



August 2019

Welcome to the August newsletter.

Friends of Pataka are very excited to be winners of the Arts & Culture award in the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for Porirua for our Arts Trail. We now join other Wellington regions at the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards event at Te Papa in November. We are in the running for a regional award at this function.

Friends events

Dowse Art Museum Friends to visit Pataka

On Wednesday 31 August at 2pm we are hosting a group of Friends from the Dowse Art Museum at Pataka. One of Pataka's current interns is Te Rauparaha, a direct descendent of the famous Maori chief will give them a guided tour of the museum. This will be followed by Pataka Director Ruben taking them around the *Here: From Kupe to Cook* exhibition. Friends are invited to join our guests for these tours and to share in some light refreshments and mix and mingle.

This last few weeks has been a really busy time for Friends and we have had some great events.

Gregory O'Brien

Friends were treated to a talk by Gregory O'Brien as he walked us through the photography exhibition *What I can see; Discovering New Zealand photography*. This exhibition that Gregory had curated was, in his opinion, some of New Zealand's finest ever photography.

He described the photography as being able to evoke emotions, to create magical moments. He loved the quirky, humorous, playful and sometimes mischievous images.

He showed us how photography can transform the ordinary into the extraordinary. How photos can be metaphoric and how photos "extract questions out of the enquiring mind."

Gregory spoke with great energy and enthusiasm. He ended his talk with a quote "the camera is a small room but big enough for both of us."

This talk was a real treat and for many of us who had already visited the exhibition, Gregory gave us a greater insight and appreciation of these exceptional photos.

National Library visit

On the 8th July a group of about 12 Friends met at Pataka prior to travelling in to the National Library of New Zealand.

Before boarding our bus, Te Waimatao, Pataka's Ngāti Toa cadet presented a brief history of Te Rauparaha's, (Ngāti Toa) journey south to our area with the aid of some of the displayed items and images in the *Whiti te Rā* exhibition space .



We were greeted at the library by Moana Ormsby , Anna Tiaki and Lynette Shum and were divided into two groups. One group visited the upstairs photographic room where the staff had old photos of Porirua and some of our more famous characters out on display for us and explained their provenance. The other group was taken to the room with the Certificate of Independence, Treaty of Waitangi and Suffrage petition live for a discussion about these treasures of Aotearoa. The groups then exchanged places.

We finished with morning tea provided by the library staff. This was a thoroughly enjoyable, educational visit and if you have never been to the National Library we recommend a visit.



David Dell

On Sunday the 21 July David Dell led guests through *A Nostalgic Afternoon of Old Kiwi Songs*. David is a music historian and an authority on old Kiwi songs. He is also an entertainer and drew the audience to participate in a musical journey back to the good old days! The hour went really quickly and everyone had a fun time.

Remember Friends of Pataka events are generally low cost or gold coin donation. If you haven't made it to any of our events recently we hope to see you soon.

Membership

We are planning to streamline our membership subscription process. We will send out reminders in November with payment due by 31 March each year. Those who join during the year will pay part-membership on joining and then join the annual subscription cycle with the end of year reminders.

We welcome new members and wish to make the process easy for both new and existing loyal members.

Don't forget 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.

What's on at Pataka

The Dawn Raids - Educate to Liberate. This exhibition is on until 18th August. Come and see the Bottle Creek Gallery transformed into a Pacific Island family's lounge from the 1970s. This nostalgic setting forms a backdrop for artworks, memorabilia, photographs and personal accounts of the Dawn Raids.

This was a time when Police and immigration officials entered the homes of Pacific Island people in the early hours of the morning, wanting proof of residency, work permits, and passports. The Polynesian Panthers, a political group that emerged during this time, fought against the unfair treatment, injustice, and oppression of Pacific Islanders and encouraged immigrant families across New Zealand to stand up for their human rights.

This powerful and insightful exhibition seeks to inform and educate about this period in New Zealand's history and honour the courageous role that the Polynesian Panthers played in the fight for social justice.

This exhibition was conceived by Pauline Smith and co curated with Ari Edgecombe of the Southland Art Gallery and Museum

Current exhibiting artists

Alicja Gear: Alicja's exhibition opened on 6 July. The exhibition is titled *Essence* and includes many scenes from around the Pauatahanui Inlet, This exhibition is available until 11-August 2019. Alicja was a winner at the 2018 Friends of Pataka Arts Awards. Don't miss this exhibition by an emerging Plimmerton artist.

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

A very important exhibition coming soon is *HERE: From Kupe to Cook* which will be available from 11 August - 24 November 2019.

Marking 250 years since the arrival of Captain James Cook and the crew of the Endeavour to Aotearoa New Zealand, *Here: Kupe to Cook* is an exhibition that dismantles misconceptions about the discovery of Aotearoa, beginning with the great Polynesian voyager Kupe, to better understand our connection to the people and places of Te Moananui-a-Kiwa, the Pacific Ocean.

The exhibition features artworks by; Margaret Aull, Israel Tangaroa Birch, Bill Hammond, Christine Hellyar, Megan Jenkinson, Yuki Kihara, Rangi Kipa, Susana Lei'ataua, Kazu Nakagawa, Jason O'Hara, Rachael Rakena & Johnson Witehira, Tawhai Rickard, Lala Rolls, Greg Semu, Jo Torr, Michel Tuffery, John Walsh, Dame Robin White, Glen Wolfgramm and the 7558 Collective of Jaimie Berry, Leala Faleseuga, Pikihuia Haenga, Miriama Grace-Smith and Te Kahureremoa Taumaha.

Friends are invited to the opening of this significant exhibition at 2pm on Sunday 11 August 2019.

PROGRAMME

2pm – Ngāti Toa Rangatira kaumatua, Taku Parai, will give a blessing and talk about Kupe's anchor stone, featured in the exhibition.

– Reuben Friend will officially open *Here: Kupe to Cook*

2.45pm – Reuben Friend, and curator, Mark Hutchins- Pond, will lead a floortalk with some of the exhibiting artists featured in *Here: Kupe to Cook*

Special thanks to Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, the National Library of New Zealand

Cathy Tuato'o Ross

Cathy Tuato'o Ross has an exhibition *Don't say it with flowers* which runs from 15 August to 15 September

Award winning artist Cathy Tuato'o Ross explores the idea that giving flowers is a communication avoidance tactic, in her new exhibition '*Don't say it with Flowers*'. "Talking to florists in Whangarei, one of the most common reasons men come in to buy bouquets is "to get out of the dog box." She says. Artwork titles such as "Something Like Love", "Guilty", and "Another Year" show a gentle satirical humour and give a clue to the real emotions behind the bouquet.

Cathy's art practice examines the relationships between people and objects and images. She exhibits nationally, teaches drawing and works as a freelance writer. Cathy was awarded the Merit award in the National Contemporary Art Award this year.

Friends are invited to listen to Cathy on Saturday 17th August at 1pm with her opening to follow at 2pm.



INVITATION

Cathy Tuato'o Ross and Pātaka warmly invite you to celebrate the opening of:

DON'T SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

An exhibition of hand-painted photographs and drawings by Cathy Tuato'o Ross

Saturday 17th August at 2pm

Please join us at 1pm to hear Cathy talk about her work

Toi Gallery, Pātaka Art + Museum
17 Parumoana Street, Porirua City

Exhibition runs from 16th August until 15th September in the Toi Gallery

IMAGE: *Another Year / Have not forgotten*, 2019, hand printed photograph (gouache on pigment print), courtesy of the artist

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Art Awards

The Friends of Pataka Art Awards opens on 22 August when winners are announced. Friends are invited to this official opening event which begins at 6pm and includes light refreshments.

We would also like to invite Friends to the closing of the Arts Awards event at 4pm on 22 September when the Viewer's Choice Award is announced.

The Arts Awards exhibition can be viewed in the intervening month at the Bottle Creek Gallery. Don't miss this exhibition of works by local artists. Every year we are impressed by the calibre of the entries to the Pataka Arts Awards.

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 jewellery of **Anika Bingham**.

Anika started carving in 1999 when she began studying at Whitireia Polytech. Anita's work is inspired by the ocean, "the power of the sound, the smell and the serenity are all major influences in my work."

Using many mediums, including recycling skateboards, Anika creates "tangible body ornaments." Anika's beautiful work is on display at the Toi Store right now.

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

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