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South Taranaki Arts Bulletin #6

Summer 2011

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Artists created a *Namibian Flying Carpet* at the Arty Adventures School Holiday programme at Eltham Libraryplus.

Welcome – Haere mai

Welcome to the sixth edition of *State of the Arts – South Taranaki Arts Bulletin*.

The past few months have been busy throughout the whole district and it had nothing to do with rugby or politics! We have new public artworks installed in Patea, Waverley and Hawera - you can read more about these in this bulletin. Opunake's Taranaki Art Awards celebrated its tenth year, and our community galleries have displayed some stunning and diverse artwork. I am looking forward to *Arts in the Park* this weekend - it is a chance for us to enjoy a fun day in a beautiful setting and support our local artists by buying handcrafted gifts for Christmas.

Over the summer, take a moment to reflect on all the creative projects, exhibitions, performances and events we have enjoyed and participated in 2011. By getting involved and supporting each other, our communities thrive and prosper. You may also think

about new challenges and experiences for next year - it might be time to learn a new skill, join a group or initiate that terrific project you have always wanted to do.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to your creative pursuits in the new year.

Warm regards,

Michaela



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Arts in the Park 2011



Saturday 3 December 2011, 10.00am – 4.00pm
King Edward Park, Hawera
If wet, Sunday 4 December 10.00am – 4.00pm

A walk through King Edward Park offers a voyage of creative discovery. Find some special treasures at the arts and crafts stalls for Christmas gifts, or treat yourself to some original artwork. Food stalls offer a variety of culinary treats for you to eat picnic-style in the Park.

The Travelling Tuataras are artists, song-writers and performers, offering a package of vibrant activities to engage children and parents. Fun for all ages – find the Kidzone beside the playground and face painting, pony rides and bouncy castle by the pirate ship. Be entertained by buskers, dancers and have a great relaxing day out.

For further information as a free stallholder or visitor, please contact Tarin Hunt or Michaela Stoneman: 0800 111 323 tarin.hunt@stdc.govt.nz/michaela.stoneman@stdc.govt.nz

ARTS
IN THE PARK

Hawera Memorial Theatre Friends Trust – Auditions!

Sunday 4 December 2011 2.00pm-8.00pm

Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera

Come along and audition for the *Memorial Theatre Variety Show* - a showcase of our fabulous local talent. Directed by Russ Standing, the show is looking for actors, singers, comedians and members for a male and female adult choir. Bring along your preferred audition song or item and give it a go.

The show season will run from 14 – 21 April 2012. All proceeds contribute to the Hawera Memorial Theatre Refurbishment Programme

Phone Russ Standing 06 278 4609 - Mobile 027 242 3904

Or Email russellss@xtra.co.nz



Monument anchors cultural connection

A new public sculpture at Mana Bay, Patea, acknowledges the shared connection all New Zealanders have with the sea. Three years in the making, *Te Ao Hou – The New World* was created by local Patea artist Toroa Ngaia Cruden and installed on 29 September. The rock, wood and steel sculpture features a tall ship anchor and a kohatu, an anchor stone used by Maori, representing “the anchoring of our cultures to this country” Mr Cruden said. “The monument acknowledges the first voyagers to this country – the Polynesian seafarers and discoverers, our

connections to those travellers and the coming together of us as a people – the social integration of us all as New Zealanders.” Mr Cruden, who is of Nga Ruahine, Te Ati Awa and Scottish descent, says the inspiration for the sculpture came from his father. “His stories of the Patea harbour and experiences of travelling by sea made me think about how we have lost our connection to the sea; these days we travel by land or air,” he says. The sculpture was funded by South Taranaki Creative Communities and the Patea Community Board Local Discretionary Fund. The support from the Patea Community Board resulted from an overwhelming positive response by the community from public consultation.

“The new sculpture increases the growing cultural and artistic attractions in Patea and highlights the creative strength of the town” says STDC Arts Coordinator Michaela Stoneman. “Visitors can get a photo of the iconic Aotea Waka and visit Aotea Utanganui – Museum of South Taranaki, then check out the Garden of Tutunui when they head down to the beach for a BBQ and a swim – awesome, unique Kiwi culture”

Jazz & A Long Lunch

Friday 9 December 2011, 11:30am – 2.30pm

Tairoa Lodge, Hawera

Check with the boss and call your friends to celebrate the festive season over a casual long lunch listening to soloist jazz guitar player Ross Halliday.

For details and to reserve your table phone Linda on 06 278 8603 or email tairoa.lodge@xtra.co.nz



Taranaki National Art Awards - Winners 2011



The awards celebrated its tenth anniversary this year and it was bigger and better than ever. Judges Darcy Nicholas and Ruth Harvey rose to the challenge to select winners from 240 artworks from established and emerging artists from throughout New Zealand competing for the \$14,000 prize pool. The awards ceremony was opened by Deputy Mayor Alex Ballentyne, and guests were entertained by Opunake Players living statues, who had more than a few people doing a double-take! It was fantastic that 6 out of the 9 winners were from Taranaki, proving that we have a wealth of talent and creativity in our district. In its tenth year, the awards could not be such a great success without the generous support from sponsors, the Opunake community and committed volunteers.

The 2011 winners are:

TSB Community Trust Painting Award: Jasmine Middlebrook, Dunedin (*pictured*)

Highly Commended: Isaac Peterson, New Plymouth

Fred & Eunice Rodie Charitable Trust Rural Taranaki Award: Linda McBreen, New Plymouth

Highly commended: Joyce Young, New Plymouth

Shell Todd Oil Services Ltd 3D Award: Jeff Drabble, Havelock North

Highly Commended: Roger Morris, Oeo

Gibson Plumbing & MC Livestock Works on Paper Award: Rebecca White, Patea

Highly Commended: Kirsty Griggs, Howick

TSB Community Trust Fibre Art Award: Bernice Mitchell, Stratford

Highly Commended: Bonita Bigham, Manaia

Tui Ora Ltd & Parininihi Ki Waitōtara Trust Toi Tu Taranaki Award: Todd Sheridan, Gisborne

Highly Commended: Barbara Clegg, New Plymouth

Opunake Businesses Photography Award: Brenda Waterman, New Plymouth

Highly Commended: Jeff Drabble, Havelock North

Taranaki Art Awards Committee's Choice: Richard Landers, Whanganui

Check the website www.taranakiartawards.co.nz for photographs of winning artworks and full sponsor list.

The committee are always looking for new people to help – if you are interested in getting involved organising this event and working with a great bunch of people (and wonderful art!) in 2012, please contact **Suzy Stanley** (06) 761 8879, 0272225643 or email stano@xtra.co.nz

Modern Jive Dance Classes

Regular non-profit Modern Jive Dance Classes are held every Thursday night at the Baptist Hall, corner of Surrey Street and Argyle Street, Hawera

Beginner Class 7.00pm- 8.00pm

Intermediate Class 8.00pm-9.00pm

Adults: \$30 for four classes or \$10 casual

Teens: \$20 for four classes or \$7 casual

For more information, please contact Maria Cashmore 027 727 1749

Hawera ALT Fest

Saturday 17 December, 2.00pm Gates open at 1.30pm

Hawera Showgrounds, Williams Avenue, Hawera

Featuring bands I Am Giant, 3rd Avenue and DJ Cleo G.

I Am Giant has made significant waves in New Zealand, UK and Asia.

Based in London, the band has blazed a trail across Europe appearing at countless surf/skate festivals and events. New Zealanders Shelton Woolright from Blindspott and Paul Matthews from Stylus and Tadpole are joined by Londoners Max O'Donnell and Ed Martin – be sure to check it out! Tickets on sale from Tuesday 29 November at South Taranaki i-Site or Ticket Direct www.ticketdirect.co.nz



Lisa Walsh and her artwork, Woven Over Time which will hang permanently in the foyer of the Waverley Community Centre

Waverley Connections Success

The Waverley Connections Art Exhibition and presentation of Lisa Walsh's glass panel to the Waverley community on the 29 October 2011 attracted 427 visitors over the weekend.

Ms Walsh's vibrant glass panel *Woven Over Time* depicts the people and the environment which she says are the two shapes which have made and shaped the community. Her vibrant artwork, which includes 50 poppies commemorating the fallen soldiers named on the Town Clock War Memorial, received much positive feedback from those who attended. Ms Walsh voluntarily contributed her time to create the work with the material and installation costs supported by the Waverley Floral Art Group, Creative Communities and the Powerco Wanganui Trust. The organising committee is grateful to Creative Communities and the Lysaght-Watt Trustees who supported the exhibition. You can see

more of Lisa and Jimi Walsh's glass and ceramic artwork at: **Glass Art Studio, 49 Wereroa Rd, Waverley.**

Hollywood Xmas 2011 Dance Recital

Saturday 10 December 2011, 2:00pm and 7.00pm

Hawera Memorial Theatre, Albion Street, Hawera

Brought to you by the Michelle Glover Academy of Dance

Tickets: Adults \$10, Children \$5

Contact: Sue Loveridge 027 278 3185



Everybodys Picture Theatre Opunake

Gary McCormick and Mayor Tim Shadbolt

2 January 2012, 8.00pm

Opunake's unique theatre presents a fantastic stand-up comedy act from two well known NZ personalities. Refreshments available and all proceeds help out the *Everybodys Picture Theatre Restoration Fund*.

Boutique Style Theatre Movie: The Help

9 & 11 December, 7.00pm

For a \$15 ticket enjoy bubbles, chocolates and a great film.

For tickets and information, call in to Opunake Post & Lotto or contact Debbie: 06 761 8192 northmeetswest@xtra.co.nz



The Village Gallery Summer exhibitions & news

Under the Christmas Tree

21 November – 17 December 2011

Artworks created by members of The Village Gallery, especially with gifts in mind. Promising a mix of a wide range of arts - something special, something different – shop local this Christmas.

The Village Gallery committee wishes all our friends and supporters a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The gallery will be **closed from 17 December – 22 January** for our volunteer helpers to have a break and spend time with friends and family over Christmas.

Creative Clearance

23 January – 17 February 2011

Artworks at bargain prices. Members of the gallery are clearing their cupboards and offering artwork at reduced prices – great opportunity!

As a further association with Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust, the Village Gallery offered the use of their north wall for the purpose of promoting the Sanctuary. The artist's brief was to create something that was eye catching and yet simple to point the way out to the Lake. It was also necessary for the work to be sympathetic to the gallery's purpose of promoting art. The silhouette design created by Lynda Newman of New Plymouth was favored by both parties. Lynda spent a week painting the mural as dictated by the fickle spring weather! But now it is completed and everyone is happy with the result. Many comments have been made on the effectiveness of the design and Lynda even received two more commissions as she worked!

Lysaght Watt Gallery Summer exhibitions

Gaby Mullholland with KidzArt Exhibition

3 - 31 December 2011

On the Round, In the Square

4 - 28 January 2011

This exhibition is an opportunity to get creative and be part of a group exhibition. Pop down to the gallery, check out the examples on display in the gallery window and register to create your own coaster artworks. All are welcome to enter and prizes are up for grabs. Receiving days for entries are 16/17/19 December.



Littoral Drift

11 February - 3 March 2011

Five Whanganui artists, Jen Dickie, Deb Frederikse, Sue James, Fiona McGowan and Felicity Priest have produced works that draw on the distinctive physical features of the south Taranaki coastline. Paintings, drawings, glass and ceramic works will be on display. The wild drama of the south Taranaki and Whanganui coast line is expressed through the local name Te Tai Hau a Uru (literally, the windy west coast). *Littoral Drift* indicates the processes of coastal formation, its destruction and the unceasing change brought about by the action of rock, wind and tide. The works contain information gathered during walks to Waverley Cove, the Waitotara and Whanganui estuaries and Turakina Beach and each artist approaches the subject through a personal lens of interest. Drift, here, implies the movement of the artists through the landscape. These works then, are interpretations of aspects of this coastal region, which become suggestive of emotion and meaning.

Lysaght Watt Gallery 4 - 6 Union St, Hawera

Open Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Saturday 10.00 am – 12 noon.

Phone 278 7611 Chairperson: Margaret Springett.



PTO Gallery Summer Exhibitions

Postponed

25 November - 18 December 2011

Selected by New Plymouth artist Katey Pittwood and the gallery, this exhibition features work of ten Taranaki artists: Bridie Steele, Aly Scott, Stacey Seyb, Tanya Mercer, Kim Zimmerman, Anna Scott, Kirsty Grieve, Amber McFadyen, Katie Bayliss and Katey Pittwood. *(pictured)*

Artists interested in exhibiting at the gallery can send images, CVs or exhibition proposals to ptogallery@ptogallery.co.nz

PTO GALLERY 45 Bridge St, Eltham Open Friday - Sat 10.00am- 5.00pm,

Sunday 11.00am - 4.00pm or by appointment. Contact: Catherine and Joseph Tamou Phone: 06 764 5064

www.ptogallery.co.nz

Percy Thomson Gallery Summer exhibitions

Stratford Art Society

25 November - 15 December

David Matches: The Match

20 December 2011 – 16 January 2012

A travelling exhibition from NZ Portrait Gallery, *The Match* features 100 full size photographs of New Zealand rugby players of all kinds, taken just as they have left the field, presented by the renowned English photographer David Matches.



The Big Snow Scrapbook - Community Gallery

20 December – 16 January

The Gallery is hosting an informal exhibition of snow photos taken during the 2011 snow storms.

Maximum size A4, unframed or mounted, must have been shot this year in our amazing snowfalls. The Stratford Art Society has generously donated a Viewer's Choice Award to the most popular image. Pick up an entry forms at the gallery or on our website - due in 9 December, works in by 16 December 2011.

Snow Angel by J. Hignett

Littoral Drift

20 January – 9 February

Littoral Drift is an exhibition of works by six Whanganui artists who all draw inspiration from the distinctive physical features of this coastline.

The Imaginative Life and Times of Graham Percy - A Micronaut in the Wide World

17 February – 22 March

The Imaginative Life and Times of Graham Percy rediscovers the life and work of one of New Zealand's most talented and original artists. Born in Stratford in 1938, Percy left NZ in the mid-1960s and became a hugely respected artist, illustrator and typographer overseas, while at the same time producing a remarkable body of his own independent art. This exhibition, and the major publication that accompanies it, celebrates Percy's achievement as a published illustrator as well as bringing to light a significant body of work never seen before. Percy was a pivotal figure in the design and illustration of the New Zealand School Journal in the early 1960s, before transplanting to London, where he illustrated over 100 books. Percy died in January 2008. The main visual focus of the exhibition will be a series of around 60 large and medium scale drawings. The large-scale works on paper are particularly strong dynamic productions.

Percy Thomson Gallery, Miranda Street, Stratford

Open: Mon - Fri 10.30am - 4.00pm Sat - Sun 10.30am-3.00pm

Director: Sue Morton Phone 06 7650917 www.percythomsongallery.org.nz

The Remnants

A new South 'Naki band is here supporting community and private events within the Taranaki region. *The Remnants* recently supported a few community events, including the Eltham Music Museum Fundraising Concert and the Hawera A & P Show. *The Remnants* is a three piece band with band members: Rod Mullin on acoustic guitar and vocals, Neville Anderson on bass guitar and Maria Cashmore on keyboards , percussion and lead vocals. The band members have been involved with music since a young age and were drawn together by their passion and love of music. They cover a broad range of music genres and also play some original songs composed by Rod Mullin.



The band members had several inspiring comments from the crowd to name a few: "Top class performance" according to Bryan Vickery at the Eltham Music Museum Fundraising Concert, "vocals sound like Stevie Nicks", "beautiful sound, beautiful music", and "Keep going guys you've got talent".

They will be performing at Arts at the Park, King Edward Park, Hawera on **3 December at 2.30pm** and at the Hawera Christmas Parade, High Street on **10 December 10.30am**.

For more information or to book *The Remnants* to play at your event, please contact Maria 027 727 1749



The Dark End of the Street

A Portrait Exhibition by Taranaki Artist John Sargeant

1 - 29 February 2012

Opening Event: Friday 3 February 2012 5.30pm-7.00pm

The Dark End of the Street is a series of pastel portraits of people who reflect the side of life we seldom wish to involve ourselves with. Some serious, some intriguing and some whimsical, they all reflect a glimpse of something we may recognise deep within ourselves or within people we know.

Worked on a combination of art canvas and fish and chip paper, they reflect the transitory nature of the streets themselves. They show people who touch our lives from time to time but are soon pushed to the back of, or out of our minds once they register on our psyche.

Described as disturbing but at the same time intriguing and compelling, the works question the paradox of desperation and hope, the taking by greed and the giving of souls needed to survive on the street. They show the plight of the street people, the attitudes of those who pass by and those who come to help.

The works explore the notion of 'disposable art'. They are intended to be hung for a year or two, then, as with the subjects, they are the centre of attention for a time then move out of our worlds. If wished, they can be invited to stay longer.

John has been working on the exhibition for the last year as an attempt to get away from his eclectic style and subjects. He has been working on the artistic side as well as the business side of the venture blending his marketing and art backgrounds. He says that he enjoys using both sides of his brain and is "reasonably pleased" with the outcome.

You are encouraged to come to the opening or visit the exhibition in February to see if you can see a little something of yourself or of others – everybody welcome...if you dare!

Real TART Gallery, 19 Egmont Street, New Plymouth

Open: Mon - Fri 10.00am-5pm Sat & Sun 11.00am – 4.00pm

Phone 06 769 5717 <http://real.tart.co.nz/> Email: realtart@xtra.co.nz



Arts Lease Programme 2011/2012

The new arts lease works in the foyer gallery of the South Taranaki District Council Administration building in Hawera showcase the diversity of artists from our district. This year, artworks by 10 artists and two schools were

selected for display from a large amount of entries. The gallery creates an opportunity for South Taranaki artists to exhibit to a wide audience and offer their work for sale. Be sure to check it out next time you are there.

Govett Brewster Art Gallery Summer Exhibitions

Vincent Ward: Breath – the fleeting intensity of life

10 December 2011 - 26 February 2012

Vincent Ward's memorable filmic work has long been part of Aotearoa New Zealand's visual experience. This new exhibition showcases his recent exploration of the still image, presenting works that combine photography, paint and digital imaging alongside filmic vignettes. This exhibition is the first survey of filmmaker Vincent Ward's work within an art museum context.

Old Genes: Artists reading Len Lye

10 December 2011 – 26 February 2012

With artists Phil Dadson, Tessa Laird, Dane Mitchell, Andy Thomson and Daniel von Sturmer, this exhibition presents a fresh look at the importance of Len Lye within contemporary New Zealand art.

Open Window – Jacqueline Elley: Detenebrate

3 December 2011 - 19 February 2012

New Plymouth artist Jacqueline Elley works with light and muka, an organic, processed flax fibre traditionally produced in Taranaki, exploring the tensions between nature/culture, illumination/darkness and containment/fluidity in her work. For this site-specific installation, Elley references historical and contemporary Māori and Pākehā approaches to muka, transforming the Open Window gallery space into a lightbox.

Michael Parmenter

Tuesday 21 February 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Michael Parmenter's name is synonymous with bold and innovative contemporary dance. Over the past twenty years Parmenter has created some of Aotearoa New Zealand's most challenging, exciting and successful theatrical works as dancer, choreographer and director. Parmenter is renowned for his collaborations with local composers and has worked extensively with international and national dancers, modern dance companies in New York, butoh dance in Japan, the Royal New Zealand Ballet and Footnote Dance Company in New Zealand. In the 1990s he established his own dance company, Commotion, as well as choreographing for other dance companies and developing his work as a solo artist and touring throughout New Zealand. Parmenter presents a talk titled *Pacific Flamenco - the dance of Len Lye*.

For a full list of artist and curator talks, exhibitions, films, workshops and programmes, visit

www.govettbrewster.com or contact Communications Coordinator, Kelly Loney at kellyl@govettbrewster.com



Vincent Ward, Born in a caul 2011



Paepae in the Park

Waitangi Day - 6 February 2012

Memorial Park, Patea

Head to Patea's Memorial Park on Waitangi Day for a free, great day out for all the whanau. The headline acts for 2011 are reggae bands Cornerstone Roots and MaRoPu. Other local bands will feature as well as belly dancing and drumming performances. Food, art and craft stalls keep everyone happy - see you there!



Art in the Square

New vibrant artworks were installed in the Hawera Town Square recently, with local artists acknowledged in an informal ceremony on 29 September. Commissioned and funded by the Hawera Community Board, the large paintings were created by three South Taranaki artists, Teresa Buhler, Justin Mills and Debbie Campbell, from Manutahi, Hawera and Opunake respectively. This is the first rotation of artworks in the biannual project, first established in 2009. The designs were selected from submissions, reflecting the theme 'Visions of South Taranaki'. The artworks are

installed in custom-built stainless steel frames that have proved the test of time as an original and attractive weather and vandal-proof display solution. Project Facilitator, STDC Arts Co-ordinator Michaela Stoneman says "Art in the Square has all the elements of a successful community art project. By encouraging and valuing the work of local artists, the Hawera Community Board has actively created a stimulating and colourful environment within the CBD. The response has been very positive. The aim to commission new artworks biannually has succeeded in establishing a growing public art collection. "



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