

GALLERY SHOP GIFTS..... THE OLD AND THE NEW

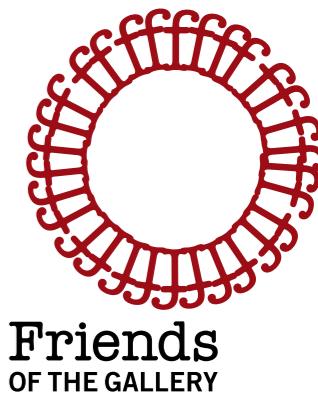
If you are looking for something to the far right of ordinary then pop into the gallery shop. Much of our giftware is now locally sourced, jewellery is handmade and either a one-off or a limited edition. There is nothing better than finding a gift that is different.....and..... perfectly suited for that someone special. It may be a Mothers Day card that makes you smile....

.....a hard-to-find art book....a stunning piece of jewellery.....or a rebellious wallet.

We have new stock arriving in all the time but we also restock our ever popular items such as the Rita Angus Catalogue: Life & Vision.....and with the exhibition opening here in August, the shop will have a full selection of cards to choose from.

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If you would like to be on the gallery shop e-mailing list and be eligible to receive instore specials of up to 40% off please contact the merchandise manager: maree.Koroitamana@aucklandcity.Govt.Nz



MAY 2009 NEWSLETTER

// EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

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- Reduced admission to pay exhibitions.
- *On Show* with advanced information on exhibitions, gallery activities, and Friends' newsletter.
- 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.
- 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@aucklandartgallery.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 **09 307 7705**, or email galleryfriends@aucklandartgallery.govt.nz

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EVENING LECTURE – RITA ANGUS BY DR JOANNE DRAYTON Wednesday 15 July // 6.30pm

“Rita Angus: Life & Vision” opens on 1 August. This landmark exhibition brings together nearly 140 works by one of New Zealand’s best-loved artists in the largest ever retrospective of her work.

Developed by Te Papa, the show comes to Auckland after hugely popular outings in Wellington, Dunedin and Christchurch.

To prepare us for this major event, Dr Joanne Drayton, lecturer in Art History and Theory at UNITEC, will give a background lecture on the artist and her work. She says: “Rita Angus is an artist of outstanding talent. It was her vision of a land and its people that helped shape our sense of what it means to be a New Zealander.

Angus’s painting and drawings fashioned the human, the haphazard, the fleeting, the seasonal, into lasting icons of identity. It is through her frame that we have viewed women and their place in post-colonial society and her family and friends in town and country.

She had her own unique style that was tightly rendered and graphic, yet was influenced by the formalist agenda of modernism.



Rita Angus made icons, and in so doing became one. She is one of the most celebrated New Zealand artists of the 20th century, becoming the myth she so stridently tried to avoid.”

**Central Library, Lorne Street, Second Floor.
Members \$10. Student members \$8.
Non-members \$15.**

ABOVE:
SELF-PORTRAIT, 1936–37 by Rita Angus, oil on canvas, Dunedin Public Art Gallery, purchased 1980. Reproduced courtesy of the Rita Angus Estate.

LEFT:
CENTRAL OTAGO, 1940 by Rita Angus, oil on board, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, gift of Mrs Joyce Milligan in memory of Dr R.R.D. Milligan, 1984. Reproduced courtesy of the Rita Angus Estate.



events CALENDAR

MAY // JUNE // JULY 2009

Thursday 7 May // 10.30am
Coffee Morning – Yinka Shonibare MBE
 Art Lounge, Lorne Street. Members no charge. Non-members \$10. RSVP by Tuesday 5 May.

Wednesday 27 May // Noon-2.00pm
Celebrity Lunch with Ann Robinson
 Members only. Art Lounge, Lorne Street. Numbers strictly limited. Members \$30. Non-members \$35.

Thursday 4 June // 1.00pm
Curator's Tour of "Picturing History: Goldie to Cotton"
 New Gallery, Auckland Art Gallery. Members no charge. Non-member \$10. RSVP by Wednesday 3 June.

Saturday 13 June // 2.00pm
Illustrated Talk - Auckland Festival of Photography
 Gus Fisher Gallery, Shortland Street. Members \$5. Non-members \$10. RSVP by Wednesday 10 June.

Tuesday 30 June // 10.30am
Behind the Scenes with Roger Taberner, Auckland Art Gallery education curator.
 Art Lounge, Lorne Street. Members no charge. Non-members \$10. RSVP by Monday 29 June.

Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July // 11.00am-3.00pm
Friends Student Members Art Exhibition – "Sustainability"
 AUT's St Paul Street Gallery 3, 39 Symonds Street. Auckland Central. Exhibition opening Thursday 2 July, 6.00 – 8.00pm for exhibitors and Friends members. Gallery closed Sunday & Monday.

Wednesday 15 July // 6.30pm
Evening Lecture on Rita Angus by Dr Joanne Drayton
 Second floor of the Auckland Central Library, Lorne Street. Members \$10. Non-members \$15. RSVP by Monday 13 July.

Tuesday 28 July 10.30am
Studio Visit to Matthew Browne's central Auckland studio
 Members only. RSVP by Thursday 23 July.

Thursday 7 May // 10.30am
Coffee Morning – Curator's Talk on "Yinka Shonibare MBE"
 For those who were unable to attend the evening function, Natasha Conland will talk about the "Yinka Shonibare MBE" exhibition. This colourful, fun, interesting exhibition has had rave reviews and is well worth visiting several times to see how this artist reflects on the subject of identity. Not all is what it seems in Shonibare's world.
 Art Lounge, Lorne Street.
 Members no charge. Non-members \$10.



RIGHT: YINKA SHONIBARE - THE SLEEP OF REASON PRODUCES MONSTERS (AFRICA) 2008, type c photograph, courtesy of the artist, James Cohan Gallery, New York and Stephen Friedman Gallery, London © the artist



Ann Robinson in her studio

Wednesday 27 May // Noon-2pm
Celebrity Lunch with Ann Robinson
 These lunches are a highlight of our calendar, always fully subscribed and well worth the effort of booking early. Our celebrity artist Ann Robinson is internationally acclaimed for her ground-breaking work in cast glass techniques and is well known to the Friends. Many of us have admired her pieces for their detail and colour and been awed by the skills required to produce such stunning effects.
 It is some years since Ann spoke to members in the Art Gallery and it will be fascinating to learn from her how her work and ideas have developed since then.
 Kathlene Fogarty, Director of FHE Galleries, will attend the lunch and interview Ann, asking many of the questions that will be in our minds.
 As seating is limited, it is important to book early for this event.
 Art Lounge, Lorne Street. Members \$30. Non-members \$35.

Thursday 4 June // 1.00pm
Curator's Tour – "Picturing History: Goldie to Cotton"
 Stories of origin and arrival, significant events, and the transformation of the land are just some of the themes explored in Picturing History: Goldie to Cotton. Drawing from across the historic, modern and contemporary New Zealand collections this exhibition considers how artists have responded to and interpreted our history through their work.
 Join Assistant Curator Jane Davidson-Ladd as she takes on a tour of the exhibition.
 New Gallery, Auckland Art Gallery. Members no charge. Non-members \$10.



FAR LEFT: CHARLES F GOLDIE - SOPHIA, THE HEROINE OF TARAWERA 1910, oil on oak panel, Auckland Art Gallery, gift of Lincoln N Astley, 1987

LEFT: SHANE COTTON - KENEHI (NORTHERN LIGHT I) 1998, oil on canvas, Chartwell Collection, Auckland Art Gallery

Saturday 13 June // 2.00pm
Illustrated Talk by Julia Dirkin, Auckland Festival of Photography
 Olympus Auckland Photo Day, one of the major events in the Auckland Festival of Photography, will be the subject of a talk by festival director Julia Dirkin. Photo Day showcases the work of hundreds of photographers and artists, and we will have the opportunity to see many of these at the Gus Fisher Gallery.
 Julia has been the architect of the Festival and a founding member of its Trust since 2003. She is a keen photographer herself and has had wide experience in television and film.
 Gus Fisher Gallery, Shortland Street. Members no charge. Non-members \$10.



LEFT: KATHERINE WONG, UNTITLED, finalist 2008



RIGHT: Lonnie Hutchinson with her Art Suitcase work "On route to Hokitika"

Tuesday 30 June // 10.30am
Behind the Scenes with Roger Taberner
 Another of the remarkably interesting talks by the people who make the Gallery happen. This time, it is education curator Roger Taberner, who will reveal the inside story of the work he and his department do.
 Some members may have noticed a small item in the newspaper about ArtSuitcase. This enterprising outreach programme involves artists creating suitcase sized works, which are taken into schools to engage with students: just one of the many aspects of the Art Gallery's function in the cultural life of our city. Roger will open the suitcase, unpack the works and discuss how the idea developed and how the artists responded.
 Art Lounge, Lorne Street. Members no charge. Non-members \$10.

Friday 3 July to Friday 10 July // 11.00am-3.00pm
Friends Student Members Exhibition – "Sustainability"
 "Sustainability", the Friends' Student Art Exhibition, opens on Thursday 2 July at AUT St Paul St Gallery 3. Friends' members are invited to attend the opening and get first pick of the artworks, which are for sale with all profits going directly to our student members.
 This is a great opportunity to meet and support some of our student members and to enrich your home with an original artwork by an emerging young artist.
 The exhibition runs until 10 July and is open to Friends' members and the public free of charge.
 AUT St Paul St Gallery 3, 39 Symonds Street.



LEFT: St Paul St Gallery 3



Matthew Browne



MATTHEW BROWNE - 'WONDER' 2007 pencil, vinyl tempera & oilstick on canvas 1015 x1220mm

Tuesday 28 July // 10.30am
Studio Visit – Matthew Browne
 Visits to meet artists are always popular. This time the visit will be to the Queen Street studio of Matthew Browne. This artist explores the sensations of colour. He says that he embraces Paul Arnheim's statement that 'truly creative thinking takes place in the realms of imagery'. His painting and sculpture encourage metaphorical images to rise from the deep subconscious.
 Matthew was born in England and began his studies there at the Camberwell School of Arts. He took his Masters in Fine Arts with Honours at Elam in 2000. Matthew has been exhibiting since 1986 and is an art teacher at Artstation.
 Members Only. No charge. Directions to studio on the ticket.

Please bring your membership card to all events. Tickets are only issued for paid events. Telephone credit card bookings are available. For more details and booking information contact the Friends Secretary on 307 7705 or email galleryfriends@aucklandartgallery.govt.nz