



# ART CONNECTIONS

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October 2024

Welcome to the October 2024 Newsletter

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16th at 4pm in the Print studio, at the back of the Artspost building. All welcome to attend. If you are interested in the direction of the Waikato Society of Arts, then please come along and hear what has happened in the past year from a governance perspective and what plans are ahead for us.

If you value the Artspost and WSA space, which provides free exhibitions and openings every month, an art school to over one thousand students of all ages per year and is a permanent destination point when people are in the CBD, then show your support for us and the artists who tutor, exhibit in this beautiful space and sell their work. There are few free indoor public spaces in Kirikiriroa, Hamilton that provide such a joy to walk into and where the community and tourists can spend time appreciating the incredible New Zealand handcrafts, artwork and exhibitions we have on display. As a not-for-profit organisation we rely on sponsors and donations to keep this for everyone to enjoy. If you have the resources to help, appreciate art and know the value of creativity for mental health, social connectivity in the community and feel they can make a difference, then come and see what we do and let's have a conversation about why this is important to keep. The Waikato Society of Arts is the second oldest art society in New Zealand, and we are in our ninetieth year. We run three National Awards for artists as young as 13 upwards, providing a platform and level of experience and exposure many artists participate in. This can involve schools, teachers, parents, artists of all ages and varying mediums coming together to celebrate and respect the incredible talent we have in our country, all for the public to enjoy. Please visit our website or contact us at [wsa@wsa.org.nz](mailto:wsa@wsa.org.nz) to donate and help keep this a sustainable venue for community creativity and opportunity for local and NZ artists.

The annual Members Exhibition opened on Friday night, September 27th. What a crowd! It was so great to see such support for the artists who had worked hard to showcase their work, with 117 works on display. Come along and enjoy the variety of mediums exhibited, something may tempt you. Alongside this is the beautiful printmaker Sue Roots with her intricate print works, it is such a pleasure to be able to host this. Treat yourself and take some time out to stroll through the galleries and enjoy both these exhibitions, there is so much to take in.

The New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award is now open, this has been moved forward to previous years to align with the Hamilton Garden Arts Festival, in February 2025. This is a great opportunity to have your work seen by over ten thousand people coming through the finalist's exhibition, and your work judged by experts in these two mediums. This is also a great opportunity if you wish to be part of the sponsors who give over \$26000 worth of prizes to New Zealand artists in Painting or Printmaking to come forward and recognise the importance of supporting this long standing, prestigious award. This is the only National award to offer such a large prize for Printmaking of \$12000. In our 25th year of running this award we have seen artists careers flourish from having this money injected into their practices. The awards will be presented in the Artspost galleries on February 21st.

Thank you to the incredibly loyal team of volunteers we have helping behind the scenes to keep all our spaces working efficiently and tidily. We are always grateful to see you and appreciate everything you do.

See you at the AGM - Julie Johnstone

# Sue Roots printmaker 'Where The Wildflowers Are'

27 September - 27 October

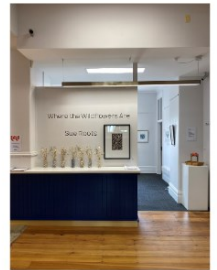
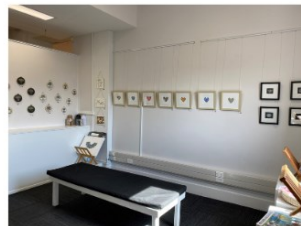
a collection of etchings

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Ruth Davey Gallery



Long time WSA printmaker Sue Roots has a stunning exhibition in the Ruth Davey Gallery space, running alongside the WSA members exhibition. There is a lovely selection of handprinted items at very affordable prices. Be sure to call in over the next month.



# WSA Members Exhibition

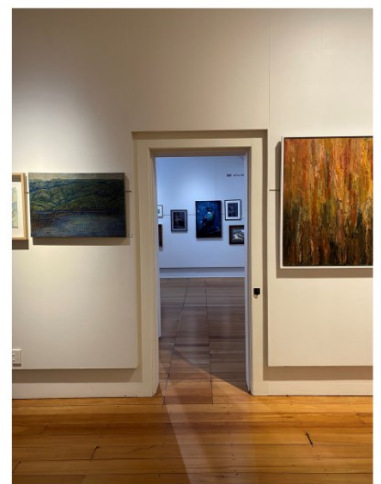
Our annual members exhibition is currently being exhibited at artspost until Sunday 27th October (Labour Weekend). Make sure you call in to view the varied collection of art, ceramics and sculptures on show. It's always great to see what our members have been working on over the last year.

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Chartwell Gallery  
Ida Carey Gallery  
Margot Philips Gallery



27 September  
to  
27 October



## Term 4 Art Classes

Term 4 classes start from Monday 14th October. If you haven't yet secured your place in a class you can enrol online [wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz). Class sizes are kept small to give a quality learning experience for students.

### New classes to term 4 are:

- Playing with Print - Mondays 1pm-3.30pm - an untutored class supervised by Caroline Peacocke
- Photography - Mondays 6.15pm-8.15pm - tutored by Dean Black
- Exploring Pastels - Tuesdays 12.30pm-2.30pm - tutored by Rachael Hayton
- Art Adventure & Exploration - Thursdays 6pm-8pm - tutored by Sylvia Sinel
- Exploring Concepts of Print - Saturdays 9.30am-12pm - tutored by Sybille Schlumbom

## Arts For Health Community Trust 'Something In Common' Exhibition

31 October - 29 November

### Opening Event

Thursday 31st October 5.30pm



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Chartwell,  
Ida Carey &  
Margot Philips  
Galleries

Get ready for a celebration of creativity! Arts for Health invites you to participate in our annual art competition and exhibition. Whether you're an experienced artist or just starting out, we would love for you to be part of this event. Submit your artwork for a chance to win prizes and showcase your talent. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow artists and celebrate the power of art in our community.

This art competition is our major fundraising event for the year. Your entry helps support vulnerable local artists in Hamilton, which we are grateful for. The winning piece takes away the first place prize and becomes part of the Arts for Health Community Trust Art Collection.

## 'Barely There' by the Art Nerds Life Drawing Group Exhibition

31 October - 15 November

This is an exhibition celebrating the work created by our members in the past year. The life drawing group meets every Wednesday morning and Friday nights at Hongs Studio on Casabella Lane in Hamilton. The original group was started in 1995 at the WSA and although new members have come and gone, the enthusiasm for drawing the figure has never diminished.



Image by Hong Cumming

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## Retail Space

As Christmas approaches we will continue to have some fabulous items in our retail space ideal for gifts. We only stock handmade, New Zealand made items. Many of our suppliers are local artisans and a few from further around New Zealand. Supporting these creators of amazing things is a great way to give back to the creative community. We are open 7 days a week, so don't forget to call in if you are looking for an affordable and unique gift.



## New Zealand Painting & Printmaking Award 2025

Entries are Open!

Entry forms available at [wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz)

**16 December 2024** - Entries Close

**14 January 2025** - Finalists and non-finalists notified

**21 February 2025** - 6pm Opening and Awards

The NZPPA has been running since 2000 and is a prestigious event on the NZ arts calendar. Alongside the exhibition will be workshops and artist talks, all free to the public

The Main Prize in both Paint and Print is \$12,000 each and two Merit awards of \$2000 are also there to be won. The judges first selections are from digital photo entries and then from these finalists the winning works are chosen. The judges are experts in their fields and one judge per medium makes the finalist selections.

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## Small Sculpture Award 2025

The small sculpture award is back and to be held at artspost galleries in 2025. First Prize \$5000 sponsored by Longveld Engineering

- **1 November** - Entries Open
- **15 February** - Entries Close
- **23 February** - Finalists and Non Finalists Notified
- **24 March** - Work Delivered
- **28 March** @ 5.30pm Opening Awards & Exhibition

Entry forms available at [wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz)

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2023 Overall Winner:  
'Red' by Louise McRae

## October School Holiday Programme

**Monday 30 September  
- Friday 11th October**

Our fabulous school holiday programme is available for enrolments. Attached to the newsletter is the poster with what is on each morning. For more information and to enrol go to [wsa.org.nz](http://wsa.org.nz)



## Mavis & Co Rototuna Exhibition

'Mavis 8' 9 September - 7 October

Haydn Rive (Dip. Fine Arts, Canterbury)

Haydn was born in Whangarei and is a practising artist and tutor at the WSA, Hamilton.

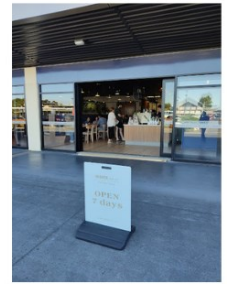
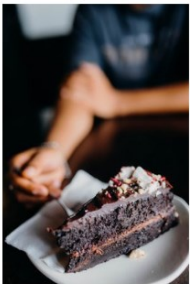
Haydn grew up in Dunedin and gained his Diploma in Fine Arts in Christchurch. From there he worked as a graphic artist with WNTV1 – Wellington while also tutoring History of Art at Wellington High night school. Haydn taught Art at Cambridge High and also was HOD at St. Peter's school.

"My premise is simple," says Haydn, "I want to show that order and beauty still exist. I believe there is a renaissance happening in artists wanting to produce good art that is honest and well produced which also honours traditional methods."

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## Mavis & Co Rototuna Exhibition

'Coffee As You Like It'

Anina van Zijl 7th October - 11th November

As a very keen participant in New Zealand's coffee drinking culture, I enjoyed creating the works for this exhibition. There is such a variety of ways we like our coffee, and similarly, my work for this exhibition also varies in style and setting, but sharing the same theme: coffee! Hence the title for the exhibition: Coffee as you like it.

Open 7 days until 4.30pm

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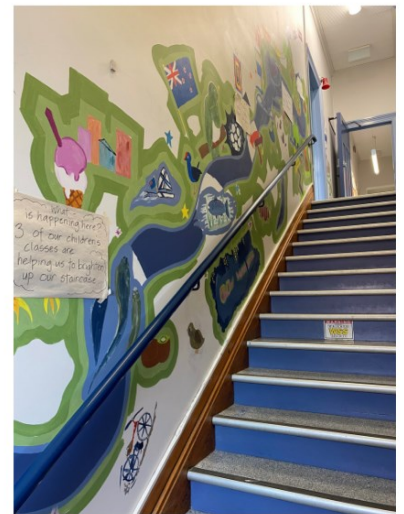


## WSA Art School Stairwell Mural

Our stairwell mural project is well underway. The children have finished adding their contributions to the mural which look amazing. We can see they put a lot of thought into what made Hamilton and the Waikato unique and what their interpretation of this is. The main theme is the Waikato River which weaves it's way up the stairs. Their talented tutor Gemma Reid will now 'fill in' the background part of the mural with the help of some volunteers. We will show photos of the finished space once completed.



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## Brain Teaser

**There are 5 sisters in the room:  
Ann is reading a book,  
Margaret is cooking,  
Kate is playing chess,  
Marie is doing laundry.  
What is the fifth sister doing?**

\*answer on the bottom of page 11.



### CREATIONS

THEN HOMESCHOOL ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

📍 Gallery9 onbraid St. Andrews

📅 17-29 Oct '24

🎨 Arts and crafts exhibits for sale

## 2024 Wayzgoose

by WSA printmaker  
Geoff McGowan

With encouragement from Graham Judd (who ran the letterpress workshop last year) I attended this year's AHP / ABC (Association of Handcraft Printers / Association of Book Crafts) wayzgoose (see Google for a definition!). It was held in Taranaki, and I had a great time. The main event was a dinner, with a guest speaker who had owned a printing business. He spoke a bit about his background, the future prospects for commercial printers, and about his time as a judge for the Pride in Print Awards - which was very informative, even for those long associated with the printing industry.



Linotype Machines

What interested me most were visits to two museums, the Taranaki Pioneer Museum just outside Stratford, and the TATATM museum near New Plymouth. Print shops at both of these are maintained by a small group of retired printers, all missing the good old days before computers took over the industry. It was great to talk to them, to learn a bit more about letterpress, and to see a running Linotype machine - casting lines of type (rather than individual letters) from a keyboard.

I didn't get beyond the print rooms, but there was a lot more to see at both of these museums. The Pioneer Museum is bigger and possibly more generally interesting - it has a good cafe (with better toilets), and offers train rides!

The other event that had been organised for the wayzgoose was a look at the Fred Butler collection in the Puke Ariki library archives. Fred Butler was an eccentric Taranaki personality who among other things stuck newspaper clippings into old books, indexed them, and covered them with wallpaper:

<https://terangi.aoaonunui.pukeariki.com/story-collections/taranaki-stories/fred-butler-eccentric-man-of-mystery>

The library staff also showed us their older books, kept in locked cases - everything from a map book of county Devon brought to New Zealand by an early settler, to a first edition of 'A Good Keen Man'. There weren't a lot of wayzgoose attendees, and this year they were mostly letterpress enthusiasts. Everyone was very friendly, the older ones wanting to pass on their knowledge and passion for print, the younger ones keen to learn and wanting to share their experiences.

Next years wayzgoose will be held in Auckland, in conjunction with the BIND25 conference (publicised as an "opportunity to network with fellow bookbinders, book artists, printers, conservators, librarians, calligraphers ..."). It should be a larger event with a different flavour, and will be a little closer to home!



Heidelberg

Pictures courtesy  
of Graham Judd



Fred Butler Collection



## Printmakers Social Gathering

Held on Saturday 14th September

Laughter, sharing ideas and prints being worked on and completed, discussions about what works, recommendations on where to source products, and morning tea were all part of the second social gathering for printmakers from the greater Waikato held recently in the WSA printing rooms.



Work shared included a book made at last year's PCANZ (Print Council) summer school, printing on tea bags (and a source for supply of tea bag paper), some impressive reduction block work, a 3-D printer and work from the Open Press Project Print Exchange, and a recommendation for "Sketchbook revival." There was also mention of new WSA print classes for term 4, the upcoming PCANZ Summer School workshops to be held in Hamilton, and a print exhibition at the Taupo Museum that's on until 28th October. Ideas suggested for future gatherings included studio tours, short PowerPoint presentations of ideas, or demonstrations of techniques.

The next gathering is planned for 9th November, 10am until midday, at the WSA print rooms.

Vicki Jones, WSA member and PCANZ Hamilton representative.



## KIRIKIROA ART TOUR

SEPT SATURDAY 14TH 1PM  
 OCT TUESDAY 1ST 11AM  
 NOV SATURDAY 2ND 1PM



- Meet outside ArtsPost, 120 Victoria St, Hamilton.
- You are welcome to leave earlier or take breaks as needed. Feel free to bring a support person (or parent). Please don't hesitate to ask questions.
- The October tour will be during school holidays and is aimed at kids. Kids should not come alone.
- You can book your spot online for \$1 or turn up on the day for a gold coin donation.

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Whaingaroa Emerging Artists  
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**26 - 28 October 2024**

Opening: 6.30pm Friday 25th October  
 Hours: 10am - 5pm. Saturday - Monday

**Raglan Town Hall**

www.raglanartsweekend.nz/emerging-artists-exhibition





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**November 3**

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**AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS**  
29th March - 29th June 2025

**WELLINGTON BOTANIC GARDENS**  
1st August - 30th September 2025

**ASHBURTON ART GALLERY**  
18th October - 7th December 2025

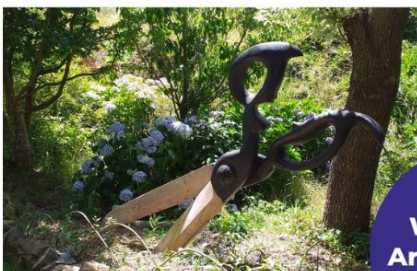
more information here:  
<https://www.botanicalartnz.org/baww25-new-zealand>

**“Freedom” Art Exhibition and Sale**

West Hamilton Community Church had a successful sale of donated artwork to raise funds for the Barnabas Aid brick kiln workers fund. A big thank you to all who contributed. \$8291 in total was raised.



 **The Sculpture Park**  
at Waitakaruru Arboretum  
[www.sculpturepark.co.nz](http://www.sculpturepark.co.nz)



**Waikato's Art-in-nature Experience**

Open daily 10am - 5pm  
Adults \$15/Children/\$5

**Out of the Box Game**

Out of the box - An outdoor problem-solving game for family and friends – a bit like an escape room adventure, taking you through the whole park.

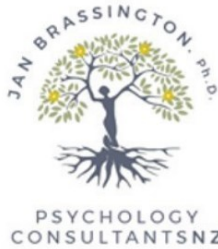
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**<https://www.sculpturepark.co.nz/out-of-the-box-game>**

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\*Brain Teaser Answer: She is playing Chess with Kate.



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