

Friends
OF THE GALLERY

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

// EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS

COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE WELLESLEY GALLERY Saturday 14 November // 6.30pm Wellesley Gallery, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

WE'RE BACK!

After an absence of two years, the Friends' end-of-year party will again be in the old Gallery building. Hawkins Construction will make the Wellesley wing available to us.

Of course, there will be no paintings on the walls. Indeed some of the walls will not be finished and lighting will be from the Contractor's generator. But as always there will be food, wine, and good company.

To mark the historic occasion all Friends present on the night will have the opportunity to sign "The Scroll" recording the Friends' contribution and this will be placed in a time capsule which will be built into the new structure and may not be opened again this Century. If you wish to add a photograph or a note for your descendants, we can arrange this at a small extra cost.

Chris Saines, Director of the Auckland Art Gallery is looking forward to the prospect of sharing his excitement in the project with us all, and it is due to his enthusiasm that we are getting the privilege of this very early look at the progress of our Art Gallery.

So do come along and join your friends in a "cocktail hour" celebration of all we hope to achieve in the next 18 months before opening in 2011.

Numbers limited. Members \$36. Non-members \$40. Entrance on Wellesley Street at the back of the Auckland Art Gallery.

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// PRESENT



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From the President's Desk

"We're Back" ! That is the theme of our end of year function in the historic Wellesley Gallery. As "Gallery family", we are invited by Director Chris Saines to celebrate the rapidly expiring year 2009 while previewing the reconstruction on site. The renovations will be far from complete when our hospitable "cocktail hour" begins Saturday, 14 November, at 6:30pm Our party title "We're Back" conveys "we're back for a convivial peep at work-in-progress." (Surely our party in 2011 will be entitled "the return of the exiles!"). But now we expect an enthusiastic, inquisitive and celebratory attendance – sleeping members awake, come join us!

In the last quarter, student art events, memories enriched by the stunning Rita Angus Exhibition, visits to studios and our sibling the Library – all kept interest high. Our publication "Art is Love. Love is Everything. Patrick Hanly 1932-2004", by Theresa Graham, was launched by Gil and Tamsin Hanly. The annual meeting returned the previous Officers and Executive Committee plus new members Paula Sheahan, Ivanica Vodanovich and John Coutts.

The exhibition "Taste: Food and Feasting in Art" should whet your appetite for Christmas festivity, and please note our event column lest you miss our remaining events. May Christmas and New Year bring blessings to you and those close to you.

Warren Limbrick,
President

events CALENDAR

NOVEMBER //
DECEMBER 2009

Thursday 5 November // 10.00am

**Conducted tour of the new
Owen G Glenn building**

University of Auckland Business School.
Meet in the foyer of the building at 12
Grafton Street just round the corner from
Symonds Street. Members only. No charge.
RSVP by Tuesday 3 November.

Saturday 14 November // 6.30pm

**Cocktail Party at the Wellesley Gallery,
Auckland Art Gallery**

The Friends end-of-year function. Entry
to the Gallery from Wellesley Street.
Members \$36. Non-members \$40. RSVP
by Wednesday 11 November.

Saturday 5 December // 11.00am

**Curator's Tour – "Taste: Food and
Feasting in Art" with curator
Ngahiraka Mason**

Meet in the foyer of the New Gallery.
Members no charge. Non-members \$10.
RSVP by Wednesday 2 December.

Looking Ahead ...

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

Thursday 11 February // 10.30am

Tour of a few Parnell Galleries

Meet at the Jonathon Grant and Artis
galleries. We will continue on to the
International Art Gallery and then the
Sanderson Contemporary Gallery where
artist John Papas will speak to us about
his exhibition. Members no charge. Non-
members \$10. RSVP by Tuesday
9 February.

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



VISIT TO OWEN G GLENN BUILDING

Thursday 5 November // 10.00am

The Owen G Glenn building, part of the
University of Auckland Business School,
was hailed as an excellent example of
modern architecture when it was opened
last year.

We are fortunate indeed to be able to have
a guided tour of the building and its art led
by Dr Linda Tyler. The University has a fine
collection, and the new building is an ideal
space to showcase their many treasures.

Afterwards, Friends might like to take coffee
in the Spicer's Restaurant on the 3rd floor
of the building. Members only.

**CURATOR'S TOUR –
"TASTE: FOOD AND FEASTING IN ART"**

Saturday 5 December // 11am

It is entirely appropriate that our last
event for the year should relate to the
major feasting festival. Still today, most
families celebrate Christmas with a meal,
be it a turkey and stuffing in remem-
brance of British heritage, or a barbecue
at the beach.

Ngahiraka Mason has curated an exhibi-
tion that explores the various ways food
has been illustrated in art through the
ages. Imagine a visual aroma of food,
drink and feastings from local traditions
to tastes from around the world. The
exhibition is a little bit Julia Childs,
Gordon Ramsey, "Food-in-a-Minute",
fake-food and fast food culture and "Kai
Time on the Road".

Contemporary life, interconnections
between art and food and reality culture
have also made 'fooding' popular. Jae
Hoon Lee's "Feast" looks at the global
migration of food culture, composing his
own Kiwi feast from random Korean meals
recreated in plastic. History, surplus
goods and butter is the inspiration for a
new work commissioned from Auckland
artist Ruth Watson who uses food as a



ABOVE: JAE HOON LEE - FEAST, 2007,
plastic (replica food), plastic table,
fabric table cloth, Chartwell Collection,
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, 2008

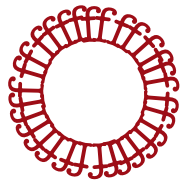
medium to comment on a post-recession
look at New Zealand's relationship to the
global food trade.

Drawing on established traditions such as
those depicted in Brueghel's "A Village
Fair" and Lindauer's "Time of Kai" where
communities are depicted observing time-
honoured traditions, still life's showcasing
simple and sumptuous foods popular at
certain points in history, and laid tables,
beverages and dishes that expressed
religious or symbolic meaning, Ngahiraka
has assembled a truly mouth watering
exhibition.

Members no charge. Non-members \$10.



ABOVE: JACQUELINE FAHEY -
FINAL DOMESTIC EXPOSE - I PAINT MYSELF, 1981-1982,
oil and collage on board, Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki,
purchased 1983



ENGAGING WITH OUR STUDENT MEMBERS

Sustainability is an issue which concerns us all, and it was the theme for our 2009 Student Art Exhibition held at AUT St Paul St Gallery Three in July. Seventeen students participated and a record number of nine artworks were sold. Well done to all of our student members, and thanks to all who supported this wonderful event.

The 8th Pat Hanly Student Membership Awards were presented at Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki, in August. Forty-two students from schools across Auckland were nominated by their art teachers to receive the award and the Friends would like to thank all participating schools, the Hanly family, our sponsors The Varuna Trust, Gordon Harris, Tautai Contemporary Pacific Arts Trust and Friends' members.

Due to the generous sponsorship of The Papageno Trust we were able to commission the booklet "Art is Love. Love is Everything. Patrick Hanly 1932-2004" by Theresa Graham. The booklet was given to all recipients of the Pat Hanly Award.



LEFT:
Samson Vaotu'ua
and Elizabeth
Beazley, Tangaroa
College, at the
Pat Hanly
Student
Membership
Awards



LEFT:
Don Binney (Patron)
with guest at the Friends
Student Exhibition

As the year comes to a close we are looking forward to realising yet another exciting student initiative. As part of this year's Student Art Exhibition, an artwork by Chloe Marsters was chosen by a panel of judges to be reproduced on a T-Shirt. This fabulous initiative is drawing attention to the work of emerging artists. We thank the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki for their support and AUT Textile and Design Laboratory for printing the T-Shirt free-of-charge. The limited edition T-Shirt will be available from the Auckland Art Gallery Shop in November.



RIGHT:
Chloe Marsters, AUT student with
her T-shirt design chosen from this
years Student exhibition



NEW COMMITTEE

We are delighted to have three new committee members, all of whom bring new skills and experience. We encourage Friends with ideas or suggestions to get in touch with anyone on the committee.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Front Row – Lois Calvert, Leigh Ogier (Secretary), Paula Sheahan, Dr Warren Limbrick (President)
Second Row – Dr Ivanica Vodanovich, Jocelyn Lowe, Deanna Briant, Evan Moon, Louise Turner, Maurice Norton (Vice President)
Back Row – Miles Coney (Treasurer), John Coutts

EXHIBITIONS AT THE NEW GALLERY, AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI O TĀMAKI

Open every day from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Closed Christmas Day only

Families can discover art together in "PICTURING HISTORY: GOLDIE TO COTTON" where children can get creative at the imagination station with activities inspired by the art and a free Family Guide to the exhibition. "Picturing History" highlights the Gallery's extensive collection from Charles Goldie's beloved portraits of colonial era Maori, to Shane Cotton's contemporary revisions of the past. An audio guide to the exhibition is now also available, providing you with more detail about the art and artists. It is a pilot research project looking towards the opening of the developed gallery in 2011. The Gallery is interested in discovering the content you are interested in and the devices you prefer to use. Come in, trial it and tell the Gallery what you think. Friend's President Warren Limbrick voices some of the audio tracks.

AND

With your friends and family revel in the luscious beauty of food and the tactile sensual qualities of art at "TASTE: FOOD AND FEASTING IN ART", a mouth-watering experience not to be missed. The exhibition runs from 21 November 2009 to 14 February 2010.



ABOVE: GOTTFRIED LINDAUER
- TE PAEA HINERANGI (GUIDE
SOPHIA), 1896, oil on canvas,
Auckland Art Gallery, gift of Mr H.E.
Partridge, 1915



RIGHT:
PARA MATCHITT
- UNTITLED, TE KOOTI SERIES,
1969, lacquer on board,
Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki

5 WORKS IN 7 DAYS

For the first time in New Zealand and for one week only, New Zealanders have the chance to see a preview of five works from The Julian and Josie Robertson Promised Gift.

This exciting preview includes works that will not disappoint Gallery goers. Picasso's *Mere aux enfants a l'orange* (1951), George Braque *La tasse* (1911), Henry Matisse *Espagnole* (1922), Andre Derain's *Paysage al Estaque* (1906), and Salvador Dalí *Instrument masochiste* (1933-34).

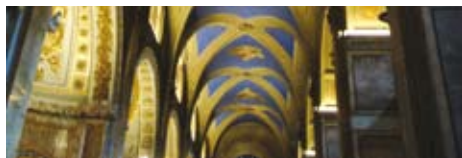
In May 2009 Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki announced a promised gift of 15 works of art through its Foundation, making it largest gift ever made to an art museum in Australasia. The gift, from New York art collectors and philanthropists Julian and Josie Robertson, represents some of the major European artists of the modern era. Its cultural value places it among the most generous philanthropic acts in New Zealand history.

Don't miss out: The Julian and Josie Robertson Promised Gift: An Exclusive Preview Saturday 7 – Friday 13 November 2009, Auckland Art Gallery, cnr Wellesley and Lorne Streets.

RIGHT:
PABLO PICASSO - MERE AUX
ENFANTS A L'ORANGE (MOTHER
AND CHILDREN WITH ORANGE),
1951, oil on panel. Collection of
Julian and Josie Robertson,
New York



LEFT:
SALVADOR DALI - INSTRUMENT MASOCHISTE
(MASOCHISTIC INSTRUMENT), 1933-1934,
oil on canvas. Collection of Julian and Josie
Robertson, New York



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HOUSE OF TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS

The Friends of the Auckland Art Gallery extend a very warm welcome to our new Donors members:

Mark & Julie Saikkonen, **Silver Donors**

Richard Frechtling & Carole McIntosh, Louise Lawson, Susan Fleischl, **Bronze Donors**

and to our new Friends members:

Cheryle Stonex, Patricia McKinnon, Stephanie Watson, Patricia & Steven Fast, Ian & Ann Moore, Al Freed Saboonchi, Professor Zoltan Endre, Don & Joy Clark, John & Janet King, Laurie & Stephanie Mayne, Michael Reed & Nicola Mathers, Peter & Janine Buttle, Gary & Maureen Hays, Sally & Harry Bussey, Diane Smith, Rose Davey, Doreen Ford, Lynne & Geoffrey Walker, Dr Janet Crawford, Patti Turner, Wendy Haynes, Madeleine & Brian McFadden, Rod Thomas, Marion Bawdon, Susan Hall, Alexia Smail, Annemarie Hay, Sue Abel, Christine Craddock, Jenny McColl, Shelley Masters, Jenny Taylor, Sue Letcher, Ross & Lynette Johnson, Susan Jones, Estelle Beder, Dale Atkinson, Brenda McCallum, Warwick Brown, Catherine Gilhooly,

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Congratulations to 2009 Pat Hanly Membership Award Students.

Aria Taylor, Sam Tilling, Helena Terry, Grace Tolley, Greg Togiaua, Kimberely Torrie, Hikari Tsukui, Shane Vaine-Moeroa, Samson Vaotu'ua, Emmett Watch, Marcus Watson, Amy Weng, Georgia Giddens, Keegan Greer, Cameron Hill, Jessica Hitchings, Ashley Koo, William Kim, Ashlee Lala, Jenny Lee, Ziggy Lever, Prince Masong, Tara MacKenzie, Hayley McGehan, Jessa McLeod, Laura Murray, Annie Puri, Sarah Redding, Hayley Robertson, Alana Barnes, Roshni Bhana, Eva Boss, Emma Brown, Elizabeth Beazley, Samuel Clague, Odessa Coleman, Grace Crawshaw-Mclean, Jennifer Do, Abi Donovan, Cordelle Feau, Ben Fidow, Charlotte Gallichan-Stewart.

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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