



# Xmas Flyer

Welcome to the WSA Christmas flyer

Back in 1998 the Waikato Society of Arts had a Gala Exhibition Opening on the 26th of June to celebrate the move from 192 Victoria Street to 120 Victoria Street, the ArtsPost building. With varnished floors still hardening and paint still drying, from renovating this, the dedicated committee managed to successfully open this new space with 3 galleries, a community gallery, a retail space, meeting room and the art school studios all under one roof. We have now been given the opportunity to be back at the ground floor level and finish off what was set up 25 years ago. This will be an arts hub for the community with art classes still being held upstairs and, in the basement print studios, along with the retail space and three galleries operating under the new management of WSA. A new gallery space will be what is currently the i-site office and will be named the 'Ruth Davey gallery', not to overshadow the milestone of Ruth turning 100 on the 15th of December. Upstairs our current art library will be moved into the office/NLG so this is a larger space for community to sit and read our extensive treasure trove of art resources or for meetings and workshops to be run. We are open for business from the 1st of February and will have a soft opening for Members and sponsors at 5.30pm-7pm to celebrate and recognise our 90th year of bringing arts to the Waikato. We would like to thank the Hamilton City Council for giving us this opportunity and look forward to hosting you all next year as we continue to bring you classes, exhibitions, NZ art awards and so much more for the community.

A huge thank you to our art tutors, members, sponsors, students, parents and volunteers who make all this possible

Meri Kirihimete, Merry Christmas from the WSA Executive

## January Holiday Programmes

We have a fun few days of art activities on offer in the week of 22nd January for 5-12 year olds and 12-17 year olds. Spaces are limited, so be quick to enrol your child or teen. The 5-12 year old programme runs Mon 22nd Jan-Fri 26th Jan - 9am-12pm. The 12-17 year olds sculpture programme runs from 22nd Jan - 9am-12pm. Both programmes are taught by some of our talented WSA tutors who love inspiring youth to explore, create and build skills in their art journey.



## Term 1 Classes

We have over 40 classes on offer for term 1. We have listed a few that you may like to try, be it something new or to continue expanding your current skills. Our tutors are highly skilled and passionate to pass on their wealth of knowledge on to you. Small class numbers give you a quality experience.

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

- Youth art classes Mon-Sat
- Adults Creative Writing
- Intro into Gouache
- Relief Printmaking
- 8-11 years Creative Writing
- 15-18 years Portfolio Art
- Oil Painting
- Contemporary Watercolour
- Painting & Drawing Techniques
- Experimental Drawing
- Drawing & Painting for the Soul



## Exhibitions

Make sure you call in to view these two exhibitions over the summer. 'Nature's Palette' by Clare Cramond and Anne Mickell is on at Mavis & Co Cafe Rototuna until 30th January and 'Traces' exhibition will be opening at blue gallery Saturday 27th January at 2pm. There will be a stunning selection of art in each of these.

### Traces

27 January - 10 February

Opening  
Event  
27 January  
2pm - 4pm

Arwen Flowers

Teresa Martinovich

Sybille Schlumbom

Peter Hsu

blue

3 Anzac Parade  
Hamilton



### Nature's Palette

Exhibition by Anne Mickell & Clare Cramond



28th November  
to  
30th January

MAVIS

AND CO  
Rototuna Shopping Centre  
2/44 Horsham Downs Road



## Dates to Remember

- 23 Dec - WSA closes
- 22 Jan - Art School reopens for holiday programmes
- 22Jan - 25 Jan - 12-17 year olds Sculpture & 3D Character Design programme
- 22 Jan - 26 Jan - 5-12 year olds Art Holiday Programme
- 29 Jan - Anniversary Day
- 1 Feb - ArtsPost Opening Event
- 5 Feb - Term 1 classes start
- 6 Feb - Waitangi Day - No classes
- 18 Feb - NZPPA entries close



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