

PĀTAKA

FRIENDS

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Welcome to the Friends of Pātaka newsletter.

Thank you for being a part of this group whose aim is to support the Pātaka Galleries and staff with active participation in Gallery activities such as helping to mind the exhibition spaces, support the exhibition openings etc. as well as helping finance some of the much needed extras for the Gallery spaces. We have for example helped with gallery lighting expenses, purchased the gorgeous David Truebridge lighting above the reception desk and are currently helping to provide portable seating for participants at gallery talks to use.

Help wanted

Stevei Houkamau (stevei.houkamau@porirua.govt.nz) is keen to have more volunteers to help on Fridays for a couple of hours. It is a great experience. You learn lots more about the works on display.

If you are interested, please contact Stevei direct.

Membership

Our membership is looking very healthy. May we remind you that if you join as a first time member from the beginning of July, you pay half the membership fee but from thereon in, you will be invoiced in January. I.e. the half year sub is a once only.

Winter Music Series

We have once again enjoyed listening to wonderful music for the winter music series. The season commenced with Peter Maunder (trombone) and Michelle Velvin (harp). Not only did we hear wonderful music but learned about different harps and trombones.

Second up were Legal Tender a husband and wife team of Ian and Moira Campbell keeping up a fun banter amongst their wonderful renditions of folk songs, some of which were originals



The Aotea College Jazz group entertained us with amazing maturity and obvious enjoyment of their genre.

The final performance was from the New Zealand School of Music playing viola and violin with tutor David Barnard accompanying on piano. The N Z School of Music has become a regular part of our series and we really appreciate their amazing talent.

Friends of Pātaka Art Awards

The opening night and presentation of awards (except “people’s choice”) will take place at **6.00 p.m. Thursday 10th** with the show being open to the public from Septemeber 11th to October 18th

Toi Store

The featured Toi Store artist this time is Tania Tuku.

Tania is a former Tall Fern of Ngāti Toa descent. She has a background in jewellery and always wanted to create her own designs. She came up with her own range, exhibited at trade shows and sold to other shops. Her business is her replacement for top-level sport and she gets the same buzz out of it as she did with sport.



Adventures with Friends

We have booked a guided tour of Parliament's Art Collection for Friday 27th November 10.30 a.m. This is free of charge and easily accessible from the train station. Of course there are plenty of nice places around Parliament to gather to eat after the tour.

This is a little way off and more about it later, but something to put in your diary.

We would really like to organize more group trips to places of interest to you. If you have any great contacts who have a passion about a place, event or activity which they would like to share or you have ideas about places of interest we would love to hear from you.

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