

## Friends of Pātaka Newsletter June 2020

Your new committee has now met twice. We are pleased to welcome three new members; Jenny Jakobs, Alicja Gear and Emma Hercus. Noel Evans, who was our valued treasure, has stepped down. Many thanks for all your work Noel.

# **Congratulations Laureen**



We are excited to share the news that Laureen Sadler has been awarded the Cliff Whiting Scholarship. Laureen, (Ngāti Porou) will use her scholarship to support her work on a business proposal to build cultural capacity within the museum, art, and heritage sector using Te Papa-curated iwi shows. Laureen is Registrar at Pātaka Art + Museum.

#### **Art Awards**

The dates for our biennial **Art Awards** have been extended due to Covid 19 of course. The exhibition will now run from September 11<sup>th</sup> to October 18<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms should be in to Pātaka reception by August 24<sup>th</sup> and work delivered to Pātaka on September Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> or Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September between 11.30 and 4.00 p.m. Go to the Pātaka website, then to "support", Friends of Pātaka to find the entry form.

We look forward to receiving your work. This exhibition is always fantastic

#### **Winter Music Series**

We are really pleased to host the Friends winter music series again this year. There is a great line up. All concerts run from 2.00 p.m. till 3.00 p.m. with free entry for members of Friends

**July 19**<sup>th</sup> Peter Maunder on trombone and Michelle Velvin on harp. Both Peter and Michelle have played in our country's major orchestras. They compose original pieces and play chamber music too. This will be an exciting, different concert with this unusual combination of instruments.

Venue: Helen Smith Room



**July 26**<sup>th</sup> we present Legal Tender a duo of Ian and Moira Campbell who have been playing a mix of rural/folk originals and covers around New Zealand for more years than they care to remember. They have performed with many well-known country/folk musicians and featured at numerous country/folk festivals.

Venue: Performing Arts Room

**2<sup>nd</sup> August** we will be joined by The Blue Note Quintet Aotea College. This group is composed of Year 12 students. Their song selection reaches back as far as the swinging 1930s with compositions by Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Benny Goodman but they also include the more contemporary styles from the likes of James Brown, Amy Winehouse and Stevie Wonder



Venue: Helen Smith Room

9<sup>th</sup> August the New Zealand School of Music will present classical music on viola accompanied by one of their tutors, David Barnard. Verda Xue is a first year Bachelor of Music student, Lauren Jack is in her third year of study as is Zephur Wills. Each year the School of Music students join us with wonderfully professional performances. We are pleased they will join us again.

Venue: Helen Smith Room

#### **Toi Store**



The profiled artist whose work sells in Toi Store for this newsletter is **Margaret Tolland.** Margaret resides in Titahi Bay where she works as a full time artist and illustrator. Her stitching journey began with an embroidered table cloth and a few delicately stitched pieces that were made by her grandfather. She feels a strong connection to him through her stitching even though she never met him.

The colours of embroidery threads work much the same way as her brush dips into colour. The rich colours and patterning create a unique art work that can be used to adorn. Her embroidered jewellery is bright and exciting.

Of course Margaret has a strong connection to Pātaka too since she worked as an educator here for many years.

Whilst browsing in Toi Store don't forget to look at Margaret's picture books featuring her wonderful illustrations. These include "Fantail's Quilt, "Watch Out Snail", "Go Green Gecko" and others

## **Joining Friends**

We'd love you to encourage your friends to join our Friends. Benefits of membership include 10% discount at the Toi Store, free admission to most of our activities and a Kaizen coffee card.

We plan to have named membership cards stored at the reception desk for you to collect. These will be issued annually and thus make it easier for staff to verify your membership when you are purchasing goods at the Toi Store or collecting coffee cards. From 1<sup>st</sup> July those joining will pay only be asked to pay \$13.00 to cover the period to the end of the financial year.

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