

Newsletter September 2019

Friends of Pataka Arts awards 2019

The Friends of Pataka Art Awards can be seen at the Bottle Creek Gallery from 23 August to 22 September 2019. Don't miss this exhibition.

This year we have about 90 entries to our Arts Awards. There is a wide range of works showcasing the amazing skills of Artists in the Porirua region. Winning at the Friends of Pataka Arts Awards has been a career stepping-stone for many local artists.

This year our winners are

- Open Award was won by Rebecca Spinks. Rebecca created a small and very delicate kete made from VHS video tape and is titled *Strands of memories*.
- Highly commended was Robyn Hall. A beautiful long rectangular view of the northern hills of the Pauatahanui Inlet in acrylic titled *Those Hills*.
- First Time Entrant Award went to Laura Jayne Campbell. A very clever digital print of fantails titles the panic of fantails.
- Jane Hyder Award for Painting was won by Kyle Fyfe. This is a large frame/ specimen box with beautifully cut and coloured plywood butterflies pinned to the backing titled XXXXXXXX
- Creativity and Promise Award was won by Emma Hercus. Her piece depicts a huia bird in metal on wood and is titled *The Huia escapes the Patu*.

Here: Kupe to Cook

This Exhibition was opened on Sunday 18 August. This exhibition is attracting a lot of attention and if you have not been to have a look it is well worth the trip. Again Friends of Pataka are excited with the calibre of exhibitions at the Gallery.

History remembered in Porirua

As you know Pataka Art + Museum looks at both art and history in Porirua. Recently history was celebrated in Porirua when Friends of Pataka committee member Allan Dodson was involved in the researching and following headstone dedication for Willie Snelgrove, a serviceman from WW1 who was buried in Porirua Cemetery in an unmarked grave. Allan as researcher and the New Zealand Remembrance Army identified Snelgrove's grave and with Veterans Affairs, Porirua City Council and the Porirua and Titahi Bay Returned and Servicemen's Association arranged for a headstone to mark his grave and a dedication which involved the armed services and the Snelgrove family.

Another eight unmarked servicemen's graves will have headstone dedications on Amistice Day 2019.

Dowse Visit

On Saturday 7 September Friends of Pataka hosted the Friends of the Dowse. The visitors enjoyed some wine and nibbles and then moved into the gallery where Reuben Friend, Director of Pataka gave a guided walk around the exhibition *Here: Kupe to Cook*. This was followed by a talk by Te Rauparaha, direct descendent from the great Maori Chief, who walked our guests through the exhibition *WHITI TE RA!- The story of Ngati Toa Rangatira*.

The guests from the Dowse really enjoyed their visit to Pataka. The President of Friends of Dowse, Colin Kelly, summed it up when he said "My personal opinion is the Kupe to Cook show is brave, and important. Te Rauparaha presenting his iwis' story was very, very moving to me. Being brought up in Tawa, yet me having a national perspective, no Maori leader other than him represents better the resolve and power of the old structure. I am in awe of him. To hear his descendant speak was a very special moment. I felt I was watching history."

Pictured below is Colin Kelly, Te Rauparaha and Pataka friend Trisha Hartley.



Coming up at Pataka

International Day of Older Persons (Robyn we don't have more info yet)

1 October is the International Day of the Older Person and Pataka has a schedule of events planned for that day.

11am-1pm Drop in activities (Collage) in the gallery

12pm Music in the Spine (PSYSO? David Dell??)

2pm Artist talk by Helen Forrest

2.30 pm Opening Event for He Manawa Titi
(Supported by the Friends of Pataka)

Other Exhibitions?

Toi Gallery

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