

WSA art Art Connections

WAIKATO SOCIETY OF ARTS

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WSA Events for 2009

JULY:

This GREEN LAND by Campbell Smith
23, 25-26th July*

AUGUST:

Celebratory 75th Anniversary Banquet
at Windows on Avalon
27th August

SEPTEMBER:

National Youth Art Award 18th September

OCTOBER:

Waiprint Exhibition

NOVEMBER:

Members Exhibition

**Museum and WSA cooperative venture*



75th Anniversary Banquet

Guest Speaker David Hyams CEO Art Waikato.

Remember this special occasion for celebration will take place at Wintec Windows on Avalon on August 27th. This venue has a good reputation and you are charged by what you choose. The charges are modest and a good meal can be had for about \$30/head. Please confirm your place by returning the enclosed form with booking fee. \$10 PP of this fee is deducted from the cost of your meal – which you pay at the end of the evening.

See the enclosed form for more information.

Our First WSA Club Lunch

This was a great success. Nineteen attended and several showed their or others works and either demonstrated their approach to the work or asked for advice. Your editor is pleased to record that his lunch was supplemented by some very generous home cooking. Woodcut, etching, monoprint and mixed media techniques were covered. Two things arose from the meeting. The first was that members appreciated the social contact within WSA. We will continue the series as long as we have members prepared to come and also volunteers prepared to facilitate

From Martha Simms

Don't miss the 75th Anniversary Dinner on August 27th

Inspiring speaker David Hyams, new CEO of Arts Waikato on the future of the Arts in the Waikato and WSA's role in creating that future. We will also launch the continuation of the history of the WSA by Megan Lyon, announcement of new life members; some nostalgia and some looking forward to the exciting future of WSA. All this and exquisite food at Windows on Avalon.

National Youth Award Exhibition opening September 18

Tell all the talented young people that you know between the ages of 15-27 about the first prize \$2000, courtesy of the Tompkins Wake law firm, and assorted worthwhile category prizes. All media, all styles can enter. Closing date for entries August 15th. Sponsors: Tompkins Wake Lawyers; Radio ZM 89.8; HCAC; Convex Plastic; Gordon Harris.

WSA Executive

Please remember that I will be away and unavailable for re-election as President in October. We will also be looking to enlarge our Executive Committee which has become rather depleted. Please give these items some serious thought.

"This Green Land" matinee

We are looking for volunteers to help with afternoon tea at 3pm on Sat 25th July.

See article in this newsletter about the play and we do need you and your friends to support the play.

Art School

The Winter term starts 27th July – as usual for eight weeks. See the programme enclosed with this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you there. Please don't hesitate to call if you would like more information. 07 839 4481

Calling all printmakers

'**Waiprint 2009**' guest artist **Kate Hill** exhibition opens 02 Oct – 02 Nov 2009 at ArtsPost Galleries. Entry forms and more info. will be in the August Newsletter. 2 artworks can be submitted. Deadline for entries will be 16th September 2009. Kate will running a one day workshop called '**Printing without a Press**' on Sunday 04 October in the WSA print studio.

Thornton Gallery

298 Barton Street, Hamilton

Ph/Fax: 07 839 1325

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www.thorntongallery.co.nz

Invites entries of Significant New Zealand Artworks for sale by Public Auction.

All entries for sale will be selected, and must meet acceptance standards.

Final Date for Artworks to be seen for selection is Friday 14th August 2009.

Auction Date: Wednesday 16th September 2009

Starting Time: 7.00pm

Auction Venue: To be Advised

All enquiries please phone Alex McPherson

at Thornton Gallery on

Ph/Fax: 07 839 1325

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Email: thorntongallery@clear.net.nz

the get togethers. Our next meeting will be an evening one in August to accommodate those who can't make it to our daytime lunches. The second was the expressed desire among the printmakers to continue meetings on printmaking matters. There is no denting the passion of printmakers in WSA. We'll progress this idea as well. Watch this space. And members. Please support these initiatives!

Artist Exhibition Survey Responders -Prize Draw

This was won by Elsa Lye who will receive either a WSA apron or T shirt. Thanks also to all those who responded to the survey,

Walker and Hall Waiheke Art Award 2009

Submissions now open. Closing date Monday 7th September 2009. Guest Judge: Dr Ed Hanfling. Selection and judging through a double blind process with no artist identification available to the judge. Information and application form available at www.waihekeartgallery.org.nz. Prize of \$5000 with additional merit prizes.

Membership Renewal

This month, WSA office will send you a membership renewal form for you to pay your subscription for the year 1 Sept 09 to 31 Aug 10.

We request that everyone ensure that their subscription is paid during August. If you can't find the form, please contact Eriko on 8394481 or email her on wsa@wsa.org.nz and she will post a replacement.

The membership subscription is real value for money. Not only do you get all the benefits of belonging to the Society, if you take advantage of the discounts you soon get your money back!

Ann McEwan Talk on WSA 75th Exhibition

15 July 2009 (Wed) 7:30pm

Waikato Museum Lecture Theatre

Ann McEwan will discuss selected works from the WSA exhibition in the Museum. These will be works that reflect her special interests in visual art. All welcome.

2010 The New Zealand Painting and Printmaking Award

The great news is that the Vela Family Trust has increased their generous sponsorship and the NZPPA prize has been increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000!

Members will also be interested to know that the judge for the 2010 NZPPA will be Dr Leslie Duxbury from the School of Art, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. WSA printmakers will be interested to know that Dr Duxbury has a major interest in printmaking. Closing date for entries will be 19 October 2009.

Entry form from www.wsa.org.nz, or call 07 839 4481

Trust Waikato National Contemporary Art Award 2009

Entries have closed, and the museum has received over 280 entries, which is a great result.

The finalists' work will be on display at the Waikato Museum from 5 September 2009 until 25 January 2010. www.waikatomuseum.co.nz

Campbell Smith Play "This Green Land" about Margot Philips

Imagine running from the Holocaust and finding yourself in residence in Hamilton!

"This Green Land" tells the story of refugee Margot Philip and the interesting twists and turns her life took. Summer schools with artists such as Colin McCahon, Toss Wollaston and Len Castle; opening a Viennese coffee shop on Victoria Street; joining the WSA and studying painting with Ida Carey and finally completing a body of work significant to the Waikato. Director - Alec Forbes

Thursday 23 July

6 pm \$15.00 and \$10 concession

Saturday 25 July

2pm Matinee includes coffee/tea and cake to follow performance \$17.00 - \$5 with WSA voucher (phone Martha 07 856 6981 for voucher inquiries)

6pm \$15.00 and \$10 concession

Sunday 26th July

2pm \$15.00 and \$10 concession

WSA and the Waikato Museum thanks the Chartwell Trust, the Foreman Family, HCAC and Creative NZ, Remains to be scene for their support.

HOW TO BOOK AND GET YOUR TICKET TO THE PLAY

TO BOOK PHONE 07 8386606

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM RECEPTION

Special Note About Matinee Performance of "This Green Land"

On July 25(Sat), the Matinee will be a gala performance of *This Green Land*. An afternoon tea in honour of the Vienna Café that Margot and her siblings ran on Victoria Street will follow the performance. Rob Gardiner, Campbell Smith and Bill Foreman have been invited to speak. We hope others will share their memories of Margot and of their experience in WSA on this occasion. We are sending vouchers to friends of Margot as well as long time members and supporters of WSA in order to purchase their tickets for the performance and the afternoon tea for \$5.00 instead of the usual price of \$17.00. If you know of anyone who should receive a voucher please contact Eriko 07 839 4481 or Martha 07 856 6981.

Youth Art Award 18th Sept

WSA is organising this major award for youth art. There will be plenty of advertising in the coming months but the important information members should know at present is the closing date is 15th August and youth is 27 years of age and under. The curator and judge will be Pauline Lewis. Full information at the WSA website www.wsa.org.nz

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