



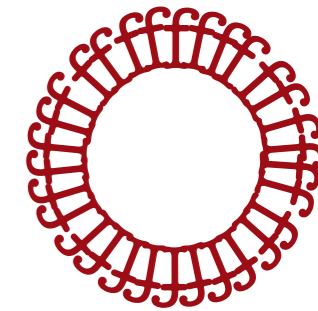
CHRISTMAS 2008 AT THE GALLERY SHOP

December 25th is rapidly descending with many customers starting to size up unique and locally made gifts to send overseas for friends and loved ones. In fact, one customer was a step ahead of us with their feedback in September:

"Looking forward to Christmas gift ideas....always went to the shop at the main gallery for presents."

It's been an interesting year as we've grown into our new space and new look. An emerging product trend has definitely been ecologically friendly 'upcycled' products with a distinctive Kiwiana flavour. Products from teacup and matchbox toy car bracelets to gift cards that donate a percentage back to the reforestation of native NZ trees.

Many of you have commented that you love this new direction and so in keeping with this style - here is a sneak preview of what you can expect. New in will be the CATALOGUE OF ARTISTS' CHRISTMAS TREE INTERPRETATIONS from the University of Art and Design Karlsruhe, Germany. This year will be the fifth anniversary of this exhibition and so features 25 images of past Christmas tree motifs - with a special postcard section.



Friends
OF THE GALLERY

NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

// EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES // RECIPROCAL CONCESSIONS // FRIENDS' DISCOUNTS

- Reduced admission to pay exhibitions.
- *On Show* with advanced information on exhibitions, gallery activities, and Friends' news.
- Participation in social events, studio visits, curatorial tours of current exhibitions, lecture programmes, guided tours of dealer galleries and public art works.
- Opportunity to have a more personal involvement in the gallery through access to its highly professional staff.
- The Black Crow Café in Kitchener Street will give a 10% discount for purchases over \$6 and on presentation of your Friends' Membership Card.
- Concession entry to Te Papa, Wellington and the Waikato Museum of Art & History in Hamilton.
- 10% discount at the Art Gallery Shop, Parsons Bookshop and Pathfinders Bookshop in the New Gallery precinct.

- A discounted rate is available to Friends' members who hire the Auckland Art Gallery facilities for functions.

For more information, please call **09 307 7705**, or email galleryfriends@aucklandcity.govt.nz

A Gift of Friendship:

Becoming a Friend of the Auckland Art Gallery opens the door to a stimulating new world of art and artists.

The Friends of the Auckland Art Gallery is a voluntary organisation with the mission to support the Gallery and promote enthusiasm for the visual arts and culture of our city. Membership of the Friends of the Auckland Art Gallery is an ideal gift to anyone living in Auckland.

For more details on a Gift of Friendship call us on **09 307 7705**, or email galleryfriends@aucklandcity.govt.nz

"ON THE WALL" FRIENDS CHRISTMAS FUNCTION - SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER // 6pm FOR 6.30pm

For those who thought that last year's "Off the Wall" party was too good to be repeated - come to our final event for 2008 where we put some of the paintings back On the Wall.

As the main Gallery is now closed, International Art Centre of Parnell have generously made their premises available on Saturday 6 December. To remind us of home we are taking some small parts of the Auckland Art Gallery walls with us. These pieces show parts of paintings from the "Off the Wall" exhibition last year, along with art works created from the walls by prominent Auckland artists. Paul Cullen, Michael Smithers, Peter Siddell, Sylvia Siddell, Jan Nigro, George Balloughy and Don Binney, to name a few who have created works especially for the evening's auction. The wall pieces have been signed by

the Friend's President, Warren Limbrick, as "Certified to be a genuine section of the wall from the Auckland Art Gallery removed by the Friends on 29 March 2008". The majority of the artists have signed their work.

All art works will be catalogued and auctioned on the night by International Art Director, Richard Thompson.

As well as bringing the Gallery walls back to you, there will be our usual fine food and wine so come, support the Friends, while having a marvelous time, and perhaps buying a small masterpiece as a souvenir.

Booking is essential.

Members \$20. Student members \$15. Non Members \$25.

Dear Friends,

On 2 October I was one of about 90 invited guests who attended a ceremony to mark the official start of work on the Auckland Art Gallery. The Prime Minister Helen Clarke and Mayor John Banks unveiled a plaque commemorating the start and thanked the many people involved in guiding and funding the project to this point. Although it was the official start Friends who work in the area will have seen that preparations were well underway.

The fact that the main Gallery will now be closed for some time has not affected the work of the Friends committee who have once again planned a number of varied and interesting events to take us through to the end of the year and beyond. During November we take an Art Walk to two central city dealer galleries and visit the restored Colin McCahon house in Titirangi. Our final event of the year is our "On the Wall" party and auction at International Art Centre. Come and buy a piece of the old Gallery. Another chance like this will not arise this Century. A full programme of Friends events will recommence in February.

The committee would like to thank Friends members for their support over the past year and welcome new members who have joined us. Membership to the Friends of the Gallery is an ideal gift to anyone interested in the arts and makes a friend into a Friend. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year.

Maurice Norton, Vice President

Maurice Norton, and Leigh Ogier with a work by Paul Cullen



FRIENDS OF THE AUCKLAND ART GALLERY

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Founding Donors: E. Buechele & M Wilk.

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events CALENDAR

NOVEMBER // DECEMBER 2008

712 - Saturday 1 November // 11.00am

Art Walk

We visit two dealer galleries. Our first visit will be to the FHE Gallery where director Kathlene Fogarty will talk about the current exhibition by glass artist Ann Robinson and then we will go down to the new Gow Langsford Gallery in Lorne Street to view the work of Australian artist Dale Frank. Meet outside the New Gallery in Khartoum Place. Numbers are limited. Members no charge. Non-members \$10. RSVP by Thursday 30 October.



713 - Tuesday 18 November // 10.30am

Art Adventure – Colin McCahon house and Artist's Residency in Titirangi

The house in which McCahon and his family lived from 1953 to 1960 has been restored and a house for artists in residence has been built nearby. This year, the residency house won a national design award for architect Pete Bossley and the restored McCahon house a New Zealand Institute of Architects Award.

The current resident artist Richard Lewer, who has just won the Paramount Prize at the Wallace Art Awards will still be in residence and his studio exhibition "But who will hear me if I scream?" will be showing at the residency.

We will have coffee and muffins before being taken on tours of both houses. (Altogether this will take about 2 hours.) Visitors are advised to wear sensible shoes. Park in the French Bay car park and volunteers will drive us the short distance to the house. Numbers are very limited and this tour is for members only. Members \$12. RSVP by Thursday 13 November.



714 - Saturday 6 December // 6.00pm for 6.30pm

"On the Wall" Friends Christmas Party

Join us at the International Art Centre, 272 Parnell Road, Parnell, for wine and Christmas snacks at our "On the Wall" party and art auction. Parts of paintings from last year's "Off the Wall" and miniature art by prominent Auckland artists will be auctioned. Members \$20. Student members \$15. Non-members \$25. RSVP by Wednesday 3 December.

Looking Ahead ...

There will be no Friends events in January. Our programme will recommence in February 2009.

Thursday 12 February 2009 // 10.30am

Curator's Tour – "The Enchanted Garden"

Mackelvie Curator of International Art, Mary Kisler, takes us on a tour of the exhibition "The Enchanted Garden". Meet in the New Gallery foyer. Members no charge. Non-members \$10. RSVP by Wednesday 11 February.

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

"Monet and the Impressionists" at Te Papa

This major exhibition to be held at Te Papa in Wellington from 14 February to 14 May 2009 will be well worth visiting and we have arranged a conducted tour, away from the crowds, for the Friends of the Auckland Art Gallery on Wednesday evening, 22 April 2009.

The Friends are not organising a trip and you must make your own travel and accommodation arrangements, but if you would like to join this special Friend's conducted tour of the exhibition please register your interest by Thursday 27 November. Details of meeting time and cost will be printed in the February Newsletter. The tour will go ahead depending on sufficient numbers.

- For paid events, the venue will be on the ticket – for free events refer to the calendar.
- Tickets are only issued for paid events.
- Please bring your membership card to all events.
- Telephone credit card bookings are available.
- For more details and booking information please contact the Friends Secretary by phone on **307 7705** or you can email galleryfriends@aucklandcity.govt.nz

ENGAGING WITH OUR STUDENT MEMBERS

2008 was another fantastic year for our student members. In July the 6th Student Art Exhibition opened at AUT St Paul St Gallery 3. Fourteen students participated and a number of artworks were sold with all profits going directly to the Friends' student members. The opening night was a great success and the new venue added to the excitement.

The Friends are very pleased to continue the cooperation with AUT St Paul St Gallery and look forward to the 7th Student Art Exhibition in July 2009.

The 8th Pat Hanly Student Membership Awards were held at Auckland Art Gallery in August. The award is in honour of Pat Hanly's contribution to New Zealand art and is awarded to Year 13 students in recognition of their "outstanding commitment and passion for the visual arts, and community awareness".

Forty students were nominated by their teachers and the Friends would like to thank participating schools, Gil Hanly, sponsors The Varuna Trust, Gordon Harris-The Art and Graphic Store, Urban Gourmet, and Friends' members who participated in student events as sponsors, volunteers, or interested audience.

Both annual events are part of our continued effort to engage student members in the Friends and provide a stimulating platform for connecting with emerging young artists.



ABOVE & RIGHT: AUT St Paul St Gallery 3



FAR LEFT: Pat Hanly Student Award Winners
LEFT: Gil Hanly & Balamohan Shingade, Mt Albert Grammar

EXHIBITIONS AT THE NEW GALLERY AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI O TĀMAKI

Treat yourself with your friends and family to a day out over the holiday period and enjoy some favourites and not often seen works from the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki collection. Both exhibitions are in the New Gallery, corner Lorne Street & Wellesley Street, Auckland Central. The New Gallery is open every day from 10am – 5pm. Closed Christmas Day only.

11 October 2008 to 12 April 2009
"In Shifting Light"

A collection-based exhibition that explores how different artists respond to New Zealand landscape with its shifting and diverse lighting situations. Curated by Ron Brownson, the exhibition features New Zealand masters Charles F Goldie, Ralph Hotere and Colin McCahon, alongside contemporary works including the mysterious video and CAD topographies of Mladen Bizumic, Gavin Hipkins' unsettling prints and Max Oettli's night scene of a reveller looking out over Auckland at 1am. A must see show. Admission free.



JOE SHEEHAN - MENLO MANA 2005. South west coast pounamu (Haast region), light bulb, brass fitting, electric cord. Chartwell Collection. Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

13 December 2008 to 15 March 2009
"The Enchanted Garden"

Art that depicts gardens is rich in symbolism and features in almost all cultures – from highly stylised Islamic representations of the Gardens of Paradise to romantic settings for popular themes in Western art. "The Enchanted Garden", curated by Mary Kisler, brings together works from all parts of Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki's collections, as well as contemporary works by New Zealand and international artists, objects from the Auckland Museum, and illustrated texts from the Public Library Special Collections. Exhibition Fee charged. Friends Members discount applies.



Harold KNIGHT (1874–1961) - Great Britain. WHITE CLEMATIS Oil on canvas. Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki Purchased 1912



JOHN KINDER (1819–1903) Great Britain. NEW ZEALAND SAINT JOHN'S COLLEGE - 1878. Watercolour and gouache over pencil. Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki Purchased 1989