadows, WAIPRINT Organiser



Waiprint 2024



Renee Marjolein's print,
block and jar of carvings.



Janis MacDonald, Helen Tutty, Heather,
Janice Meadows: the Thursday morning
printmaking class as was.

Mavis & Co Rototuna Exhibition

'Mini Retrospective'

Garry Moore

16 July - 9 September

Be sure to call in to view long term WSA member Garry Moore's exhibition while it is on display at Mavis and Co Cafe Rototuna.

"I try to arrange the colours throughout my paintings. It is not a matter of selection, but an attempt to harmonise each colour with the others.

Ages ago I read that the Renaissance artists taught their students, who worked in the studio with them, to paint the background to the paintings in a middling colour, usually a reddish tone. This was supposed to stabilise the paint that one applies - one tries to harmonise the colours.

I aim to have an element of interest within each work which can be developed. I attempt to bring together different elements to create a rhythm of shape, colour, pattern and lines that repeat and echo each other."

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Rototuna Shopping Centre
2/44 Horsham Downs Road



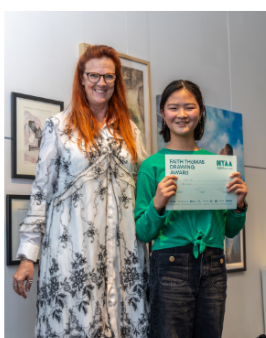
National Youth Art Award 2024

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Over the next two pages are some photos from the fabulous opening event. Be sure to call in to view this stunning exhibition and vote for the peoples choice award sponsored by Gordon Harris and The Sculpture Park. We have received some lovely feedback from winners and teachers of students entered about the opening event held on Friday 26th July. We are very grateful to hear this has been a positive experience for many involved in this years event.



"It's always exciting to enter an award ceremony, but winning an award takes it to the next level of happiness. This piece of artwork required a lot of hard work to complete, and persevering through the entire process wasn't easy. I'm just glad the hard work paid off, thanks to the guidance and support from my teacher, Helen Wong."

Shiyu Liu – Drawing award

Faith Thomas – sponsor of the Drawing Prize Winner.
Pictured with winner Shiyu Liu.

"A very enjoyable successful opening, one of the best. What a credit to you and your team. The work behind the scenes is not seen, but without such dedication events would not be of such a high standard, attracting the large supportive crowd and growing number of entries from across NZ. Lovely to be back at Artspost Gallery."

Faith Thomas – St Peters Head of Department IB Visual Art

"Being recognised for this award is not only an incredible privilege, but also an encouragement. I cannot wait to keep creating and extending my sculpture practice. Hopefully, I will enter more awards in the future. Thank you to ArtsPost and the Waikato Society of Arts for the wonderful experience!"

Olivia Connolly – Sculpture Prize

"This is my quote "I feel very inspired by this recognition, I love art and winning this competition helps prove that I'm on the right track. I'm motivated now to keep improving my painting skills and will enter again next year!"

Cody Lee – First 13-14 years



Richard Reid – sponsor of the Sculpture Prize Winner. Pictured with winner Olivia Connolly.



Sam Cunnane – Our wonderful MC for the evening and Head of Wintec Media Arts.



Hollie Tawhiao – WSA Executive member performing Karakia and presenting an award.



WSA Printmaker Sue Roots and friend enjoying the evening.

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"I think it's really cool to see something I've put so much effort into recognized and I guess appreciated by people that aren't my mum and dad. It also just feels kinda validating to know that what I'm doing isn't just for a grade or something for school, but something that I enjoy doing that others might enjoy looking at."

Penamino Tuia



PCANZ sponsor representative Vicki Jones (left) pictured with Printmaking Winner Penamino Tuia's Parents.



"Once again, thank you to the team so much for the amazing opportunity of these young artists! The parents were over the moon and sent me some photos as well which I'll post on our school socials soon."

Every year we look forward to NYAA and are so proud of Pena this year." **Jenny Song – Dilworth Art and Technology – Student Penamino Tuia – Print Award**



WSA Executive Chairperson Rachael Hayton with the certificate for Overall Winner Olive Ruddenklau (absent).



Yiran Zhao Merit Prize Winner in the 13-14 years category. Sponsored by Nic Wells. Pictured with her artwork titled 'Pray'.



Kyra Alkamil - Winner of the 15-19 years category. Pictured with this years Judges Ahsin Ahsin (left) and Tamsin Green (right). This award was sponsored by Simon and Anna Lou (absent).

"It was a fantastic event, showcasing exciting talent. I loved it and loved the venue. Congratulations for all that WSA are doing."

Marcus Bradburn – St Peters Head of School

"Thank you for the superb coordination and the tough mahi that is put in to make this show happen. I know what it takes. We do have some beautiful young talents sprouting. And we are glad to see such a plethora of outstanding works. I will recommend our art teachers visit the show with their students. It would be great. I thoroughly enjoyed the show."

Sudhir Duppati – Curriculum Leader Visual Arts, Rototuna Senior High School



Elizabeth Thompson - 15-19 years Merit Winner with Rachael Hayton - Sponsor and Executive Chairperson of the WSA. This award was also sponsored by Wintec.



Roger Fitzgerald from Forsyth Barr - sponsor of the First Prize in the 20-25 years category. Pictured with winner Stevie Fiske. This award was also sponsored by Rachael Hayton CFO Partners.



Sponsor Juliet from Juliet Coleman Interiors with the 20-25 years Merit Winning artwork 'Friendly Devil' by Nina De Montalk-Boote (absent)

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**Congratulations to
the 2024 winners!.**

Overall Winner
Olive Ruddenklau -
'Sentience'



20-25 years First Prize
Stevie Fiske - 'Liife'



20-25 years Merit Prize
Nina de Montalk-Boote -
'Friendly Devil'



**Sculpture
Winner**
Olivia Connolly -
'In The Event
That We Decay'



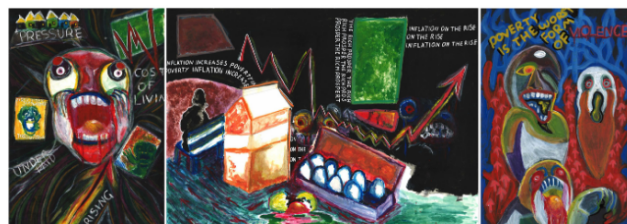
**Printmaking
Winner**
Penamino Tuia -
'On My Way Up'



15-19 years First Prize
Kyra Alkamil - 'Present'



15-19 years Merit Prize
Elizabeth Thompson -
'Costs of Living'



Drawing Winner
Shiyu Liu - 'Achievers'



13-14 years First Prize
Cody Lee - 'Co Existing'



13-14 years Merit Prize
Yiran Zhao - 'Pray'



Photography Winner
Alvin Yue Cui - 'Lost...'



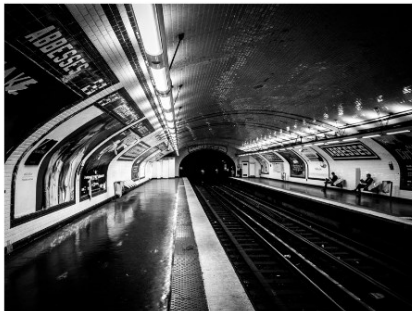
Absolute Beginners - Photography Fundamentals – Workshop

Wednesday 14th August
6.15pm-8.15pm
\$30pp

Just starting out in your photographic journey? Want to learn to take great photos with your phone or camera or thinking of studying art, design or photography next year? This workshop will help you learn the fundamentals of photography and some tricks of the trade to take better photos.

Please remember to bring your camera!
(Students need to bring their own equipment)

Enrol online
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SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST KIRIKIRIROA ART TOUR



This is Lee

- Meet outside ArtsPost, 120 Victoria St, Hamilton, at 1pm. We will tour the current exhibitions, National youth art award and Waiprint. concluding at 2pm. You are welcome to leave earlier or take breaks as needed.
- Feel free to bring a support person (or parent) Kids are not to come alone. And again, please don't hesitate to ask questions.
- You can book you spot on line for \$1 or turn up on the day for a gold coin donation. Booking helps me!

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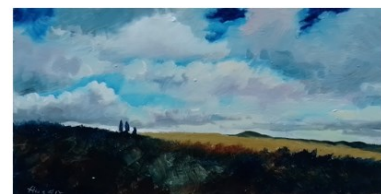
<https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/out-of-the-box-game>

“Freedom” Art Exhibition and Sale

West Hamilton Community Church (27A Rifle Range Road) is having a sale of donated art work, to raise funds for the Barnabas Aid Brick Kiln Workers project . <https://www.barnabasaid.org/nz/brick-kiln/>

If you would like to contribute, they provide brick sized MDF boards for painting etc. (some of the Tuesday morning printers are using them as print blocks, or mounts for prints), but other different sized artwork will be accepted as well.

Donations should be received by 15th August and the sale will be held from 10am to 5pm on Saturday August 31st (delayed from the original July 20th date). For more information please contact Robyn Jackson at robyn.jackson.nd@gmail.com or phone 0272343030.

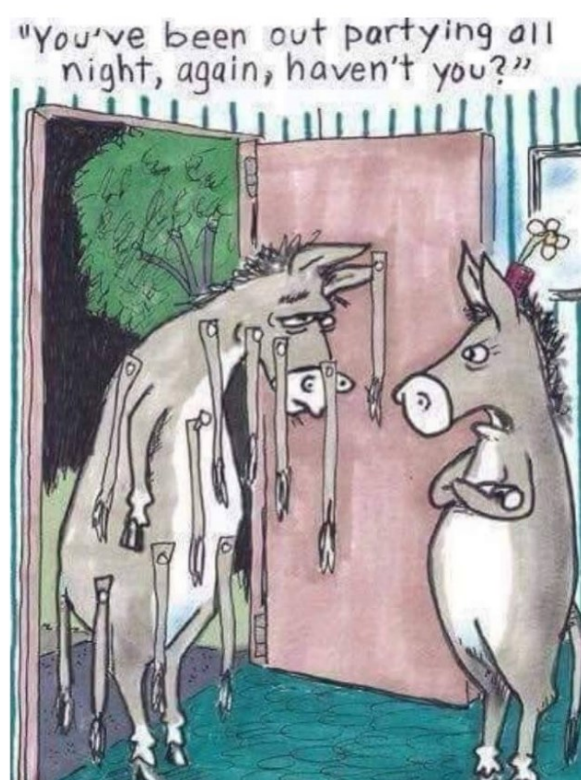


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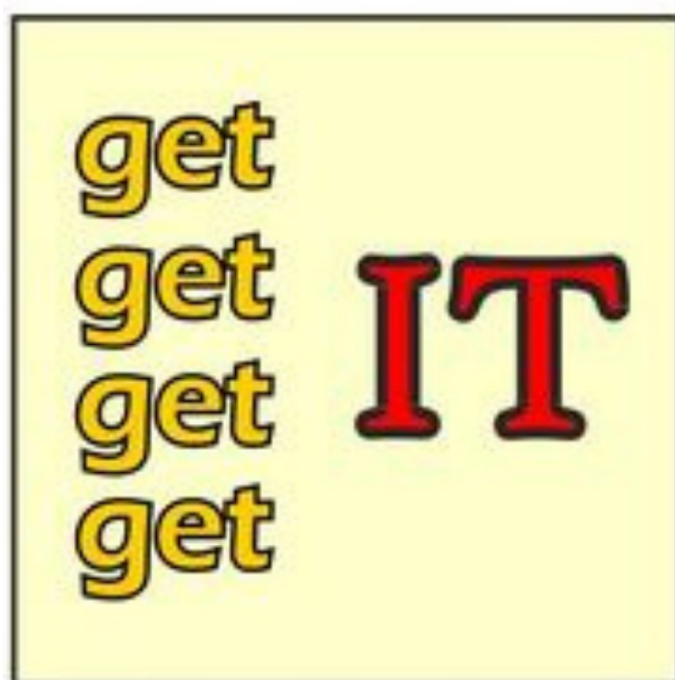
The Friends of the Museum raise funds to support Waikato Museum to "flourish and grow".

Join the Friends of Waikato Museum at <https://waikatomuseum.co.nz/get-involved/friends-of-waikato-museum> for as little as \$20.00 and enjoy the benefits of Museum previews, visits to private art collections, discounts, and special events!

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Brain Teaser

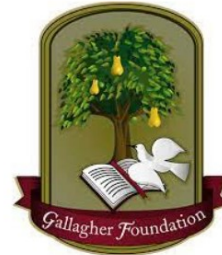


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*Brain Teaser Answer: Forget It



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