

Mahara Gallery

News

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Free entry

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GALLERY NEWS



We had a great time over the summer with *Re-Constructed*, linked to the Real Art Roadshow collection, and Anne Noble's small survey show from McNamara Gallery. *The Art of the Garden* also proved very popular. Its accompanying book of poetry and art, generously supported by the Deane Endowment Trust and beautifully designed by Jasmine Bailey, has received a strong response. It features twelve Kapiti poets who we thank, also for their enjoyable reading in the gallery.

In mid-December we selected a unique design concept for the proposed gallery redevelopment to house the Field Collection in museum-standard facilities suitable for a district gallery. We have since been workshopping, refining and costing it. The winning concept by Parsonson Architects and Tennent Brown Architects was selected from four competition entries. It connects the gallery to a refurbished Waikanae Library by an airbridge which leads to a shared community meeting space overlooking Mahara Place. The buildings would also be linked by a cloak gently folding across the roof, made of a contemporary, totally recycled and sustainable New Zealand-made material called Kaynemail, which subtly references the landscape and bicultural history of this area, and will draw visitors to the district.

The main gallery currently hosts a stunning show by Adele Younghusband, selected from the extensive collection of her work in the Whangarei Art Museum. Senior Lecturer in Art History at Victoria University, Roger Blackley, will present a floortalk Adele Younghusband: *The Forgotten Modernist*, on Wednesday 27 April, to which all are very welcome.

Allie Eagle, an important figure in the development of the New Zealand Women's Art Movement, is also often working in New SPACE on one of her male portraits. Her exhibition *Insight* shows work in progress and functions much as her own studio at River Pa in Reikorangi does, with people coming and going and lots of interesting conversations. It includes a terrific documentary on Allie made by award-winning filmmaker Briar March.

Like everyone, we were blindsided by the tragic events of February 22nd in Christchurch. Our hearts go out to everyone there, particularly

those many people who make their lives and livelihoods in the arts. Having worked closely with artist Jane Zusters for many years, Allie was happy to share part of her exhibition here with Jane, who sent digital photographs of damaged buildings which she made in the immediate aftermath of the quake.

We have officially joined the popular tide of social media, in anticipation of greater interaction on *Inside/Outside the Square* our Annual Review show opening on 7 May, and future projects. Many thanks to Helen Keivom for her support with setting up our facebook page. And don't forget while you are there to check out our online show, *More than a Craze*, which is proving to be quite a hit worldwide! Also thank you to new Friends who have recently joined us and become volunteers in various ways, or donated books to our growing library, we appreciate it!

Janet Bayly



ADELE YOUNGHUSBAND, *Young woman and a cat*, 1941, Collection of Whangarei Art Museum

EXHIBITIONS

Adele Younghusband, Selected Work

Until 1st May

Developed in partnership with the Whangarei Art Museum

Allie Eagle, Insight: not the male gaze (Can we talk now Daddy?)

Until 1st May

Inside/Outside the Square: Mahara's Annual Review

8 May – 26 June

This year's Annual Review show presents a new creative challenge – a size limit of 10x10 inches (or 25.4 x 25.4cm) or film clips limited to 100 seconds. Local artists can submit one work, and all work will be exhibited.

Invited guest selectors, Reuben Friend, Curator Māori and Pacific Art, City Gallery Wellington, and Judy Turner, textile curator and Mahara Gallery trustee, will select nine Artist's Awards, which have been kindly supported by the following local businesses and individuals: Mowbray Collectables, Waikanae Health Centre, Radius Pharmacy Waikanae, Breaden McCardle Chubb Lawyers, Barry Herbert, Shoreline Cinema, Picture Perfect Framing, Kapiti Coffee Company, Ambrosia Patisserie, Kapiti Signs, Tocker Associates, United Travel Waikanae.

Please deliver your work and entry form to the gallery on Monday 2 May 2011, 9.30am-4pm. See www.maharagallery.org.nz for entry forms or collect one from the gallery.

COMING UP...

Marian Maguire

The Labours of Herakles

2 July – 7 August

Walking the Line

2 July – 21 August

A group show featuring local and national artists working with the line.



MARIAN MAGUIRE, *Herakles goes to Gallipoli*, courtesy of the artist

EVENTS

Special Event

Wednesday 27 April

Roger Blackley, Senior Lecturer in Art History, Victoria University, will give a floor talk: *Adele Younghusband - The Forgotten Modernist*, from 11am-12 noon on Wednesday 27 April in the gallery. All are welcome, entry is free.

Opening: *Inside/Outside the Square*

Saturday 7 May, 5pm, all welcome, entry free, with special guests, selectors Reuben Friend, curator Māori and Pacific Art, City Gallery Wellington and Judy Turner, textile curator and Mahara Gallery trustee.

Friends of Mahara Lecture

Sunday 15 May, 4-6pm

Margaret Taylor, who is past Director of the Manawatu Art Gallery, and before then Hobart, Tasmania; Ballarat, Victoria; and Print Curator at the Australian National Gallery, Canberra and also the V&A, London, will give a talk to the Friends of Mahara on Sunday 15 May at 4pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Friends of Mahara entry free, guests of Friends \$10-00.

Live @ Mahara

Live local music as part of NZ Music Month, and award-winning theatre performed by local high school students as part of the Kapiti Shakespeare Festival at Mahara daily from 12 noon-1pm. Koha welcome for the performers.

Tuesday 24 May - Karen Clarke

Wednesday 25 May - Kapiti Women's Choir

Thursday 26 May - Kapiti Shakespeare Festival in Schools

Friday 27 May - Shayn 'Hurricane' Wills

Saturday 28 May - Bradley Garner

Presentation of the People's Choice Award

Saturday 25 June, 12 noon

Kindly sponsored by Kapiti Coffee Company and Picture Perfect Framing, supported by live music.

Mahara Life Drawing Group: Autumn/Winter Season

Thursday nights, 7-9.30pm

April 28 & May 5, at The Plateau, Parkwood, Waikanae

May 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16 & 23, at Mahara Gallery, Waikanae

Cost is \$6 (includes a light supper), bring drawing materials.

For more information contact Brigit Howitt on 904 3681 or brighith@paradise.net.nz.

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