



July 2019

Welcome to the July newsletter. Don't forget if you want to give us feedback or suggestions please contact us on patakafriends@gmail.com.

Do make time to visit the Bottle Creek Gallery where an amazing photographic exploration of different hair styles is presented Iho is just wonderful.

July is the last month for many of the current exhibitions in the main galleries.

Membership

Many of you will have received a call from one of the Friends committee to confirm your contact details. We are updating our database so if you think the contact details we have for you may be out of date, please let us know. If you have friends who wish to join Friends of Pataka please remind them to join at the Toi Store reception desk or online at patakafriends@gmail.com.

Friend's events

Gregory O'Brien

On June 30th 11.00 to 12.00, Gregory O'Brien will walk us through the exhibition "What I can see; Discovering New Zealand photography.

Photographs have plenty to tell us about the world, yet they are often full of mystery and complication. Great photos are alive with hints and echoes and mysteries – and they can change every time

you look at them. Nearly all of the images in this exhibition were made by New Zealand photographers of New Zealand subjects, so they have a lot to say about this place and about the people, young and old, who live here. Photographs capture our dreams, imaginings and fears, aspirations and inner lives. This exhibition is a celebration of the things a camera can do, the places it can go and its capacity to record and reinvent the world around us. This exhibition has been curated by Greg Donson, Sarjeant Gallery Curator and Public Programmes Manager, and Gregory O'Brien, Independent Curator and writer of the book *See what I can see – New Zealand photography for the young and curious*, published by Auckland University Press in 2015.

Do come and join us for lunch after this talk.

R.S.V.P. to patakafriends@gmail.com to help us with catering

Matariki

There will be a Whanau day to celebrate Marariki on July 6th. See the Pataka Art + Museum Facebook page for details of all the activities organised for that day. You can make a day of it or just pop down for some fun.

National Library

As previously mentioned, we have organised a bus to take us in to the National Library on Monday July 8th. The schedule is as below. We have booked a table for lunch at the HOME café at the National Library.

10.00am arrive at Pātaka to review Ngāti Toa treaty info with Ngāti Toa cadets

10.30am Bus leaves Pātaka to National Library

11.15am Anna Tiaki to take group through He Tohu

11.45am Meet with Friends of National Library group or/and Lunch at HOME café

12:45pm Bus leaves National Library to Pātaka

1.15pm Arrive at Pātaka/ End of Day?

Please R.S. V.P. to patakafriends@gmail.com

The cost of the bus will be dependent on the numbers coming but a maximum of \$25.00

No Winter Music Series....BUT

Because the Porirua City Council staff are using all the available space in the Pataka complex while their building is refurbished, we are unable to run our annual Winter Music Series this year. However, we do have exciting news to share.

Friends of Pataka and The Musical Heritage New Zealand Trust presents ...

A Nostalgic Afternoon of Old Kiwi Songs. Pataka Arts and Museum, Porirua. Sunday 21 July 2.00 p.m. Entry gold coin.

Led by: David Dell – Kiwi entertainer, Music historian David Dell is an authority on old Kiwi songs. Experience a fascinating afternoon as David takes you on a musical journey back to the good old days!

David will entertain us at 2.00p.m. on July 21st at Pataka.



This is also the very last day of the current exhibitions in the main galleries.

What's on at Pataka

FROM THE SHORE. 7 April – 21 July . This exhibition finishes soon so if you have not seen it now is the time to pop along.

SEE WHAT I CAN SEE: Discovering New Zealand Photography. 7 April – 21 July. This exhibition is also finishing soon so be quick! See above for the artist's 'walk through.'

Current exhibiting artists

Exhibiting in the Toi Gallery - Prue Macdougall - *Navigating Worlds.* 24 May – 30 June. This exhibition ia also about to end. Check out more about Prue's work on <https://pruemacdougall.com>

For further information about what's on at Pataka check out the Pataka Art & Museum Exhibition & Events brochure available at the Toi Store.

Exhibitions coming soon

Alicja Gear: Essence 5-Jul 11-Aug Alicja was a winner at the 2018 Friends of Pataka Arts Awards. Alicja paints with a bold stroke and lots of colour mixing. Don't miss this exhibition by an emerging artist from Plimmerton. The opening of this exhibition is on the 6th of July at 2pm. Friends welcome.

A reminder also that entries are now open for the **Friends of Pataka Art Awards 201** which is on from 22-August to 22-September 2019.

Toi Store

There is a wonderful range of art and gifts at the Toi Store. Don't forget your Friends discount on purchases from the Pataka Toi Store.

This newsletter we want to tell you about the

BLUE BELL CLUB

Ramona and Pip have been friends for 30 years, Ramona sews and Pip does not but between them they have created a range of Pacifica products that they are very proud of. Beginning as a 'cottage industry, Ramona and Pip began selling their cushions from the front gate but success was instant and soon they were showing their wares to Wellington designers. Their work is now on show in shops and homes around New Zealand.

Each work is hand stitched (very like tivaevae work) and each product is completely unique. Ramona and Pip have worked very

hard to make sure that their work is of a high standard. They are very excited to offer their range of 'all things Pacifica.'

Come and see Ramona and Pip's beautiful work at the Toi Store.

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