

## PAT HANLY STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Monday 18 August // 6.00pm

The Friends of the Gallery work actively to involve students by holding a range of events each year. The annual Pat Hanly Student Membership Awards recognise students who have shown "outstanding commitment and passion for the visual arts, and community awareness".

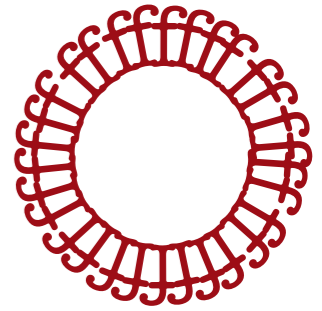
We invite secondary school art teachers across Auckland to nominate Year 13 art students, who receive a certificate, a two-year Friends' membership and art supplies valued at \$60, courtesy of Gordon Harris The Art & Graphic Store, and The Varuna Trust. Last year's evening was very successful, with 30 students receiving a Pat Hanly Award.

Each year, we invite members to sponsor the nominated students. As a sponsor you will pay a two year membership fee of \$36 a student, and receive an invitation to the Pat Hanly Award evening on 18 August to meet the student you are sponsoring. We will also provide you with a profile of the student. This is a great opportunity to support potential artists and introduce them to the benefits of the Friends and the Auckland Art Gallery. To sponsor a student please phone our secretary Leigh on 09 307 7705.



North Shore 2007 Pat Hanly Student Membership Awards recipients

In recognition of the value of the award to students, the Tautai Contemporary Pacific Arts Trust is sponsoring a two-year membership to the Friends for Pacific heritage students nominated by the schools.



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OF THE GALLERY

## AUGUST 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](mailto: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](mailto:galleryfriends@aucklandcity.govt.nz)

### CELEBRITY LUNCH WITH ALEXA - Thursday 2 October // 12 noon



Alexa Johnson

Dear Friends

#### Contemplate the Grasshopper? Not Yet!

'It is better, more rewarding, to study the grasshopper on the window-sill with full attention, than to stand half-distractedly before a painting by Paul Klee or Botticelli.' This provoking quotation from Sven Birkerts is used by Justin Paton in his great little book *How to look at a Painting*. We must take time to pause and wonder, but also to be informed. Most of us are helped by understanding the context in which a work of art is created – the historical and social setting, or perhaps the artist's life, aspirations or turmoils. Personally, I need to listen, think and feel as well as see. We have many opportunities before us to massage our faculties for art appreciation. We should not yet resign ourselves to studying the grasshopper on the window-sill!

So let us welcome you to another varied programme offered by the Friends this quarter. The Renaissance Art Lectures will continue to inform as Mary Kisler peels back the layers of meaning in particular works of art. Make your own judgements on the Walters Prize finalists before the international judge's assessment! Let your imagination loose amidst the variety of our "Art Walks", and share the insights of sculptor Greer Twiss in his studio, or our curators' experience, both 'up front' and 'behind the scenes.' Peruse the programme now and phone us to come on board. We look forward to including you!

Warren Limbrick, President

#### "Ladies..... a plate"

Part of life for New Zealand women was the invitation that carried with it the implicit responsibility of helping with the catering. It was understood and accepted by all who were born here, and had to be learned by all immigrants, as it seems to have been a peculiarly antipodean custom.

Alexa Johnson, our celebrity lunch guest and speaker and an accomplished writer and curator, has published her first cookery book celebrating this most New Zealand habit.

*Ladies, A Plate: traditional home baking* is the culmination of Alexa's long interest in our baking history. She searched through dozens of early to mid-20th century manuscripts and community cookery books and spent months testing

recipes to find the best version of some New Zealand home baking classics.

It is a new twist in a career that has included 19 years as a curator at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, and the highly acclaimed biography of Sir Edmund Hillary. She also curated the Auckland War Memorial Museum exhibition of Sir Edmund Hillary: Everest and Beyond.

This will be a really enjoyable lunch with a witty and informative speaker. Copies of the book will be available, and Alexa will sign them personally: think what a good Christmas present this would make. Book now, to ensure your place.

Art Lounge, Corner Lorne Street and Khartoum Place. Members \$30. Non-Members \$35.

### FRIENDS OF THE AUCKLAND ART GALLERY

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# events CALENDAR

AUGUST // SEPTEMBER // OCTOBER 2008

700 - Wednesday 6 August // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**The Friends' Renaissance Art Lecture Series by Mary Kisler**

Lecture Three: "More than just a meal – the symbolism of food in classical and Renaissance art". Second floor of Central City Library, Lorne Street. Members \$15. Student Members \$10. Non-Members \$20.

NOTE: \$4 discount parking at Victoria Street car park after 6pm. Park then pick up your discount voucher from the library.

701 - Tuesday 12 August // 10.30am

**Visit to an Artist Studio**

A visit to the studio of sculptor Greer Twiss in Ponsonby. Greer has had a successful career spanning four decades. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Meet outside Greer Twiss's studio (address on ticket). Members only. No charge. RSVP by Thursday 7 August.

702 - Monday 18 August // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**Pat Hanly Student Membership Awards Evening**

The annual award ceremony for Year 13 art students nominated by the secondary schools throughout Auckland. Foyer of the New Gallery, Khartoum Place. By invitation only.

703 - Wednesday 20 August // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**The Friends' Renaissance Art Lecture Series by Mary Kisler**

Lecture Four: "Stitched stories – the hidden history of Louise de Keroualle's court dress". Second floor of Central City Library, Lorne Street. Members \$15. Student Members \$10 Non-Members \$20.

NOTE: \$4 discount parking at Victoria Street car park after 6pm. Park then pick up your discount voucher from the library.

704 - Wednesday 27 August // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**54th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Auckland Art Gallery Incorporated**

Venue Art Lounge in Lorne Street, below the New Gallery. All members are welcome to attend. RSVP by Tuesday 26 August.

705 - Wednesday 3 September // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**The Friends' Renaissance Art Lecture Series by Mary Kisler**

Lecture Five: "Politics, power and the saintly body." Second floor of Central City Library, Lorne Street. Members \$15. Student Members \$10. Non-Members \$20.

NOTE: \$4 discount parking at Victoria Street car park after 6pm. Park then pick up your discount voucher from the library.

706 - Wednesday 17 September // 6.00, for 6.15pm

**The Friends Renaissance Art Lecture Series by Mary Kisler**

Lecture Six: "Women artists in the Renaissance". Second Floor of Central City Library, Lorne Street. Members \$15. Student Members \$10. Non-Members \$20.

NOTE: \$4 discount parking at Victoria Street car park after 6pm. Park then pick up your discount voucher from the library.

707 - Tuesday 23 September // 1.00pm

**Curator's Tour – The 2008 Walters Prize**

Senior Curator Ron Brownson will talk to us in the exhibition which features work by the four finalists for The Walters Prize. Meet in the foyer of the New Gallery. Members no charge. Non-Members \$10. RSVP by Monday 22 September.

708 - Saturday 27 September // 11.00am

**Art Walk to V2- instruments of art**

Join us for a walk that combines art and music as we visit three galleries in the central city which are displaying violins turned into works of art for the Auckland Philharmonic fundraising event. Meet outside the New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Our first visit will be to Oedipus Rex. Members no charge. Non-Members \$10. RSVP by Thursday 25 September.

709 - Thursday 2 October // Noon - 2.00pm

**Celebrity Lunch with Alexa Johnston**

Alexa was a curator at the Auckland Art Gallery for 19 years and is now a freelance curator, arts commentator and writer. Numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Art Lounge in Lorne Street, below the New Gallery. Members \$30. Non-Members \$35. RSVP by Monday 29 September.

710 - Wednesday 15 October // 10.30am

**Behind the Scenes with Registrar David Reeves**

What is a registrar? And what do they do? David Reeves, senior registrar at the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tamaki, will give an illustrated talk on the varied transport, storage and documentation problems that registrars work on behind the scenes. Art Lounge in Lorne Street below the New Gallery. Members no charge. Non-Members \$10. RSVP by Tuesday 14 October.

711 - Tuesday 21 October // 6.00 for 6.15pm

**Curator's Evening Tour – In Shifting Light**

Senior curator Ron Brownson will talk to us in the newly opened exhibition, In Shifting Light. Wine and savouries will be served. Meet in the foyer of the New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Members \$5. Non-Members \$15. RSVP by Thursday 16 October.

712 - Saturday 1 November // 11.00am

**Art Walk**

We visit two galleries, the FHE Gallery for an exhibition of glass by Ann Robinson and the Gow Langsford Gallery to view Australian artist Dale Frank. Members no charge. Meet outside the New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Non-Members \$10. RSVP by Thursday 30 October.

• For paid events the venue will be on the ticket, for free events please refer to the events 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 on 307 7705 or email galleryfriends@aucklandcity.govt.nz

**VISIT TO AN ARTIST'S STUDIO – GREER TWISS**

Tuesday 12 August // 10.30am



Greer Twiss is one of Auckland's most successful sculptors, whose work is held in many major public and private collections. His socially aware, humorous depictions of every day life in Ponsonby are full of charm and detail.

Since retiring from a 30-year career as Head of Sculpture at Elam, Greer has completed several major works for public acquisition, and seen them installed at the Viaduct and in the Auckland Domain.



He is a lively and entertaining speaker and his Ponsonby studio is filled with works of art, both his and others'.

As numbers are limited for this, you should book your place very quickly: it will be a highlight of this quarter's events. Members only.



**CURATORS' TOURS:**

**The 2008 Walters Prize**

Tuesday 23 September // 1.00pm

Senior Curator Ron Brownson, always a delightful speaker, will lead a special tour of The 2008 Walters Prize exhibition. A jury of four from around New Zealand selected works by Edith Amituanai, *Dejeuner* (2007), Lisa Reihana, *Digital Marae* (2001-2007), John Reynolds, *Cloud* (2006) and Peter Robinson, *Ack* 2006. An international judge will select the winner from among these

**Evening Tour of In Shifting Light**

Tuesday 21 October // 6pm

Later on in the calendar, Ron will guide us through the exhibition In Shifting Light, a selection from the gallery's own collection of paintings, sculpture and photographs exploring notions of



four in October. The \$50,000 Walters Prize is awarded every two years for outstanding contribution to contemporary art in New Zealand, and this opportunity to view these important works under the guidance of Ron Brownson is something to really look forward to.

New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Members no charge. Non-Members \$10.

landscape, light and time. At this evening event, wine and savouries will be served.

New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Members \$5. Non-Members \$15.

**ART WALK**

**V.2 - instruments of art**

Saturday 27 September // 11.00am

It so happens that our visit to Greer Twiss' studio in August will give members a first glimpse of the V.2 - instruments of art, as Greer is one of 13 artists who have been given a violin to turn into a work of art. These 13 violins are to be sold at auction to raise funds for the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra, and will be on display in galleries around Auckland during the last two weeks of September.

We will visit the three central galleries involved: Oedipus Rex, Gow Langsford and Anna Miles where Joanna Fieldes, Billy Apple and Mary Louise Browne violins will be on show.

Brochures will be available giving details of the other works and galleries in Parnell/Newmarket and Newton/Ponsonby, and about the auction itself on October 3 at the Maritime Museum in the Viaduct.

This will make a very pleasant Saturday outing.... Maybe a light lunch and a visit to some of the other galleries to compete the day. Meet outside the New Gallery, Khartoum Place. Members no charge. Non-Members \$10.



**54th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 27 AUGUST // 6 PM**

• The last annual meeting seemed to be the day before yesterday! However the next AGM is scheduled for 27th August at 6pm.  
 • Bring your vision, your hopes and suggestions to the Annual Meeting and share your enthusiasms. Our friendly custom is to follow the meeting with a convivial time – an unhurried chance to mingle and talk together. Art Lounge, Corner Lorne Street and Khartoum Place.