



# state of the arts

South Taranaki Arts Bulletin #1

Spring 2010

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*Facilitating art activities at the Kidzone,  
Parihaka Peace Festival, January 2010*

## Welcome – Haere mai

Welcome to the first edition of *State of the Arts – South Taranaki Arts Bulletin*. Early this year I completed a survey of the South Taranaki art community, including artists and art groups. From the evaluation of feedback and comments, a common need was identified for a regular publication to keep people informed of what was happening throughout the district.

*State of the Arts* aims to be a source of information of art news, opportunities, exhibitions, and events. Recent trends suggest e-newsletters are an effective way of communicating information, however, for those who prefer paper and ink, printed copies will be available at local galleries, libraries or can be sent to you by post if requested. Please keep me informed of any listings you would like included. *State of the Arts* includes visual, performing, cultural, and literary art forms, all of which are widely represented throughout our district.

I look forward to strengthening the links between us all by sharing our projects, achievements, ideas, aspirations, and plans for the future. The aim is to increase participation, networking opportunities, support and a sense of belonging within our thriving arts community.

Warm regards,

*Michaela*



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## South Taranaki Creative Communities Funding 2010/2011 Applications due 17 September 2010

Do you have a project in mind that will get people involved in the arts or strengthen your local arts sector? Creative expression is fundamental to developing our sense of who we are and how we relate to each other. The Creative Communities Scheme, jointly administered locally by Creative New Zealand and the South Taranaki District Council, aims to foster an environment that supports creative expression and provides greater opportunities for people to enjoy the arts, wherever they live and whatever their circumstances. The first funding round for 2010/2011 year is currently underway and application forms can be found at your nearest LibraryPlus, Council's Administration Building on Albion Street, Hawera or downloaded [here](#) under the Funding/Grants section. Individuals and groups may apply for funding for projects that:

- Increase participation in the arts at a local level;
- Increase the range and diversity of the arts available to local communities or
- Enhance or strengthen the local arts sector. This includes training, skills development for participants, organisational development including research, information and promotional projects.

**Applications close Friday 17 September at 4.30 pm.**

If you would like more information or would like to discuss your application, please contact Maryse Death, Community Funding Advisor by phoning 0800 111 323 or email [here](#)



*A Creative Communities funded workshop - Patea youth display graffiti artwork created in Youthweek, May 2010*



### Local glass artist wins \$5000 national art award

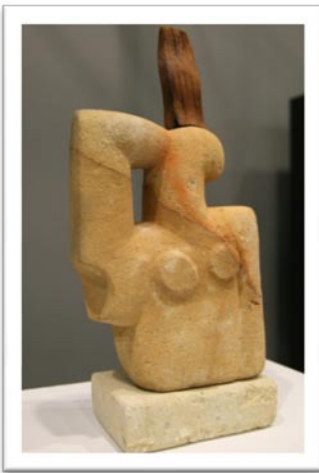
Waverley glass artist Lisa Walsh has won the prestigious Molly Morpeth Canada 3D Award 2010. Judge Bill Milbank said Walsh's cast glass piece entitled *Welcome Home* "had an exquisite colour palette and its casting and further working belied its visual simplicity". The annual award is organised and hosted by the Whakatane Museum and Gallery. The exhibition of 24 finalists runs until September 19 2010. Read an article about Lisa published by the *Wanganui Chronicle* [here](#)

### PTO Gallery opens doors

A new contemporary gallery opens in Eltham in early September. Ceramic artist Catherine Tamou and partner Joseph moved to South Taranaki earlier this year, and have bought and restored the historic Post and Telegraph Office building in Bridge Street, Eltham. The gallery spaces are custom-designed to maximise light and flexibility of displays. Works on show will include ceramics, painting, glass, photography, objects, textiles, design, works on paper, prints, glass and sculpture. Artists interested in exhibiting at the gallery can send images, CVs or exhibition proposals to [ptogallery@ptogallery.co.nz](mailto:ptogallery@ptogallery.co.nz) or call Catherine or Joseph on 06 7645064 to arrange an appointment.

## Real Tart supports Taranaki painters

A new exhibition at New Plymouth's Real Tart Gallery will open with a celebration on Saturday 4 September. The show will feature new work by 35 emerging painters featured in the Gallery's first publication, *Emerging Collectable Taranaki Painters*, launched in December last year. This is an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic talent and achievement of talented painters in our region. Support the gallery and buy a copy of the book – you could get it signed by one or all of the 35 artists! Exhibition runs until 29 September. Visit the gallery website [here](#)



2009 Shell Todd Oil Services  
Ltd Sculpture Award winner,  
Peter Cramond's, *Woman  
Wind Vain*

## Taranaki Art Awards needs your art!

It's time to get your entries in for Opunake's 2010 Taranaki Art Awards, a highlight of Taranaki's creative calendar this spring. Formerly known as the Taranaki Art Review, these annual awards are a national competition offering an opportunity for artists to exhibit and sell their work, with the added bonus of a \$10,000 prize pool. In its ninth year, the awards could not be such a great success without the generous support from sponsors, the Opunake community and committed volunteers.

The Taranaki Art Awards Committee are pleased to announce the judges for this year are Darcy Nicholas and Mary-Jane Duffy. Raised in Waitara, Nicholas is a leading contemporary Māori painter, sculptor, writer, curator, event manager and commentator on art. Darcy is currently General Manager of Community Services for Porirua City and is also responsible for Management of Pataka, Porirua Museum of Arts and Cultures. Mary-Jane Duffy co-directs the Mary Newton

Gallery in Wellington with Paula Newton. She formerly worked in museums and public galleries in Timaru and Wellington. She is a writer of essays and poems, and also teaches on the Creative Writing Programme at Whitireia Community Polytechnic.

The awards are divided into seven categories – check the [website](#) for entry details. The awards ceremony is on **Friday 29 October** and offers a great night out. Be sure to mark this date in your diaries. The **Taranaki Art Awards Exhibition** will be on display 10.00 am - 5.00 pm daily, from **29 October – 6 November** at Sandfords Event Centre, Opunake. Pick up dates for unsold artwork are **Sunday 7 and Monday 8 November**.

Get your entries in no later than **Tuesday 14 September 2010**. For entry forms and further information, pick one up at your local LibraryPlus or gallery, visit the [website](#) or contact Debbie Campbell 06 761 8192 or Suzie Stanley 06 761 8879.



## Fiona Pears & band perform in Opunake

Fiona Pears, highly talented violinist and composer tours NZ late this year and will perform her only Taranaki performance in Opunake. In conjunction with the Taranaki Art Awards, the evening offers a superb night out with the added bonus of enjoying the exhibition prior to the performance or during the intermission.

Pears is influenced by such musical luminaries as Stephane Grappelli, Django Reinhardt, John Williams and Jean Luc Pointy. She performs Celtic, Classical, Tango, Jazz and Gypsy with equal ease, sometimes all in the same composition!

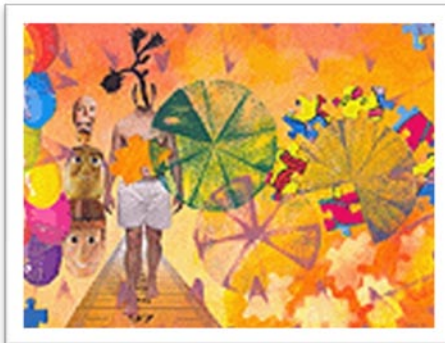
Together with her talented band, Pete Fleming on Bass, Mike Ferrar on Guitar, and her husband, UK Pianist and Musical Director, Ian Tilley, Fiona will perform music from her latest CD, *Fire and Light*. Expect a fiery melting pot of flavours and a thrilling, visually stunning experience. Check out more on her [website](#)

**Fire and Light - Fiona Pears and Band 8.00 pm Monday 1 November, Sandfords Events Centre, Opunake**

Tickets \$25 each. Available from *Pastimes* in Opunake or call 06 761 8789 or 06 761 8654.

Optional extra is a \$25 preshow 3 course smorgasboard at 6.00 pm - to book, call 06 7618789 or 06 7618654.

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*Collage by Lesley Carew,  
Queensland, Australia*

## South Taranaki artist visits Bulgaria

Artists who participated in the 12th International Collage Exhibition and Exchange will be able to add an exhibition in Bulgaria to their CVs. Puniho based assemblage and collage artist, Dale Copeland, was invited to attend a collage symposium in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. Dale will donate a collection of collages by 132 artists to the Tsanko Lavrenov National School of Fine Arts in Plovdiv. The collection will be exhibited in the Trakart Gallery in Plovdiv from 27th August 2010. Collages and information on how to participate in this project can be found [here](#). You can track Dale's journey by reading her [blog](#).

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## Like Minds Growing Together

An art auction will be held at Real Tart Gallery, New Plymouth on **20 October 2010**. Artists must enter by **11 September** by completing an entry form available from the gallery. 20% commission is taken to raise funds for Real Tart Gallery and Like Minds. Contact Sarah Stevens, 06 769 5717 or [email](#) for more information.

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## Moulin Rouge Extravaganza - Art Auction

An art auction to raise funds for the Lantern House Trust and Lifesaving Old Boys will be held on 20 October 2010 at TSB Stadium, New Plymouth. The event includes celebrity boxing, casino, cancan dancers, trapeze, offering a great night of entertainment. Early bird tickets are \$35.00 or full price is \$40.00. Participating artists can select their commission rate - 50%, 30%, or over-reserve. Please contact [Heidi Griffin](#) for more information.



## John Sargeant *Unplugged*

Emerging Hawera artist John Sargeant is exhibiting new unframed watercolours at Bookstop Gallery in New Plymouth, aptly named *John Sargeant Unplugged*. Featuring unframed works across a range of subject matter including Māori art, landscapes and abstract, the watercolours show a delicate use of the medium, with Sargeant not being afraid to use a heavier hand when needed. John has been painting for around six years and has a growing reputation across Taranaki. The exhibition runs throughout September and is well worth a visit where you can choose a work to suit your wall as well as your wallet. Check out John's [website](#)

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## Success for Hawera artist in national art award

Members of the Dixon Art Group in Hawera entered the 2010 IHC Telecom Art Awards recently. Maurice Toohey's painting *Snooks* (pictured) was selected as one of the 10 regional finalists, a great success as only 30 works were chosen nationwide from 530 entries. Maurice's painting will be displayed, along with the other finalists, at an exhibition at the St James Theatre Gallery in Wellington from 14 - 21 September 2010. An auction will be held and winners announced at a function on 21 September. Maree Stowe also sold her painting of an owl that she entered into the competition. All works can be viewed online [here](#)



## Egmont Community Arts Council celebrates 30 years

Feel like getting actively involved with community arts? The Egmont Community Arts Council meets monthly on the 4th Wednesday each month at 7.00 pm in Opunake. All welcome. Call Carol 06 761 8789 or Jean 06 761 8654. Next year ECAC is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year. Planning is underway to showcase the groups highlights and achievements, as well as honouring the commitment and dedication of volunteers to our arts community. If you would like to be involved, or have photographs or stories relating to any of the hundreds of projects ECAC have undertaken over the years, please contact Carol on 06 761 8789.

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## Hot stuff at Hawera Repertory

*Ladies Night*, a New Zealand play written by Stephen Sinclair and Andrew McCarten, is about a group of mechanics who suddenly find themselves unemployed. With no job prospects they have the brilliant (you decide!) idea of performing a one night only 'Ladies Night' male strip show. This hilarious play follows that journey from start to grand finale! Directed by Samantha Turner and choreographed by Jill Hooper, performances will be at **Repertory House, 59 Collins Street, Hawera, Wednesday 24 November to Friday 3 December 2010.** Cast: *Graham* - Shane Martin, *Norman* - Ron Scott, *Wesley* - Richard Walker, *Barry* - Mike Avery, *Gavin* - Robert Richards, *Craig* - Bryan Vickery, *Bernie* - Todd Woollett and *Glenda* - Jo Lahman.



## Village Gallery spring exhibitions

### ***Natural Elements* – An exhibition by Michele McDonald**

30 August – 24 September 2010

Featuring a collection of abstract acrylic and mixed media paintings, *Natural Elements* draws inspiration from earth tones and incorporates natural materials such as pumice and flax. The show also features sculpture by Mark Bloomfield. You are welcome to attend the opening to meet the artists, 4.00 pm - 5.30 pm Saturday 4 September.

### ***Renaissance* – Paintings by Diane Vassey**

27 September – 22 October 2010

Featuring paintings that celebrate a new beginning – Springtime, a new location, a new life.

Opening event: Friday 1 October 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm. All welcome to come along and meet the artist.

### ***Shed Sheilas***

25 October - 19 November 2010

Featuring pottery, mixed media works and paintings. Open longer hours during the Rhododendron festival Monday - Sunday 10.00 am -4.00 pm.

**The Village Gallery, 166 High Street, Eltham.** Open Monday-Saturday 10.00 am-3.00 pm  
Phone Gallery Co-ordinator, Maree Liddington on 06 764 5221, visit the gallery website [here](#)



## Puke Ariki launch new digital exhibition

A new digital exhibition project by Puke Ariki will launch in South Taranaki on 8/9 September 2010. Screens will be installed at Eltham and Opunake LibraryPlus, displaying a selection of photographic images from Puke Ariki's Swainson/Woods Collection. The collection includes images of Taranaki people and their families, weddings, social events, performance and sports groups, and key events from the 1920s to the 1970s. The images will change regularly and the project is ongoing. Puke Ariki is keen to collect information about the people and events depicted, and the public are encouraged to record the names of those they recognise in the response book provided at each venue.

## Coastal Singers Annual Performance

The Coastal Singers is a community choir that meets every Thursday night in the Catholic Church hospitality room at 7.00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join. The Coastal Singers entertained the Friendship Club last Monday, and have their annual dinner show on Saturday 6 November at Opunake High School. They will also sing in New Plymouth for the Stroke Foundation in December.

Call Noeline – 06 761 8358 (day) or 06 761 8127 (evenings) for more information.





## Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame celebrates 18 years!

Manaia's *Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame* celebrates its 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **18 September 2010**. Hosts Helen and Ian Braithwaite present two shows to the public and welcome you to come along and enjoy a great range of entertainment for all the family.

**Afternoon Showcase** -1.00 pm Featuring Blackboard Open Mic and guest artist Sue TeRangi  
\$6.00 Adults, \$2.50 Children (under 12 years)

**Evening Showcase** -7.30 pm Featuring Guest artist, Sue TeRangi and invited musicians  
\$11.00 Adults, \$5.00 Children (under 12 years)

Concession for full day: Adults \$14.00, \$6.50 Children (under 12 years)

For further information, contact Helen or Ian on 06 274 8442.

**Taranaki Country Music Hall of Fame 11 Surf Highway 45, Manaia**

*Open: Mon-Weds 10.00 am-4.00 pm, Thurs 1.00 pm-4.00 pm, Sat by appointment*



*Anne Aitchison, Supreme Winner 2009*

## Fashion Art Awards open for entries

The annual **Taranaki Daily News Art Awards** is gearing up to be hit again this year. Categories for 2010 are: Newspaper Art, Off the Wall, Recycled, Bras gone bonkers, Black and White, Natures Living Magic/Hardware Havoc, Glow Time and Footloose and Fancy Free. Official entry forms are available from the Taranaki Daily News offices in New Plymouth, and must be in by **2 October 2010**. For more information contact Lois FINDERUP, event organiser, on 06 753 4648.

## Professional development opportunity

Maggie Gresson, Executive Director of Artists Alliance, is visiting South Taranaki this spring to offer a free professional development and training workshop for artists and art groups. A member since 1993, Maggie has been employed by Artists Alliance since 1999. She has a BA in Visual arts from Auckland University, describes herself as a 'lapsed painter' and has many years experience in publishing and arts management.



1. Know Your Place – An interactive session all about finding your way in the art world.
2. Marketing Ideas – Including self-generated projects and dealer gallery options.
3. How Artists Alliance can assist artists and art groups to negotiate the visual arts sector.

**When: 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm Tuesday 2 November 2010 at Hawera Community Centre, Hall Lounge**

There may also be an opportunity for individuals and artists to book one-on-one sessions with Maggie. The workshop is **free** – don't miss out on this great opportunity! Please register by contacting Michaela Stoneman on 0800 111 323 or [email](#)



*Eroding Cliffs – by J Edgcombe*

## Arts Lease Programme – attention local artists

The South Taranaki District Council calls for artwork submissions from local artists for lease and display in the foyer gallery within Council's administration building in Hawera. The Art Lease Programme was established in 1996 to support and nurture our creative community. The gallery enables us to showcase a selection of work from our talented artists and creates an opportunity for participants to exhibit to a wide audience and offer their work for sale.

To qualify for the Art Lease Programme, artists must reside within the South Taranaki district boundaries. Both wall hanging and sculptural artworks are considered. Selected artists are paid a lease fee of \$150.00 per annum, payable in November. To submit artworks for consideration, please include the following information:

- Your name, address, daytime phone number and email address.
- A clear photograph of the artwork(s)
- Dimensions of artwork(s)
- Medium of artworks (s)

Send to: Michaela Stoneman, Arts Co-ordinator, South Taranaki District Council, Private Bag 902, Hawera 4640, or drop in to the Albion Street office – Attention: Michaela Stoneman

**Closing date for submissions is 5.00 pm Monday 11 October 2010**

For more information, please phone Michaela on 0800 111 323 or [email](#)

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## Harakeke Weaving classes

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at weaving? Classes are held at Lysaght Watt Gallery, Hawera on Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm by experienced weaving tutor and artist, Puhi Nuku. For more information contact Margaret Springett on 06 272 2806 or [email](#) or Puhi Nuku on 06 278 4678 or [email](#)

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## Resene Mural masterpieces competition

Beautify your town or neighbourhood and create an artistic landmark! Resene is running a mural competition, giving you the chance to win over \$5000 worth of prizes. There are four classes to enter: best school mural, best community mural, best professional mural and best mural design.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place – School Mural 2009, Coastal Taranaki School*

To enter, you need to register your entry details on an entry form from any Resene store or complete online [here](#). You will receive an entry pack with all the information to get you started, including practical advice on choosing a suitable mural site, obtaining permission and valuable tips on mural painting.

**Entries close 5 November 2010.**



Watercolour by Jayne Sarsfield

## Lysaght Watt Gallery spring exhibitions

### Hawera Art Club & Gallery Members Exhibition

On now - until 25 September 2010

### Jayne Sarsfield and Robyn Chard

27 September – 29 October 2010

This exhibition coincides with the Taranaki Rhododendron and Garden Festival 2010.

### Synergy

27 September – 22 October 2010

Featuring artwork by WITT students Lisa Paul and Andrea Connor.

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## Community art opportunity

Expressions of interest are welcomed from individuals and groups to participate in a community public art project. A collaborative public mosaic, facilitated by Michaela Stoneman, Arts Co-ordinator is proposed for the Hawera Town Square. Skills will be shared in a hands-on workshop by experienced mosaic artists and all materials will be provided.

Please contact [michaela](#) if you would like to be involved – all welcome!



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## What is The Big Idea?

The Big Idea -Te Aria Nui community is **free** to [join](#) and you can [share](#) your news & views, events and jobs & opportunities as well as [show](#) your work, all at the push of a button. You can also create a profile and connect with New Zealand's arts talent and creative enterprise.



Would you or your group like to have information included in the next *State of the Arts*? Please send text and photographs for the Summer (December, January and February) *South Taranaki Arts Bulletin #2*, to Michaela Stoneman, Arts Co-ordinator.

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