



WAIKATO SOCIETY OF ARTS

Art Connections

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Welcome to the July 2023 newsletter from the Waikato Society of Arts

The inaugural Small Sculpture Award for 2023 was held at blue gallery on 23 June, run by the WSA. We were joined by many of the finalists for the exhibition, the Judge, Andrea du Chatenier and our sponsors for the awards, PAUA Architects, Foster Construction and Rachael Hayton- CFO Partner. The exhibition idea was first introduced by Gaye Jurisich when she was on the WSA Executive and it was great to have Gaye come back to curate the 29 finalists' works. Andrea du Chatenier held a very informative Judge's floor talk on the Saturday after the Awards, captivating her audience for over an hour discussing the works on display, the techniques and her qualified thoughts behind the pieces. The exhibition is on until 22 July at blue, come along and support these artists from around the country. The catalogue can be viewed on our website if you would like to purchase a stunning sculpture for your home or as a gift and can't make the exhibition.

We had the privilege of attending the Wintec Media Arts graduation ceremony on Monday, 26 June. It was interesting to see the range of courses offered, the age range and the depth of talent being produced. We sponsored the WSA Graduate Exhibition Award, won by Joslyn Elenor Hobbs. Joslyn receives a free exhibition space at blue gallery in 2024. We can't wait to see her work and congratulations on a great achievement.

The July School Holiday programme begins on the 3rd of July, so if you have little ones with you over this period, why not enrol them into a half day or more of fun, artistic activities we know they will enjoy. Highly skilled art tutor and watercolourist, Paulette Bruns runs this popular programme in between our school terms, four times per year, with the help of art tutor and textile designer, Josie Ward.

It's hard to believe term 3 is nearly upon us with another round of art classes being offered. Make sure to check our website for the latest classes we have added, including short term art talks and other classes on offer that may vary from the full 8 week term. Our untutored classes are a great way to connect with fellow artists in a casual atmosphere where you can come and go as you please over the term. If you'd like to know more about any of the classes we have please contact us at artschool@wsa.org.nz

The National Youth Art Award entries for 2023 have now closed and we have received over 300 entries, with growth in every category. This makes a tough job for our two wonderful judges, both experts in their fields, Hollie Tawhaio and Tonia Geddes and we appreciate the time they make to complete this first step in the judging process. 51 finalists have been chosen for this year's awards and exhibition, in the 3 categories of 13-14, 15-19 and 20-25 years. The awards will be held at blue gallery on July 28th at 5.30pm. This is an exhibition to promote youth art from around Aotearoa and to support the hopes and aspirations of these emerging artists, so please show your support by visiting blue while this is on.

The annual Members Exhibition entries close on August 8th. This year we are holding the exhibition at our gallery, blue, with a limit of 1 entry per member. All mediums are welcome and we are looking forward to seeing your best work from the past year where possible. The Opening will be held on Saturday at 1.30pm to make it more accessible for those artists who struggle to make a mid-week evening date. We have also added an option where you are able to donate some or all of your sale proceeds to the Waikato Society of Arts, if you wish to support our not for profit organisation in a practical way. These donations are hugely appreciated, are necessary and will go towards the art school, art tutors and WSA operations as we continue to apply for sponsorship and funding in a growing, competitive environment. We are coming up to our 90th year since we were founded from the vision of our former members and by the continuing dedication of our Executive, tutors, volunteers and current members as we plan ahead to the future and the role we play as part of the Waikato artistic community.

Our deepest sympathies go to Gay Fraundorfer's family as we all mourn the loss of one of our Life Members at the Waikato Society of Arts. Gay passed away on the 3rd of June 2023, having just celebrated her 91st birthday on the 1st of June with close family.

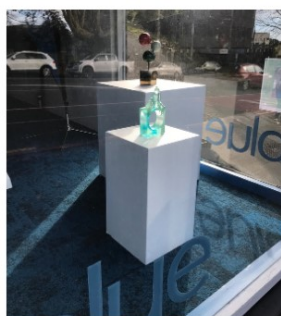
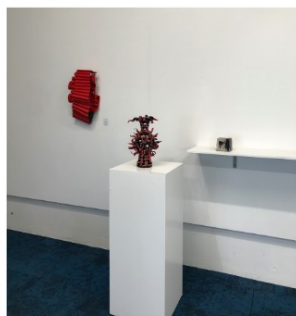
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SSA - Small Sculpture Awards 2023

Our inaugural Small Sculpture Awards opened on Friday 23 June to a packed blue gallery. It was wonderful to see so many in attendance. Congratulations to the 2023 winner Louise McRae with 'Red', Merit Prize Robyn Gibson with 'Press for Self Congratulations' & Highly Commended to Stuart Bridson with 'hello'. Be sure to view this exhibition before it closes on 22 July. Below are a few images of the exhibition.



Winner
'Red' by Louise McRae



Merit Prize
'Press for Self Congratulations' by Robyn Gibson



Highly Commended
'hello' by Stuart Bridson

blue Gallery

Open Wednesday – Saturday
11.30am – 3.00pm



blue gallery
3 Anzac Parade, Hamilton

SSA - Small Sculpture Awards 2023



Sponsor Antanas Procuta from Paua Architects with Winner Louise McRae and Judge Andrea du Chatenier

Sponsor Nigel Sun Fosters CEO with Judge Andrea du Chatenier



Janice & Nigel Sun with Antanas Procuta



Winner Louise McRae with her entry 'Red'



Sponsor Nigel Sun of Fosters presenting the Merit Prize. This was received on behalf of Robyn Gibson by her friend in the photo as Robyn couldn't attend the awards



Stuart Bridson with Sponsor Rachael Hayton from CFO Partners and Judge Andrea du Chatenier



Stuart Bridson with his Highly Commended entry 'hello'

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in sitting at one of our upcoming exhibitions at our gallery, blue, on 3 Anzac Parade, Hamilton, then please contact us. The gallery is open Wednesday to Saturday and the hours are 11.30am to 3pm. You are welcome to bring your art work along to work on, a friend for company or split the shift with someone else. All you have to do is open and close the gallery, no money gets handled and record any sales in the invoice book. Catalogues of the exhibitions will be available for visitors.

The exhibitions that will be running during this period will be:

The Small Sculpture Award from 24 June – 22 July. Opening 23 June at 5.30pm

The National Youth Art Awards from 29 July to 12 August. Opening 28 July at 5.30pm

The annual Members exhibition from 19 August to 10 September. Opening 19th August at 1pm

Term 3 Classes

For more information or to enrol wsa.org.nz

Our term 3 classes start from Monday 17th July and run for 8 weeks. (Some classes will start a week or 2 later than others). Below are a selection of classes that currently have spaces available for term 3.

Our tutors are highly skilled in their chosen fields and are passionate about passing on their knowledge to you. Class numbers are kept at 8 maximum to give you a quality experience. Our studios are a lovely space to create in the winter months, with plenty of heating, light and sun.

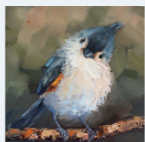
Monday Evening Oil Painting

17th July-4th Sept - 8 weeks

Suitable for beginners and continuers

Tutored by Dale Gilmore

\$205 WSA members, \$245 non-members



Tuesday Morning Adults Creative Writing

18th July-5th Sept - 8 weeks

*Tutored by
Anya Gladstone-Gallagher*

\$185 WSA members, \$225 non-members



Tuesday Afternoon Relief Printmaking

18th July-5th Sept - 8 weeks

Suitable for beginners & continuers

Tutored by Renee Marjolein

\$205 WSA members, \$245 non-members



Tuesday Afternoon 'Let's Talk: About Art'

18th & 25th July - 2 weeks

*Tutored by
Deborah Cain*

\$60 WSA members, \$100 non-members



Tuesday 5-9 year olds art class

18th July-5th Sept - 8 weeks

Tutored by Rhiannon Jackson

\$160 includes all Materials



Tuesday 10-14 year olds art class

18th July-5th Sept - 8 weeks

Tutored by Gemma Reid

\$160 includes all Materials



Tuesday 12-15 year olds Portrait & Figure Drawing Class

1st August-22nd August - 4 weeks

Tutored by Gemma Reid

\$80 includes all Materials



Tuesday Evening Beginner Watercolour class

18th July-5th Sept - 8 weeks

Tutored by Paulette Bruns

\$205 WSA members, \$245 non-members



Term 3 Classes

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<p>Wednesday 5-9 year olds art class</p> <p>19th July-6th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Josie Ward</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 	<p>Wednesday 13-18 year old Teen art class</p> <p>19th July-6th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Ellie Lee-Duncan</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 
<p>Thursday Morning Drop In Untutored Art</p> <p>20th July-7th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p>Come and create with in a welcoming studio</p> <p><i>Attend casually for \$15 each session</i></p> 	<p>Thursday Painting & Drawing Techniques</p> <p>20th July-7th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p>Suitable for beginners & continuers</p> <p><i>Tutored by Dale Gilmore</i></p> <p>\$205 WSA members, \$245 non-members</p> 
<p>Thursday Art & Illustration 10-12 year olds</p> <p>20th July-7th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Rhiannon Jackson</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 	<p>Friday Untutored Watercolour Class</p> <p>21st July-8th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p>Come and paint with other keen watercolourists</p> <p>\$95 WSA members, \$135 non-members</p> 
<p>Friday Drawing & Painting the Body</p> <p>4th August-8th Sept - 6 weeks</p> <p>Suitable for beginners & continuers</p> <p><i>Tutored by Ellie Lee-Duncan</i></p> <p>\$165 WSA members, \$205 non-members</p> 	<p>Friday Art & Illustration 8-10 year olds</p> <p>21st July-8th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Rhiannon Jackson</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 
<p>Saturday Morning Art Skills 5-9 years</p> <p>22nd July-9th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Emily Nicholson</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 	<p>Saturday 5-9 years Art Skills</p> <p>22nd July-9th Sept - 8 weeks</p> <p><i>Tutored by Emily Nicholson</i></p> <p>\$160 includes all Materials</p> 

Life Member Obituary

Gay Fraundorfer 1932-2023

WSA Life Member Gay Fraundorfer passed away on 3 June. Several of her family were in attendance, having arrived to celebrate her birthday just a few days before. She was an intrinsic member of WSA for many decades, and thoroughly involved in the artistic life of Hamilton and the Waikato. Two of her friends remember her here.



'The Fern Collection. Series 4'
by Gay Fraundorfer

From Elaine Henry:

Gay was active on the WSA committee in the 1970's, when I was also on the committee. She took part also on Field Day trips and weekends organised by Mike Stringfield, which I went on also. Gay exhibited her paintings regularly with the WSA exhibitions and we exhibited together in one show. Her dual show with Pat Paterson at the James Wallace Gallery in Morrinsville may have been her last major show. Gay had a studio in her house and was regularly working for many years.

and Pat Paterson writes:

My first formal introduction to Gay was when Lola Badman approached a group of Waikato artists to exhibit together at the WSA during the late 1980's. From this beginning Gay became one of our group known as 5 WAIKATO ARTISTS. We exhibited together from the late 80's and all of the 1990's in Taupo, Tauranga, Auckland and regularly at the WSA. She supported us all in our art endeavours, passing on her thoughts and encouragement. She gathered us together to inspire us for our next trip or exhibition. As well as travelling together for memorable art shows, we became a group of friends beyond the exhibiting group who supported each other to continue painting.

I was lucky enough for Gay to ask me to exhibit with her at the James Wallace Gallery in 2012, her last exhibition. She was a very dear friend, with whom I shared a love of gardening and classical music. We will all miss her.

Mavis & Co Exhibition Wednesday 13-18 year olds Art Class

6th June - 3rd July

Our 13-18 year old class have had a selection of their art on display at Mavis & Co Rototuna recently. There are still a few days to view these if you haven't yet.



4th July - 31st July

Following our teen class exhibition is their tutor Ellie Lee-Duncan. Be sure to call in for a coffee and something from the delicious selection while you check out Ellie's art.

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Printmaking News

In this new section to our newsletter we will be bringing you a variety of news, information and other interesting pieces from the world of printmaking both here at the WSA and further afield.

WAIPRINT 2023

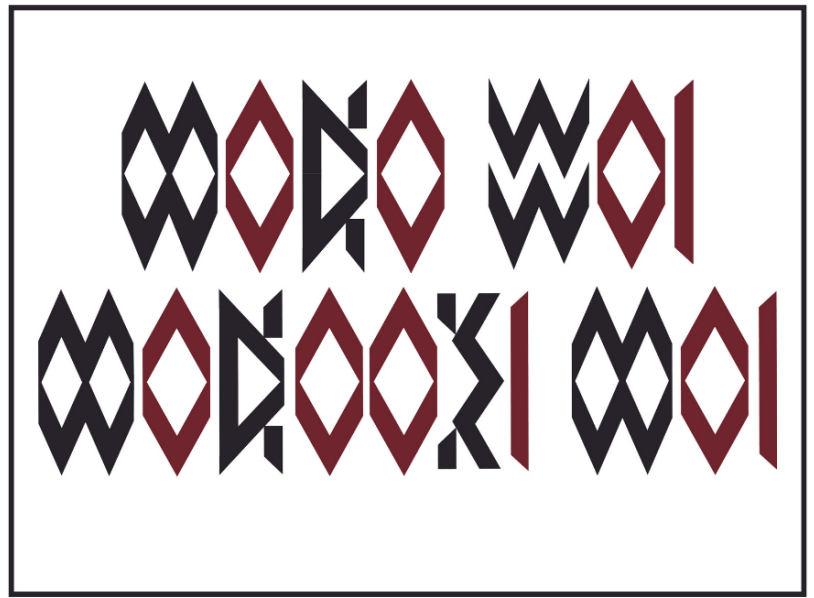
23 September – 12 October
at blue gallery

Opening:

Friday, 22 September, 5.30

Workshops:

Saturday, 23 September,
and Saturday, 7 October (TBC)



Hey Printmakers!

Time to start planning your submissions for WAIPRINT 2023. We're excited to be showing for the first time in WSA's new gallery, blue, at 3 Anzac Parade, downstairs from Paua Architects. And we're especially excited to welcome our guest artist, legendary printmaker and educator Marty Vreede.

Type Scape: A River Conversation

The distinctive landscape of the Whanganui region is created by the river, with deep incisions of the land and characteristic plateaus and flats. For printmaker and typographer Marty Vreede this landscape has informed his latest font design titled 'Te Awa Reo'. In Type Scape he will exhibit woodcuts, drawings, and the work leading to a font design that marks his response to the conversation between Te Awa Tupu o Whanganui me Papatuanuku.

Marty will take a one-day workshop on the Saturday following the opening. The class will be limited to nine people but will be suitable for both experienced printmakers and absolute novices. The relief technique he will teach yields immediate results but also informs basic printmaking ideas of repetition and variation of form and colour. All going well, a class collaboration will result in an addition to the WAIPRINT exhibition.

Still on the font front, a second workshop is also in the planning stages, for Saturday, 7 October. We're in discussion with Graham Judd of Inkiana Press about bringing his letterpress to the Print Room for a one-day workshop. www.inkianapress.co.nz.

Please let Julie know by email if you are interested in attending either (or both) of these workshops. She'll add you to a list and keep you informed of developments. julie@wsa.org.nz

Mavis & Co Exhibition

Exhibiting from 31st July to 4th September at Mavis & Co Rototuna will be WSA member Toni Leefe. Toni is a mouth & foot artist. Below is her bio and journey to becoming an artist.

31st July to 4th September

MFPA BIO...

- How you acquired your spinal cord injury

At the age of 14, I had an accident on a trampoline and dislocated my neck at C5/C6, thus cutting through my spinal cord and leaving me paralysed from the chest down. I have no use of my legs and very limited use of my arms.

- What you did before your injury

Prior to my accident I was a typical teenage girl growing up in Auckland. I loved sports like gymnastics, trampolining, double mini and touch rugby. I was full time in my 4th form year at high school and I taught gymnastics to young children after school twice a week.

- How you came to be an artist with the MFPA

I became a Student Member of MFPA in the year 2000. I was at the Spinal Unit one day using the gym when I saw the late Alex Craig doing a painting demonstration holding the brush in his mouth. He was trying to encourage the patients to have a go but no one was keen, so I volunteered and that's when I discovered I was not too bad painting with a brush in my mouth. From here I went and brought some watercolour paints and began lessons at a community church. As with all MFPA Artists I submitted 6 paintings and was accepted as a Student Member.

- Anything interesting you do now unrelated to your painting eg hobbies, work voluntary or paid etc

After leaving High School, I went on to get my Bachelor of Education in Primary School Teaching. While I still have not yet taught full time in a school, I have used that Education with my job as a Disability Awareness Presenter for CCS Disability Action. I go into Kindy's, Schools, Businesses, and almost anywhere that would like to learn about being more aware, accepting, and accessible of/for the disabled community.

I enjoy music, movies and food whenever I can lol... I also love being at the beach, almost any beach.

- An insight into your family

I am now married and live in Hamilton with my husband, our 8 year old son and 12 year old dog. My husband also has a disability and uses a wheelchair. We met playing wheelchair rugby in Auckland. I have 1 brother who lives with his wife and 2 children in Wellington and my parents live in Russell, Bay of Islands.

- Any goals or aspirations you have

One of my goals is to learn to drive. I have a modified van but the little strength I have in my arms is borderline as to whether I will be strong enough to turn the wheel safely.

Another goal is to become an Associate and then one day a Full Member of MFPA.



July School Holiday Programme

We have a few spaces still available in our July Holiday programme for 5-12 year olds. Run by our highly skilled tutors who run the term after school classes. Paulette and Josie limit numbers to 8 children each to give your child a quality experience in a warm, welcoming environment.

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

9am-12pm

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Monday 3rd July - Paint a snow scene & Clay Modelling

Tuesday 4th July - Watercolour Techniques & Experimenting

Wednesday 5th July - Colourful Tissue Collage & Drawing Cute Animals

Thursday 6th July - Craft Creations using a huge variety of craft items

Friday 7th July - Oil Pastel Artworks & Suprise Drawings

Monday 10th July - Abstract Acylic Painting & Clay Modelling

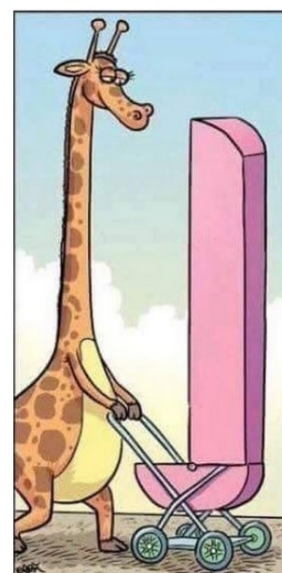
Tuesday 11th July - 3D Art in a Box Creations

Wednesday 12th July - Watercolour, Salt & Pastel deep sea art.

Thursday 13th July - Perspective Drawings & Card Art



Funnies



Calendar of Events and Exhibitions

JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31 Toni Leefe Exhibition starts at Mavis & Co Rototuna					1 School Holidays Begin
2	3 July School Holiday Programme Starts Ellie Lee-Duncan Exhibition starts at Mavis & Co Rototuna	4 July School Holiday Programme	5 July School Holiday Programme	6 July School Holiday Programme	7 July School Holiday Programme	8 WSA Closed
9	10 July School Holiday Programme	11 July School Holiday Programme	12 July School Holiday Programme	13 July School Holiday Programme	14 Matariki Public Holiday	15 WSA Closed
16	17 Term 3 Classes Start	18	19	20	21	22 Last Day for Viewing the Small Sculpture Exhibition
23	24	25	26	27	28 NYAA Awards & Opening Event	29

AUGUST

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6	7	8	9	10 WSA Members Exhibition Entries Close	11	12 Last Day for Viewing NYAA Exhibition
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 WSA Members Exhibition Opens
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Term 3 Classes Continue		

Future Important Dates:

- **Saturday 9th September** Last Day for Viewing WSA Members Exhibition
- **Monday 18th September** Term 3 Ends
- **Monday 25th September** September/October School Holiday Programme Starts
- **Friday 22nd September** Waiprint Opens

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