

state of the arts

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Haere mai

Welcome to our Spring edition of *State of the Arts*.

It's been a challenging year - the Covid-19 global pandemic has had a huge effect on the arts, initiating new ways to deliver programmes, exhibitions, events and performances. It's good to reflect on how working within boundaries and limitations can spark innovation and change the way we plan, participate and engage audiences. Local galleries have proven to be resilient, new artist studios are opening and there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months with a variety of festivals, workshops and events throughout the region. Best to keep supporting each other and stay positive 😊



Karen Pratt, Charlotte Stark & myself during the installation on Pātea Golf Club land, with engineer Gary Prentice & Pātea Fire Brigade volunteers.

Pātea Fire Brigade and South Taranaki Creative Communities made the project come together, while raising awareness of the diverse ecosystem just off our coastline.

The Pātea Pou Project was installed in July, creating a series of sculptural artworks on the road down to Mana Bay. It was a pleasure to work alongside this team, led by Karen Pratt from Project Reef Life. The designs celebrate the diversity of the South Taranaki ocean and involved many people and groups from the community working together collaboratively.

Featuring wildlife from the local ocean environment, including blue cod, eagle rays, albatross, sponges, algae and humpback whale, there is also a diver to recognise the voluntary work of the South Taranaki Underwater Club. The involvement of student designers, Iwi, local engineers,

Coming up in Spring we have a lot going on - *Arts Fest South Taranaki*, *Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards*, *Taranaki National Art Awards*, *The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb*, *Taranaki Arts Trail*, *Garden Festivals* and *Reset 2020 – A Festival for Aotearoa*. I encourage you to get out and enjoy all the arts and cultural experiences on our doorstep.

Please continue to support and enjoy our local artists, galleries, groups, projects and events. Get in touch with me via email if you need advice or support with applications or help realising a creative project. Take care and keep creating.

Ngā mihi,

Michaela

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South Taranaki Creative Communities Funding

The final round of the Creative Communities Scheme for 2019/20 closed in May after being extended due to COVID-19. Applications received were considered by the Assessment Committee on 18 June 2020.

The South Taranaki CCS Committee comprises of representatives from South Taranaki Community Boards, our local arts community, Iwi and Youth.

A total of \$19,765 was allocated to the projects below:

Laura Buchanan: Weekly Clay Classes - Received: \$2000

Offers weekly clay classes to the community for 8 weeks, producing ceramic art works including painting & kiln firing.

Ōhawe Creative Community: Ōhawe Creative Community Exhibition - Received: \$880

Exhibits a range of artworks at the Village Gallery, Eltham, including a creative drawing workshop for local students.

Susan Morton: Focus on Taranaki - Received: \$600

An exhibition of 20 leading Taranaki Photographers at the Village Gallery, Eltham, including a workshop open to locals.

South Taranaki Creative Space: Drawing & Mixed Media Workshops + Promotional Signage - Received: \$2654.82

Workshops introducing new mediums and specialised drawing classes and installation of new street front signage.

Waitotara School: Waitotara School Art Fair - Received: \$250

For students to create art and hold an art fair/exhibition in the local community to display their creations.

Bizlink Hawera Incorporated: Hāwera Town Square Mural - Received: \$1349

To create a mural in the Hawera Town Square that will resonate with a wide audience of people.

Jennifer Corbett: Let's Try That - Received: \$1500

A series of workshops over ten weeks in Pātea and Waverley. Followed by a public exhibition of the children's artworks.

Paepae in the Park - Received: \$2000

A free music festival, fun filled community event to commemorate, entertain and educate on Waitangi Day.

Laura Buchanan: South Taranaki Clay Club - Received: \$1000

To create a clay club for South Taranaki residents, enabling them to create with clay from the comfort of their own homes.

Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga: Toi Ki Tua – Art on the Other Side - Received: \$1996

To facilitate the creation and presentation of high-quality Māori Art. To hold wananga or Māori artists to create and collaborate in the making for art for exhibition to the general public.

Simon Vare: Captain Festus McBoyles Travelling Variety Show - Received: \$2535

Local performances & to engage local pre-teen children to dress up in character for A&P Show street parade.

Luther Ashford: Pātea Street Art Murals - Received: \$3000

To create a series of murals displayed on the main street of Pātea.

The South Taranaki Creative Communities Scheme provides funding assistance for community-based arts activities in South Taranaki that meet one or more of the following funding criteria:

Broad community involvement - A project that will create opportunities for local communities to engage with and participate in arts activities.

Diversity - A project that will support the diverse arts and cultural traditions of local communities, enriching and promoting their uniqueness and cultural diversity.

Young people - A project that will enable and encourage young people (under 18 years) to engage with and actively participate in the arts.

The next Creative Communities Application Round (Round 1 of 2020-2021) opened on 29 July 2020, closes on 9 September 2020 for projects that start after 1 October 2020.

For detailed information and forms, please visit the link [here](#)

Any enquiries of to discuss an application, email funding@stcdc.govt.nz or phone 0800 111 323 or 06 278 0555

Creative New Zealand – Funding Support

Applications have been extended for the second round of the **Creatives in Schools** programme until 20 September 2020. **Creatives in Schools** partners artists and creative practitioners with teachers and kaiako to foster new learning experiences for students and ākonga of all ages. This is a joint initiative with Ministry of Education, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage and Creative New Zealand. For more information and to apply, please visit the [Ministry of Education – Arts Online website](#).

Information on all funding opportunities are announced through the CNZ newsletter, [sign up](#) to receive news and updates via email.

For updates and information on all Creative NZ funding, visit the [website](#)



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Arts Lease Programme – South Taranaki Artists

The South Taranaki District Council calls for visual art submissions from South Taranaki artists for lease and display in the Council's Administration Building in Hāwera. The Art Lease Programme was established in 1996 to support and nurture our creative community. The foyer gallery enables us to showcase a selection of work from our talented artists and offer their work for sale with no commission taken. A glass security door was installed in early 2016, but public access is still available during meetings and by request at the customer service desk. To qualify for the Art Lease Programme, artists must reside within the South Taranaki District boundaries. Selected artists are paid a fee of \$150 for a year lease, which is paid in November.

Please note: Only wall hanging artworks are eligible.

To submit artworks (up to 4 per artist), please include this information:

- Your name, address, daytime phone number and email address.
- A clear photograph or scan of the artwork(s). *Digital files preferred, at least 1 MB file size please.*
- Title, dimensions, medium and date of each artwork.

Email to the address below or post to: Michaela Stoneman, Arts Co-ordinator, South Taranaki District Council, Private Bag 902, Hāwera 4640 (or drop in to the Albion Street office and attention to M. Stoneman).



2019/20 Arts Lease artwork by Paul Hutchinson

Closing date for submissions: 5.00 pm Thursday 1 October 2020

For more information, please phone Michaela on 0800 111 323 or email: michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz



RONALD HUGH
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Literary Awards 2020

Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2020

Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards 2020 Presentation Night
7.00 pm Wednesday 28 October 2020
Hāwera Community Centre, Albion Street, Hāwera

The annual Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards offer a \$1000 prize in each of the categories; Short Story, Poetry and Research. Free online writing workshops were held for local secondary schools and the public in June 2020. The awards are sponsored by the Lysaght Watt Trust.

Join the judges, Whiti Hereaka, Glenn Colquhoun and Matt Rilkoff at this

year's presentation at Hāwera Community Centre. Finalist stories from each year are collated into a book and can be borrowed or purchased from any South Taranaki LibraryPlus.

For more information visit: www.rhморriesonawards.com

Arts on Tour NZ – Upcoming South Taranaki Performing Arts Shows



From Scratch

6.30 pm 6 September 2020
Hāwera Community Centre Hall

The inventive, highly rhythmic percussion group *From Scratch* is like no other. It has its own characteristic Pacific-region sound, performed on a unique array of original, DIY invented instruments, including their PVC slaptubes. *From Scratch* guide their audience through a magical journey, part sculpture, part music, part ritual.

Rhythmic and instrument invention lie at their heart, earning the group an international reputation for visually captivating and sonically mesmerizing performances. With a forty year-plus history, recently celebrated with an expansive art gallery survey exhibition, this NZ group is not to be missed!

Tickets are only \$10 – Subsidised by STDC. Book at South Taranaki i-SITE. Phone: 06 278 8599

Arts Fest South Taranaki 2020

28 October – 7 November 2020

Arts Fest South Taranaki is a biannual festival held throughout the district, showcasing our District galleries, artist studios while providing opportunities for the community and visitors to our region to engage in the arts.

This year the festival will be launched by the *Ronald Hugh Morrieson Literary Awards* and coincides with the *Taranaki Garden Festivals* and the *Taranaki Arts Trail*. Opunake hosts the 19th annual *Taranaki National Art Awards* and *The Great Ōpunakē Yarn Bomb*, and you can enjoy the *God of Carnage* season at Hāwera Repertory. Check out the website for all details and plan your self-guided itinerary through the South. Printed brochures will be available from South Taranaki LibraryPlus, South Taranaki i-SITE and all galleries from mid- September.



Website: www.artsfestst.co.nz/



Winner of 2019 TSB Community Trust Painting Award,
Modern Love by Matt Dowman

section. Sponsored by Te Puni Kōkiri - Ministry for Māori Development, the category is specifically for Māori artists who whakapapa to an iwi in Taranaki, offering a forum to express their connection to their Mounga.

This year the committee welcomes co-judges Leafa Janice Wilson, Curator of Art at Waikato Museum and Paul Brobbell, Len Lye Curator and Acting Exhibitions and Collections Lead at Govett Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre in New Plymouth. The awards ceremony offers a great night to enjoy diverse New Zealand artwork and the opportunity to meet many of the artists. Tickets are available on the door and include entertainment, drinks and nibbles. Become a *Friend of the Taranaki National Art Awards* for \$20 for a ticket to the awards ceremony, early VIP entry and unlimited free entries to the exhibition. Artists are encouraged to enter online, only \$20 per entry – this includes a complimentary ticket to the awards ceremony. Regular updates and news are featured on the Facebook page.

Facebook: [Taranaki National Art Awards](https://www.facebook.com/TaranakiNationalArtAwards)

Please visit the website to find out more and enter: www.taranakiartawards.co.nz

Arts in the Park

Saturday 5 December 2020

King Edward Park, High Street, Hāwera

Registrations will be open soon for artists and groups to take part in Taranaki's premier outdoor arts and crafts festival. Enjoy the large, pleasant, open environment of King Edward Park to exhibit, demonstrate and sell your arts or craft - stalls are FREE! A walk through the park is a voyage of discovery, including local musicians, food stalls, hands-on art activities for kids in the *Art Tipi* and much more. *Arts in the Park* offers an entertaining day for the whole whanau, offering an opportunity to support local artists and craftspeople by purchasing handmade goods to kick start your Christmas shopping.



Registration forms available soon from TSB Hub, South Taranaki i-SITE, South Taranaki LibraryPlus centres or contact the Community Events Co-ordinator 06 278 8599 or Email: events@stdc.govt.nz

Hāwera Repertory

God of Carnage

30 October - 7 November 2020

Repertory House, 59 Collins Street, Hawera

Written by Yasmina Reza, this thrill-ride takes you into the most dangerous place on earth: parenthood. An innocent squabble over a playground incident becomes an all-out, fur-flying, hilarious brawl between the two couples. *God of Carnage* stormed Broadway nabbing the 2009 Tony for Best Play and has since been made into a film. Directed by Clive Cullen, the cast is Ron Scott, Donnell Weir, Antony Jones and Helen Snooks. Tickets are \$28, book tickets online [here](#) or from South Taranaki i-SITE from 7 September. To reserve wheelchair seating please book through South Taranaki i-SITE 06 278 8599.



For more information contact hawerarepertory@gmail.com or visit www.hawerarep.org



South Taranaki Creative Space

South Taranaki Creative Space launched a crowdfunding campaign through Boosted/The Arts Foundation on 1 June 2020. They generated great support and raised a total of \$3214 to help with losses due to Covid -19 and showcased art created during Term One on their Facebook page to celebrate and showcase their creativity.

South Taranaki Creative Space is a not-for-profit community focused creative hub, providing a welcoming space for people to meet, interact, learn new creative skills and network with other creative people. Income is received from student fees from kids and adult art classes, grants and koha from community groups utilizing the space. Fees are

low to enable everyone to have access to creative play. They offer subsidised fees to low-income families or anyone else that may need a helping hand to participate.

Creative Space Open Day

10.00am – 3.00 pm Saturday 7 November

All welcome to a fun Open Day to meet the people behind our local Creative Space and explore how you would like to be a part of it. Create your own unique feather print to take home. Family friendly, for all ages and abilities. Gold coin donation welcome.

41 Princes Street, Hāwera | Phone or text: 027 361 6930

Facebook: South Taranaki Creative Space | Email: southtaranakicreativespace@gmail.com

Lysaght Watt Gallery – Spring Exhibitions

Post Shutdown Shenanigans – Hāwera Art Club

7 - 26 September 2020

An exhibition of works by members of the Hāwera Art Club, including local landscapes and botanical studies.



Multi-layer screenprint by Nicol Sanders-O'Shea

Social Print – Print Council Aotearoa NZ

28 September – 24 October 2020

This exhibition presents work by members of PCANZ, innovative contemporary printmakers from throughout New Zealand. The theme is 'Social Print - Powerful and persuasive, art can have a social function, challenging our understanding of the world in which we live and how we operate within it'.

Chain Reaction

26 October – 21 November 2020

A contemporary installation of hand weaving created by the Professional Weavers Networks of New Zealand. Accompanied by an exhibition of stitching by the Stitch Guild of Taranaki.

Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union Street, Hāwera

Website: www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz | Facebook: Lysaght Watt Gallery

Open Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am – 1.00 pm | Phone 06 278 7611

The Village Gallery – Winter Exhibitions

He maunga āwha: Calm after the storm

Until 18 September 2020

Two Eltham artists Ashlee Robinson and Ivan Toopi, present contemporary Māori artworks influenced by the Covid-19 pandemic. *Right: Painting by Ashlee Robinson*



Focus on Taranaki

21 September – 6 October 2020

Opening Event: 3.00 pm Saturday 26 September 2020

Curated by Sue Morton this exhibition features images by 16 leading Taranaki photographers. Many of the photographers are using this opportunity to launch new projects they have been working on. Sue says: 'Taranaki is rich in talented photographers and I endeavoured to include a wide variety of artists' styles and from varied locations throughout the province.'

WORKSHOP: Photography and Post-processing with Tutor Derek Hughes

10.00am – 2.30 pm Saturday 26 September 2020

Cost \$20 per person, limited spaces. For more information and Workshop bookings, please ring Sue Morton on 06 762 2780 or 027 873 2335 or email: huinga@gmail.com. This exhibition and workshop are supported by South Taranaki Creative Communities.

Still Potting

19 October - 13 November 2020

Three Taranaki potters, Margaret Foley, Donna Hitchcock and Robyn Smaller, celebrate their 10th Annual Exhibition, featuring their imaginative and quirky pottery and mixed media items for the home and garden during the Taranaki Garden Festivals. The Gallery is again a 'Place of Interest' in the Taranaki Fringe Garden Festival, and the three potters' exhibition of handcrafted pottery and artwork is always popular with garden visitors. The Gallery Shop displays a wide variety of work by Members of the Gallery.

The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham

Current Winter Open days/hours: Tuesday - Saturday 11.00 am - 3.00 pm

Facebook: Village Gallery Eltham NZ | Email: villagegalleryeltham@gmail.com

Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki

Tales and Taonga – Whakapukapuka & Exhibition

Until April 2021

Tales & Taonga is an iconic book to celebrate South Taranaki tales and taonga. The stories capture the essence of local people and are supported by taonga from various public and private collections. This rich publication documents the achievements of early pioneers, Tangata Whenua and into the current generation. Featuring hundreds of captivating photographs that bring the heritage collections to life and celebrates our unique identity. The taonga on display are from the collections of Aotea Utanganui; some are featured in the book and some are interesting pieces rarely seen, hidden in the storerooms – all have historical significance to South Taranaki. Check the Museum Facebook page for book launch news.



Pepeha – An Exhibition by Patea Area School students

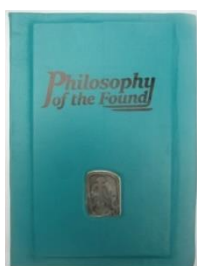
Lots of children learn to recite their pepeha, but at Patea Area School students are using art to introduce themselves.

A school art project that started before the lockdown has evolved into an exhibition of revolving art. Creative techniques result in a series of works centred around identity – themselves, their whanau and their community.

Aotea Utanganui - Museum of South Taranaki, 127 Egmont Street, Patea | Phone: 06 273 8354

Facebook: Aotea Utanganui | www.museumofsouthtaranaki.wordpress.com

Email: museum@stdc.govt.nz | Open: 10.00am - 4.00pm Monday - Saturday



Virtual TART News & Exhibitions

Virtual TART is an online network and gallery showcasing a wide range of Taranaki artists and projects.

September/October: *Philosophy of the Found* - Dale Copeland and Carl Fairweather.

Dale Copeland has recently created and published a limited edition of her new handbound leather-cover book, [Philosophy of the Found](#). Featuring 80 pages, full colour, over 100 assemblage and collage artworks.

For more information visit: www.virtual.tart.co.nz

In Your Mind

7 – 17 October 2020

Paintings by Jennifer Corbett are presented to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week. The paintings express parts of a journey through depression, the struggles and challenges experienced and explore. Jenni hopes her work will help people to be more aware and comfortable about reaching out.

The Mark Makers - Focus on Print

21 October - 17 November 2020

A selection of prints from around the world, that are taken from seven separate sets of exchange prints that show a variety of processes and application by several talented printmakers. The works are in a range of styles depicting political, philosophical or cultural narratives.



Figments, Artifacts and Relics

31 October - 28 November 2020

Opening Event & Artist Talk:

4.00 pm 31 October 2020

Selected mixed-media journaling, space and time. An installation facilitated by Johnny De Painter and Steven Boothe; *A co-mingling of multi-dimensional elements of interconnected media, vocabulary, gestures, and space.*

The artists collaborate to set up an enclosed environment within the gallery to engage the viewers' recollections of the past for reference into a future perfect.

Photography montage by Steven Boothe

Talks, demos and readings: 12 noon, Saturdays 31 October, 7 & 28 November.

Give it a go – Kids Art Classes with Jenni Corbett

From 4 October 2020

Learn painting techniques with acrylics, working with water colour, pastels, coloured pencil and other art materials and processes. Classes are suitable for 8-12 year olds, limited to 8 per class. All materials provided, gold coin koha at registration, but classes are free (funded by South Taranaki Creative Communities). Hosted by Waverley LibraryPlus and Gallery Pātea, classes run from 3.30 - 4.45pm. Email Jenni with direct enquiries - jjcorbett4520@gmail.com

WORKSHOP: Printapic - Printmaking Workshops for Adults

Tuesday 11 November - Relief Print 10.00 am – 12 noon.

Saturday 14 November - Drypoint Intaglio Print 10.00 am – 12 noon.

Try your hand at making a small image and experience the magic of print in these two-hour workshops. Limited numbers, registrations essential. Gold coin donation/koha.

WORKSHOP: Another way of Seeing - Photography Workshop & Artist Talk with Steven Booth

12 noon Saturday 7 November 2020

Steven Boothe talks about his approach to and love of photography. He will share some of the ways he works to achieve an image. Bring your camera and be prepared to see the world with new eyes.

For more information or to register for workshops, call in, email or contact through Facebook. All classes have limited numbers, gold coin donation or koha.

Gallery Pātea, 56a Egmont Street, Pātea

Open: 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Wednesday - Saturday or by appointment

For more information text Gabrielle Belz 021 0813 8355 | Facebook: Gallery Pātea | Email gallerypatea@gmail.com



Tūāpapa Studios Ltd – Pātea

Established in 2019 by local artist Luther Ashford and Navajo Hibbs, the aim is to provide a South Taranaki creative hub for Tā Moko, Toi Māori and for community art projects. Commissions and custom designs are welcome.

56b Egmont Street, Pātea | Phone: 027 591 3611

Email: tuapapastudio@gmail.com | Facebook: Tuapapa Studios Ltd

Taranaki Arts Trail 2020

30 & 31 October & 1 November 2020

A new partnership with the Taranaki Garden Festival means both festivals open over the same weekend in Spring, presenting a dual programme for the first time. Joining the events will enhance the natural affinity between culture and creativity. Visitors can expect to enjoy and experience a diverse array of work on display, with both nationally and internationally recognised artists and gardens throughout the whole Taranaki region. Established in 2014, the Taranaki Arts Trail provides the public with the unique opportunity to meet with over 80 artists in their studios and workshops. Ultimately, the aim of the Taranaki Arts Trail is to build a greater understanding in the community of the processes involved and the skills required in creating a work of art.

Admission and brochures are free for visitors. South Taranaki listings include:

Eltham: Mark Bellringer presents his photography at The Bank.

Maree Liddington is a weaver, her home studio has three working looms.

Hāwera: Cheril Filbee creates paintings, sculpture and drawings in her garden workshop.

Hollard Gardens, Kaponga: Michelle Rowland and Susie Harrop are both painters with a realist approach to their subjects.

Ōpunakē: Rhonda Crawford paints in her studio at the rear of The Emporium gallery. Viv Davy presents fibre works in her custom studio/gallery and Grethe Hansen paints from nature, mainly in oils.

Rahotu: Laura (Lulu) Buchanan mainly creates ceramics from her home studio, also sculpture and photography.



Hydrangeas by Rhonda Crawford

Open: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm daily | Website: www.taranakiartstrail.co.nz | Facebook: Taranaki Arts Trail



Great Ōpunakē Yarn Bomb 2020

30 October – 8 November 2020

The Ōpunakē Lakeside Lions are working hard on this year's Great Ōpunakē Yarn Bomb. The community group welcome contributions of knitted and crocheted items for display. Please make contact if you have any questions or would like to contribute to this vibrant, fun and colourful display throughout the Ōpunakē CBD.

**For more information contact Monique Sinclair - Email: sinclairlect@xtra.co.nz
Facebook: The Great Opunake Yarn Bomb**

Forbes and Flay

Showcasing the work of visual artist Dr Tabatha Forbes and sculptor Chauncey Flay. Tabatha's practice is focused on contemporary botanical art and installation with an interest in natural and botanical history in NZ and the South Pacific. Exhibiting regularly in NZ and Rarotonga, Tabatha teaches botanical art workshops and is a writer and photographer currently working on a project centred around Ōaonui, South Taranaki. Chauncey works primarily with stone and coral and is involved in several projects around NZ, including the Te Kupenga Sculpture Symposium.

86 Tasman Street, Ōpunakē

Open: Friday - Sunday 10.00am - 2.00pm, or by appointment | Phone 021 134 6929

Facebook: Forbes and Flay | www.tabathaforbes.com | www.chaunceyflay.com



Kākano Ōpunakē



Kākano is an object art gallery, showcasing the work of local and national artists. The gallery features Te Ao Māori influenced sound instruments (Taonga Pūoro) and adornments, made from a variety of materials including stone, ceramic, bronze, bone, wood and glass. Kākano is a space where people can come to learn & share various art and rongoā disciplines in conjunction with a flameworking glass hotshop currently being set up in the premises.

Kākano Studio Gallery, 21 Napier Street, Ōpunakē | Phone: 022 626 9495

Open: Most days, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm or by appointment

Facebook: Kākano Ōpunakē | Instagram: Kakano_Opunake



Out of the blue Studio & Gallery

Paper - Not So Simple

3 September – 12 October 2020

Showing works of four invited artists. Using handmade pulps and papers there has been an exchange of materials between the artist Ildikó Vigh from The Hague and Jeanette Verster and Suzan Kostanich from Taranaki. The paper pulps have been created, partially processed and shared between the artists to connect to each other and to their differing environments. These works will be supported by built paper art forms by Canterbury artist and book maker Sandy Corbett.

Textile Eclectica

15 October - 23 November 2020

An in-house exhibition of a wide variety of textile expressions including hand-wovens for the home and fibre art wall pieces. Runs in conjunction with the *Taranaki Arts Trail* and *Arts Fest South Taranaki* - opening hours will be extended. The looms housed in the upstairs studio will be threaded and operational during this period for those who are interested in seeing how weaving is done.

WORKSHOP - Random Weaving Baskets with Ann-Maree Karam

9.00 am – 12 noon, Saturday 17 October 2020

This workshop will explore making basket forms out of wild foraged vines, branches, driftwood, and other found materials. The vessels can be functional or sculptural. There are no rules, providing a fantastic opportunity to engage with a totally natural and sustainable art expression. \$50 per person includes all materials, morning tea provided. Registration essential.

18 Halse Place, Ōpunakē | Contact: Viv Davy. Phone: 021 407 424

Open: 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm Thursday – Monday or by appointment

Facebook: from out of the blue studio gallery | Instagram: threadthinker | Email: silktangles@me.com

Quirky Fox Gallery

Bubbled – An Exhibition by Soju Shots

A collection of works created during lockdown. Featuring a fox exploring the world in his bubble, these detailed artworks transition from waiting in line at the grocery store observing social distancing and mask protocols to exploring ocean depths within a personal bubble.

Wildercurious - Darktopia

An off-beat, low brow exhibition featuring the work of *Darktopia*, a collaboration between artists Anika Ramholdt and Perry Logan. Together the pair create extraordinary wooden works that are part sculpture, part art toy and a whole lot of fun.

A Man's Best Friend – Richard Wells

Bronze works by awarding winning artist Richard Wells. Richard is recognised for both his small bronzes and his public installations. His latest “pup” was installed at Queenstown Botanical Gardens and shows a dog splashing in the puddles. Regardless of scale, Richard Well's dogs exude personality. Opening Wednesday 28 October 2020.



WORKSHOPS – with Tutor Ema Frost

Illustrating and Intro to Gilding (Gold Leaf)

10.00 am – 2.00 pm Sunday 8 November 2020

Well-known artist Ema Frost will show you how to work from a basic concept design through to a finished product using a combination of illustration and gilding. Take home a new artwork and creative skills.

Kintsugi Workshop

1.30 pm – 3.00 pm Sunday 8 November 2020

Learn the magical art of Kintsugi – a traditional Japanese art using a precious metal or lacquer dusted with powdered gold to bring together the pieces of a broken pottery item and at the same time enhance the breaks. Bring along a piece of your own pottery to restore in this beautiful style. \$125 per person per workshop, limited to 8 students per workshop, bookings essential.

Quirky Fox, 205a High Street, Hāwera | Phone: 06 278 6909

Open: Monday - Friday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am - 12 noon

Facebook: Quirky Fox | Website: www.quirkyfox.co.nz

Percy Thomson Gallery - Winter Exhibitions



Adam Portraiture Award

21 August – 13 September 2020

Showcasing the power of portraiture, celebrating New Zealanders and the portrait painters who represent them. This exhibition showcases 48 artworks that were shortlisted from hundreds of entries to this biennial award.

Hayley Elliott-Kernot - Solo Exhibition

21 August – 13 September 2020

The common thread that influences Hayley's creative work is 'stories'; reading, telling and re-telling tales has always been an integral part of her life; from her love of reading and making up fantasy worlds when she was young, to illustrating children's books, to a continuing passion for mythology, history and legends. *Pictured: Lady in Green Hat*

Aroaromahana - Toi o Taranaki Ki Te Tonga - South Taranaki Maori Arts Collective

18 September – 11 October 2020

'Ka puawai nga kowhai he tohu tena kua aroaromahana. *When the kowhai is in flower it's a sign that Spring has come.*' Spring looks forward to potential and hope for the future as we re-engage. Curated by Gabrielle Belz, presenting high-calibre work from Māori artists who reside in, or whakapapa to, Taranaki.

Vicky Taylor - Pyrographer

18 September – 11 October

Taranaki artist specialising in pyrography, which literally means 'writing with fire'.

Creative Fibre Taranaki

17 October – 15 November 2020

Taranaki Creative Fibre's biennial exhibition features talented, innovative artists and covers a wide array of disciplines; weaving, knitting, spinning, felting, dyeing and free-form practises.

Percy's Place, the gallery shop, is open Monday – Friday 10.30am, Saturday 10.30 – 1pm, Closed Sundays.

Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda Street, Stratford | Director: Rhonda Bunyan | Phone 06 765 0917

Open: Monday - Friday 10.30 am - 4.00 pm Saturday - Sunday 10.30 am - 3.00 pm

Website: www.percythomsongallery.org.nz | Facebook: Percy Thomson Gallery

Fenton Street Art Collective – Winter shows

John Crawford - Ceramics & Lorna Wood - Nature in Pastels

11 September – 1 October 2020

Partial Bodies - Cherie Dodds & Jo Stallard

2 – 22 October 2020

MB Stoneman: Diverse Printmaking

23 October – 18 November 2020

WORKSHOP: Introduction to Drypoint Etching

Sunday 8 November 2020. 10.30 am – 3.00 pm 2020

\$110 per person, limited to 8 students per workshop, bookings essential. Includes all equipment & materials. Beginners welcome.

Structures – Photography by Mark Bellringer

20 November - 17 December 2020



Ceramics by John Crawford

11 Fenton Street, Stratford | Facebook: Fenton Street Art Collective | Email: fentonartscollective@gmail.com

Open: 9.00am – 2.00pm Monday – Saturday, 10.00am – 2.00pm Sunday | Phone: 021 0299 2839

AWA Event Guide – Whanganui

Awa Event Guide is Whanganui's only monthly guide featuring Whanganui events, including galleries and exhibitions. With over 600 subscribers, nearly 500 Facebook followers, many Twitter followers and a group of dedicated people who expect to see Awa come out at the beginning of the month, what better way to publicise your event or to find out what's going on in Whanganui. It is free to receive Awa by email. [Click here to subscribe.](#)

Website: www.awaeventguide.co.nz



Puke Ariki - Spring Exhibitions

Home Work: Taranaki Art 2020

26 September – 8 February 2021, Temporary Gallery, Ground Floor

A celebration of the art scene our region is known for, *Home Work* brings together artwork created right around the mouna Taranaki and acknowledges the vital role art plays in forming a vibrant community. Pieces from established and emerging local talent are displayed in an impressive and diverse body of paintings, prints, sculptures and more. *Home Work* is an exhibition that puts the spotlight on our creative people, our places, our issues and our identity.

Jobs Jobs Jobs (2019), Tony Rumball.

Redecorating Taranaki – Creating New Community Taonga

18 July - 31 January 2021, Lane Gallery, Library Level 2

Through community workshops held in 2019, New Plymouth jewellers Jennifer Larcy and Sam Kelly invited people to design a medal for and tell the story of someone who

deserves to be honoured. Taking inspiration from these workshops and objects in the museum's storeroom, Jennifer and Sam have created ten new awards that represent what we value in Taranaki today.

Therapeutic Agent

15 August - 5 April 2021, Wall Gallery, Museum Level 2

Therapeutic Agent is a new body of work by New Plymouth born artist Shannon Novak. The work explores challenges faced by the Taranaki LGBTQI+ community in the past and present with a view to creating positive change for the future.

Puke Ariki, 1 Ariki Street, New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060

Open: 10.00 am - 5.00pm Monday - Sunday | Free Entry

Website: www.pukeariki.com | Facebook: Puke Ariki: Museum-Library-Visitor Information

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre

Candice Lin: Pigs and Poison

The acclaimed LA-based artist's first solo show in New Zealand, which examines the effects of migration, race and borders through generations. A key artwork is a monumental trebuchet, or catapult, that fires projectiles to create a violent painting on the gallery's back wall. See the trebuchet perform daily in the gallery space, at 11.00 am and 2.00 pm.

Sorawit Songsataya: Rumours (Mermaid)

Debut by the first of three Govett-Brewster [Digital Artists 'In Residence' of 2020](#), Wellington-based Sorawit Songsataya.

On view 24 hours a day in the street-front Open Window Gallery, this artwork was the result of their residency, which explores the local history of New Plymouth. Follow Govett-Brewster on Instagram over the coming months as we present the next digital artists in residence; Meg Porteous and Yona Lee

This year's residency programme, supported by Creative New Zealand and NPDC, will see three New Zealand-based artists take up month-long residencies in their own studios or homes, with artworks presented on digital platforms.

Sorawit Songsataya, Rumours (Mermaid) (detail), 2020



Len Lye: The Absolute Truth of the Happiness and Sky Snakes

A celebration of Len Lye's filmmaking, this exhibition presents the most comprehensive survey of Len Lye's films.

An accompanying programme of his best-known short films has also been compiled. [Len Lye's Experimental Cinema](#) will be screened daily in the Len Lye Centre Cinema, until December. Also on view is *Sky Snakes* – a new, large-scale, dancing kinetic sculpture from the Len Lye Foundation and Team Zizz! It performs half hourly and is supported by a number of other kinetic sculptures by Lye. Find out more about our [latest and upcoming exhibitions](#).

A varied menu of public events offers every opportunity to engage with the Gallery and its exhibitions – many of these are free, drop-in sessions, suitable for all ages. More details on our regular talks, tours and programming, from weekly Family Art, monthly Gallery Seniors, Sense Art and exhibition-related events, visit our [What's On page](#). Free entry for New Plymouth District residents, Gallery Friends and Under 16's. Seniors \$10. Everyone else \$15.

Govett-Brewster Art Gallery/Len Lye Centre, Queen Street, Ngāmotu New Plymouth | Phone: 06 759 6060

Open: Seven days 10.00 am – 5.00 pm. Closed Christmas Day | Website: www.govettbrewster.com



Gover street Gallery

Gover St Gallery is an independent not-for-profit Community Art Gallery that opened in February 2020 in New Plymouth. Showcasing over 100 Taranaki artists and artisans with exhibitions, events, classes, workshops and fortnightly e-newsletter to keep everyone connected.

EVENTS

10 September: Free Lunchtime Blues Concert with KC and The Doctor, 12 noon – 1.00pm.

18 September: Exhibition Opening - Taranaki Themed Exhibition, runs until 18 October 2020.

29 October: Exhibition Opening – With Gumboot Tango, to celebrate Taranaki Arts Trail & Garden Festivals.

October: New 6 Week Adult Art Classes - *Acrylic Painting with Andrea Connor* on Tuesdays 9.30am - 12.30, \$30 per class, and *Drawing and Observation with Jan Huijbers* on Thursdays 10.00 am - 12 noon, \$20 per class.

Gover St Gallery aims to have something for everyone and is well worth a visit to their spacious and relaxed space. From 1 October hours extend to 10.00 am – 4.00pm seven days. Any enquiries or questions contact Heidi Griffin.

19 Gover Street, New Plymouth | Phone: 06 757 4278

Open: Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 4.00 pm, Saturday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm, Sunday 12 noon - 4.00 pm

Facebook/Instagram: Gover Street Gallery | Email: goverstgallery@gmail.com

Reset Festival

5 - 15 November 2020

The Taranaki Arts Festival *presents RESET 2020, A Festival for Aotearoa*. The festival is a celebration of our Taranaki and New Zealand artists in all their diversity. The programme is a smorgasbord of shows from light-hearted to inspiring and entertaining, audiences can expect cabaret, comedy, music, and theatre over the two weeks. 2020 has been a challenging year for arts, experiences and events - prepare to be reset and energised from this impressive all-New Zealand line-up, and additional events that make up this unique festival programme. Brochures are available at Taranaki i-SITES and venues throughout Taranaki.



For full programme and ticket info/bookings, visit: www.reset2020.co.nz



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Send information by: Tuesday 17 November 2020
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