

Friends of Pātaka Art Awards 2019

The Art Awards exhibition closed on Sunday 22nd with the presentation of the “People’s Choice” Award which went to Ina Wood. Congratulations Ina.

The show was very successful with a constant stream of visitors and about 90 of the works sold. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. I think this might have been one of our best exhibitions.

Just a reminder that we will have another Art Awards exhibition next year and then thereafter, every second year, alternating with the Arts Trail.



Ina and family in front of the people’s choice work

The Day of The Older Person

The Friends joined Emma Kitson (curator community exhibitions) and other staff on Tuesday 1st October to help celebrate the **Day of the Older Person**.

Emma had organized collage sessions in the Bottle Creek Gallery, and the Friends organized the Take Note Singers who performed a variety of popular songs and Graham Kelly Graham who played a set of jazz favorites.

Helen Forrest talked about her work before the official opening of Te Manawa Titi, (the Enduring Heart) the Bottle Creek exhibition showing the work of five “older “ artists.

“He manawa tītī” is a whakatauki or proverb that describes a person with great endurance. Within western cultures aging is stereotypically portrayed as something bad and to fight against. Artists, however, seem to live beyond these stereotypes.

Kerry Ryan Moore, Val Griffith-Jones, Helen Forrest, Gregory Chaston, and Mayme Chanwai are five local senior artists whose work transcends their age. All or the artists are in their 7th decade or beyond.

“Age has no reality except in the physical world.

The essence of a human being is resistant to the passage of time.

Our inner lives are eternal, which is to say that
our spirits remain as youthful and vigorous as when we were in full bloom.”

This was a great exhibition.



Mayme and Helen in front of Mayme’s work

Pātaka Foundation Art Auction

To celebrate 21 years, the Pātaka Foundation held it’s first ever fund raising art auction on October 4th. Most of the artists donated their work with 26 up for sale. This was a wonderful evening with wine and canapes served before musical entertainment which was followed by the auction of the artworks.

All work went to new owners with nearly \$70,000 being raised.



New Aotearoa Stamps

Michael Tuffery, whose work features in the current Here: Kupe to Cook exhibition has designed five postage stamps

He has created original artworks in response to discoveries about where his personal history meets that of these first encounters.

Porirua war stories research continues

Friends committee person Allan Dodson is working on new discoveries of the history of soldiers buried in Porirua area.

A new name has been added to the memorial wall in Porirua Peace Memorial in Te Rauparaha Park. 9915 Corporal Bruce Ewing enlisted from Titahi Bay and was killed in action on Crete in 1949 and deserves his place on the Memorial Wall.

On November 9 as part of Cemeteries Week, the Porirua City council has arranged a guided walk through the Porirua Cemetery led by Allan Dodson. The 1 hour walk commences at 11:00 am at the cemetery in Kenepuru Drive. The discussions will cover veterans, pioneers, settlers and politicians who helped forge Porirua City as it is today, all of whom are part of the history that is buried within our cemeteries. All welcome.

Research has also located 7 forgotten Porirua soldiers who are buried in unmarked graves in Porirua Cemetery. Headstones are being installed and will be dedicated at a ceremony on 10 November at 5:00pm at the cemetery in Kenepuru Drive. All welcome.

Coming up in the Bottle Creek Gallery

Gabriel Garcia Marquez , *Love in the Time of Cholera*.

This exhibition is a celebration of art and life, there will be surprises and delights.

Festival of Wood: The Wellington Guild of Woodworkers

Bottle Creek Gallery, Pataka from 1st November – 1st December 2019

The **Festival of Wood** exhibition will give visitors to Pataka the opportunity to view a wide range of the crafts and art works made by members of the Wellington Guild of Woodworkers.

This exhibition will display the best of wood craftsmanship, using largely but not exclusively native timbers such as Matai, Rimu, Totara and Kauri, including ancient Kauri reclaimed from forests of millenniums past. The exhibition will showcase a wide range of creative works which are uniquely New Zealand in nature and design, with all available for sale.

The Guild membership is made up of woodworkers from around the Wellington region and includes men and women of varying ages, backgrounds and skill levels who share an interest in wood and woodworking.

Whether you are just interested in viewing fine craftsmanship or looking to expand your interest in woodcraft, you will want to visit Bottle Creek Gallery over November.

Wood Participation Weekend

As part of the **Festival Of Wood – 2019** visitors to the Museum can participate in the Wood Participation Weekend. On Saturday and Sunday of 2nd and 3rd November, club members from The Wellington Guild of Woodworkers will demonstrate their woodworking skills and techniques through a variety of interactive demonstrations and activities in the main foyer of Pataka.

A number of games and events are planned for children, with the details and times to be confirmed.

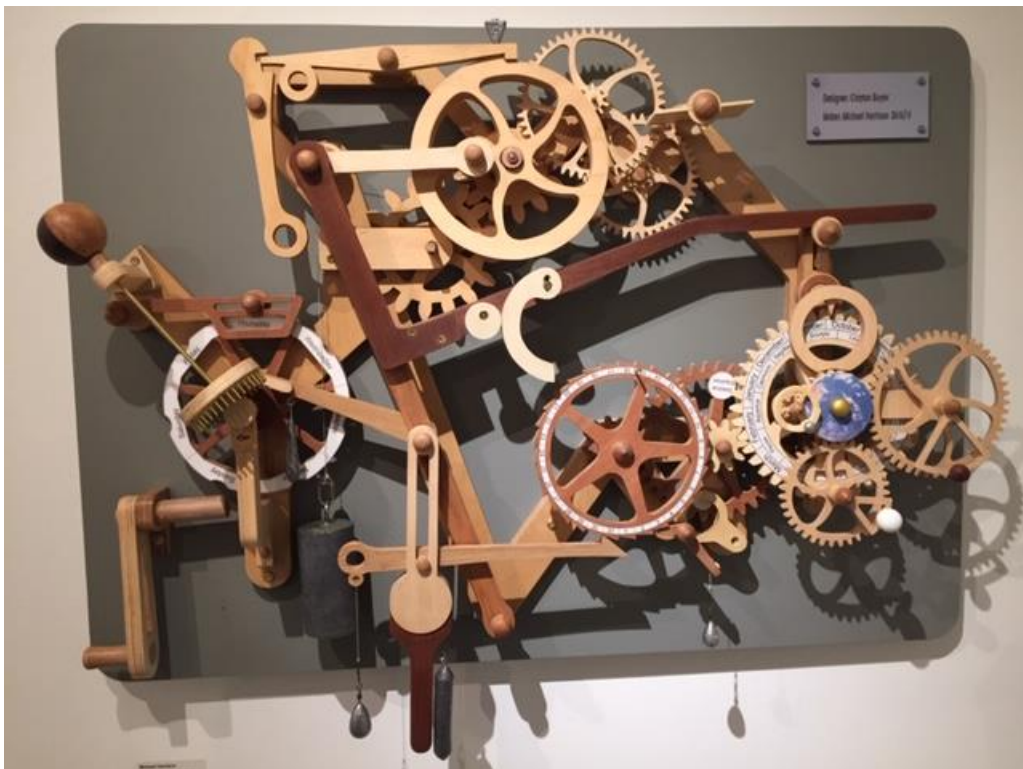
The Guild is very pleased to be able to confirm that a nationally known woodturner, Troy Grimwood, will also be participating in the weekend activities. Following a rock climbing accident that left him paralysed without the use of his legs, Troy took up woodturning and he now exhibits and demonstrates his art and skills nationally and internationally.

So if you are interested in woodturning, carving or wood in general, Saturday or Sunday at Pataka will be the place to be.

Invitation to Friends

The opening of the Guild of Wellington Woodworkers will be on 31 October at 5:30pm in the Bottle Creek Gallery.

Just to whet your appetite for this exhibition we attach some photos of some of the works on show.





Don't miss this exhibition

The ***Toi Poutama Whitireia Graduate Exhibition of Maori weaving*** can be seen at Pataka from 6 Dec to 12 Jan

Toi Gallery Shows 2019-2020

Irene Ferguson: ***Vista*** 11-Oct 10-Nov

A Bloody Encounter: Tuia 250 protest exhibition 15-Nov 8 - December 2019 Featuring works by leading Maori artist Robyn Kahukiwa

James Harcourt: Face Palm exhibition is on at Pataka from 15-Dec 26-Jan

www.jamesharcourt.co.nz

James invites us to explore some aspects of our natural world, the subconscious. His work is varied with painting, installations, ceramics, mask making, origami, drum.

Materials he uses are also diverse, found objects, earth pigments, sand, ceramics, paper, acrylics and oils, flax, recycled rubber, paint, nails, vacuum cleaners ..." For further information on James's work go to <http://www.jamesharcourt.co.nz/>

Weavers from ***Mauri Oho Raranga*** , a group of Porirua weavers will be showcasing their work in the Education Room at Pātaka all day for free on Saturday, 26 October and Saturday, 30 November. Come along any time between 10am and 4pm to see the amazing work of this dedicated and talented group of weavers.

Currently available at the Toi Store

Tony Kuepfer moved to Taranaki New Zealand in 1973 from Portland Oregon. He established his glass studio in Inglewood in 1974 before becoming a tutor in Glass at Wanganui Polytech (now UCOL) in 1988.

Tony currently works from his studio Realglass in Miramar Wellington. You can visit Tony there on Fridays and Saturdays to see him in action.

The Toi Store has some of Tony's beautiful glassworks for sale. Make sure you check them out.



Membership

Cant find a Christmas gift for that person who is so hard to buy for? How about membership of Friends of Pataka. The gift that keeps on giving, all year, with exhibitions, Toi Store discounts and super informative newsletters. Apply online today at patakafriends@gmail.com

As we have mentioned in a previous newsletter we have been working on our Membership List and are now at the point of confirming members. You are currently on our membership list because you are receiving this newsletter.

Do you wish to remain as a member of Friends of Pātaka?

Please let us know if you wish to be **removed** from our membership list. If we don't hear from you, you will receive an annual subscription invoice in February 2020 for that year. Our current membership costs are;

Individual Membership	\$25.00
Dual Membership	\$40.00
Family Membership	\$50.00

Contact us at patakafriends@gmail.com Don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

We hope you are enjoying your membership of Friends of Pataka. Make sure that you attend our exhibition openings and that you get your discount on purchases at the Toi Store. We hope you are enjoying our newsletters too. If you have any ideas about how we can enhance your membership of Friends of Pataka please let us know at patakafriends@gmail.com