



Happy New Year to all!

The coming year will be busy and let's hope without disruptions. Already we have plenty to report and to tempt you.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ROGER HAYMAN



Art Awards 2022 winner photographer Roger Hayman took up his Artist in Residence in January 2023. Roger worked in the Pātaka Education room for two weeks and on his final day, Friday 20 January, he gave a talk to Friends, Pātaka staff and visitors about what he had been working on.

Roger uses a 151-megapixel camera, with three times more resolution than most professional cameras. He was keen to photograph some of the Pātaka collection and use those images to create composite photographic artworks. Roger's works can use items from as many as eight other images.

From the Pātaka collection, Roger was particularly drawn to bird skulls and tiki, taking extreme closeups of the latter to capture the carver's tool marks. He found one particularly ancient-looking tiki had actually been carved using an electric rotary tool.

Roger explained that textures and effects could be applied to his images by combining them with other images and he showed an example using a technique called the Orton effect which gives a glow to the subjects of images.

TOI STORE ARTIST PROFILE



BERNADETTE ROSS RARANGA ARTIST

"As a raranga (weaving) artist, harakeke (flax) is the medium I use for most of my work. Its versatility, ease of use and the connection it provides to our whenua, makes it a pleasure to work with, both in a physical and spiritual sense.

"The environment surrounding me in Whangamata, the bush, sea, beach and farmland and their colours, textures, sounds and smells provide inspiration for my work. I continue to be challenged to reflect what I see and feel around me and express this in the work I produce."

Roger had taken about 950 images during his residency. Many of these were the in-focus slices of an object under high magnification which were then processed to combine into one image which is sharp at all depths.

Roger's talk was highly informative and stimulating and the group kept him busy with questions. It is fascinating to see the artist at work and learn about his skills and inspiration..

A'EVA TOKOTAHA HE PASIFIKI SOLO ACROSS THE PACIFIC

A curators talk by Jacki Leota-Mua

Around 25 people gathered at Pātaka on Saturday 28 January to hear Jacki Leota-Mua present a 'sensory' talk about the currently displayed works of Glen Wolfgramm.

She presented his work with evocative language and gesture and with warmth and humour, using music, kava and a chaser to support her talk. This was interspersed by breaks to walk around the exhibition and explain the ideas and artistic styles that Wolfgramm had used within the works.

Wolfgramm describes his work as 'random doodling' often to the accompaniment of reggae music. He documents our struggles, exploring 'connection and disconnection' using Pacific, particularly Tongan, design, and 'manipulates and distorts it till it becomes my own.'

The Glen Wolfgramm exhibition continues at Pātaka until 26 February 2023

PORIRUA HISTORY TOUR

10am-1pm Wednesday 29 March 2023

Friends of Pātaka are organising a history tour with a difference! Te Rauparaha Horomona – a direct descendant of the Te Rauparaha (Ngati Toa) – will guide us on an intriguing bus journey around many of the important places in Porirua's history, sharing the stories of the people who featured there.

The cost is \$25 per person.

We are asking for expressions of interest ASAP please, as seats are limited. You can respond at patakafriends@gmail.com.

PORIRUA ARTS TRAIL

Formerly organised by Friends of Pātaka in 2018, 2019 and 2021, the highly popular Porirua Arts Trail has been picked up by others and will be held over the weekend of 18-19 March 2023.

The new Arts Trail committee has continued the community-centred approach of community hubs, individual studios and no charge for participating schools.

There are 42 artists on board and the brochure has just been sent to print; Facebook and Instagram pages are up and running. Please explore these and share the website and social media pages:

+ poriruaartstrail.wordpress.com

+ www.instagram.com/poriruaartstrail/

+ www.facebook.com/groups/poriruaartstrail

FRIENDS OF PĀTAKA AGM

2pm Wednesday 19 April, Helen Smith Room

Last year we held our AGM on a Wednesday afternoon and this proved more convenient for people to attend so we will repeat that this year.

Ioana Gordon Smith, our lead curator, will present an overview of her experience last year with Yuki Kihara at the Venice Biennale.

TE KURA POUNAMU EXHIBITION CURATOR'S TALK

10am Wednesday 3 May 2023

Friends of Pātaka will host the Friends of Te Papa at the Pātaka gallery, where Dougal Austin will give a curator's talk about Te Kura Pounamu exhibition. Te Kura Pounamu will tell the story of pounamu, its significance for Māori and its enduring value from ancient times until today.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Membership cards for 2023 Friends of Pātaka financial members are now available at the Toi Store together with the Kaizen coffee card. Members must be current (2023) financial members to receive the cards and the 10% discount .from the Toi Store.

DATES TO REMEMBER

18-19 March Porirua Arts Trail

29 March Porirua History Tour

19 April Friends of Pātaka AGM

3 May Hosting Friends of Te Papa