



The year is rolling on and already we have a significant event completed. We now look forward to the remainder of the year which hopefully will be less eventful /traumatic than 2020!

Friends of Pātaka Arts Trail 2021

The third Friends Arts Trail has been another major success. The weather was perfect, we were down to Covid 19 level 1, and the crowds came and bought plenty. The artists were very happy as were we, the organisers.

If you visited any of the hubs or studios and would like to provide any feedback, we would love to hear from you. This can be emailed to: friendsarttrail@gmail.com

Membership

Membership subs for 2021 were due by 31 March. You need a current membership to qualify for the Toi Store discount, free entry to concerts, opportunity to vote at the AGM or



offer to join the committee, etc. If you have a half year subscription (which is a once only), it is now out of date. A full year subscription will be needed.

Renewing your membership online is very easy and efficient. If you have mislaid your invoice please put your name in the banking reference line.

Annual General Meeting

**7.30pm 19 April, Helen Smith Room Pātaka
7pm for nibbles & drinks**

Our guest speakers, Kate Montgomery, Creative New Zealand Senior Community Arts Advisor, Visual Arts, and Charlotte McKay, Advisor, Stakeholder Relations, will give their presentation at 7.30 and the AGM will follow.

They will speak about CNZ priorities in Visual and Community Arts and how, as Arts communities in Porirua, we can best advocate for, and support the Arts in our City, to promote wellbeing.

The AGM documents, Financial Performance Report, President Report, etc, will be available from 12 April on the friendsofpataka.org.nz/news page.

www.friendsofpataka.org.nz/join

Music Series for 2021

This year we will present three Sunday concerts – 25 July, 1 August and 8 August.

More information will be posted on friendsofpataka.org.nz/events when it becomes available..

As part of the Music & Memory Tour, there will also be special performances by a group led by Robert Oliver featuring ancient instruments. These will be on 18 August in the Helen Smith room at 11am and in the Pātaka Spine at 7.30pm. Free entry to both – just drop in.

TOI STORE ARTIST PROFILE



EMY OIKAWA

Clay artworks and jewellery

Emy is of Columbian and Japanese heritage and was born and raised in Medellin, Columbia.

She has always had an interest in art and design but it was not until an art class at intermediate school when she discovered her passion for coloured clay art.

Ever since, she has created various Columbian, New Zealand and Japanese inspired clay artworks and jewellery.

She has been very interested in creating various touchable art pieces in the last couple of years to welcome those who have low vision, or are blind, to enjoy art through the sense of touch.

Eclo comes from Emy's initials. All of her art is handmade and sculptured with a fine spatula using no-dry clay and oven bake clay.

Also check out her cards which are not only beautiful, but also reusable, with a pocket in which messages and greetings can be placed, and then later replaced by the recipient and passed on.