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KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE ARTS IN KAPITI

Kapiti ARTbeat

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Kia ora tatou. Welcome to our very first *Kapiti ARTbeat*—a monthly newsletter to keep you in touch with our creative coast.

We would love to hear from you if you have anything creative you'd like to share: exhibitions, workshops, theatre, gigs, or inspirations. Send short entries to ARTbeat

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There's been lots going on lately. Congrats to the team that brought you *Off the Page*, the Kapiti Literary Festival. Kapiti writers took their rightful place.

I'm starting to prepare for the ninth Kapiti Coast Arts Trail and we're now

taking applications—details on the next page. We're also busy with planning a Kapiti Museums brochure to share the great work going on in that area. Happy arts to you all.

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Featuring This Month

Week 7-13 September

Art Auction to raise money for seven-year-old cancer patient Ashley Knight. Coastlands, Saturday September 5, 2pm. ellen@tommyskapiti.co.nz

Ways of Looking. Paintings by Paekakariki artist Harriet Bright. Mahara Gallery New Space, Waikanae. Until September 20. See Harriet's profile later in this newsletter. www.maharagallery.org.nz

A Tomb With A View by Norman Robbins. Kapiti Playhouse's next production. September 3-5 & 10-12, 8pm. Bookings at Coastlands customer service desk.

Ob-la-di... Ob-la-da. Paintings by Tom Armstrong. Mahara Gallery, Waikanae. Until September 20. View Mahara's new website to find out more about other events including live music, poetry, and more. www.maharagallery.org.nz

Magnificence of the Music Hall. Operatunity's next concert. September 8, 11am, Southward Car Museum, Otaihangā. Tickets \$25 (includes light lunch). Contact 0508 226 237. www.operatunity.co.nz

Spring Festival. Kapiti Arts & Craft Society exhibition featuring Faultline Lace-makers. 27a Elizabeth St, Waikanae, September 12-13, ph 04 904 3568

Week 14-20 September

Launch of The Watchman. A new Kapiti news website with a strong focus on arts and culture, edited by K.Gurunathan. Friday September 18, 7-9pm, Mahara Gallery. All welcome.

Henpicked. Live music from locals Carylann Martin, Dean Murray, Kirsten London, and Anje Glindemann. Traffic Café & Bar, Otaki, Friday September 18, 8pm.

Slices of Spring. Deidre Ralph Gallery. Creations in oil, acrylic & clay. 29 Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach. deidreralphgallery@clear.net.nz

Oasis Gallery Night Classes. Tuesday night life drawing - starts September 15, Wednesday night oil painting - starts September 9. Oasis Gallery, 10 Ventnor Drive, Paraparaumu. oasis.artworkshops@gmail.com or ph 04 905 0665.

Stephen De Pledge Piano Recital Tour. Waikanae Memorial Hall, Waikanae, Sunday September 20, 2.30pm,.

ART ON THE WEB

www.maharagallery.org.nz
(Mahara Gallery's new website)

www.venuemenu.co.nz
(Another great way to keep in touch with Kapiti arts)

www.creativecoast.co.nz
(Profiles professional artists on the Kapiti Coast and lists current art events)

www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Community/Arts
(Download your copy of the Kapiti Coast Arts Guide)

www.kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz
(Libraries website)

POETS TO THE PEOPLE BOOK

Lembas Café's regular poets produced a book of their work recently. It's available from the Lembas for \$15, or email gillii@paradise.net.nz

WRITERS AT THE ARTS TRAIL.

Karren Butterworth from Kapiti Writers is interested in hearing from other writers who want to be involved in book sales and other activities at the next Kapiti Arts Trail. karenpetbut@xtra.co.nz

"You can't wait to be inspired. I just start working and trust that something will go right."

Harriet Bright, Visual Artist.

Week 21-27 September

Poets to the People. Monthly poetry readings. September features Bill Morris. Includes open mic section. Lembas Café, Poplar Ave, Raumati South. Sunday September 27, 4-6pm. \$5. gillii@paradise.net.nz

Gillian & Roderick Deane Art Space. Visit this community gallery space any time you go to the library—there's usually local art on display, or book the space for your own exhibition! Paraparaumu Public Library, 179 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu. Contact Catherine ph 04 296 4688.

Shona Moller's new gallery, opens September 26, in Wellington, 2 Cable St (opposite Te Papa). Ph 04 939 9266. www.shonamoller.com

Friends at Mahara will be launched at the opening of *Kapiti Quilts* exhibition at Mahara Gallery, Saturday September 26, 5pm. *Kapiti Quilts* exhibition is on until Sunday October 25. www.maharagallery.org.nz

Week 28 September—4 October

Andrew London & Friends. Friday September 25, 8pm, Traffic Café & Bar, Otaki. www.trafficbarbistro.com

He Kakano - Waikanae Library Art Space. Waikanae Library, Mahara Place, Waikanae. Visit this community gallery space any time you go to the library—there's usually local art on display, or book the space for your own exhibition! Contact Mandy Andrews at Waikanae Library ph 04 296 4760 or Kristie Parata for the Nga Purapura space at Otaki library, ph 06 364 9317.

Kapiti Coast Arts Trail 2009

Download your application at www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Community/Arts or collect one from Council service desks or libraries. The closing date is 5pm, Friday September 18.

Kapiti Coast Creative Communities Scheme

The deadline for applications for funding from Creative New Zealand through the local creative communities scheme is 4pm, October 2. Download your form from Monday September 7 at www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/Community/Grants or collect from Council customer service desks.

ARTIST PROFILE

Harriet Bright, Painter

"If you start saying 'I'm an artist', and you're not making an income from it, then it can feel like a con. Now that I'm doing art every day, I can say I am an artist. It's just what I do."

After a long break from art (15 years, to do farming, amongst other things), Harriet now has exhibitions coming up all over Kapiti and Wellington. She says she's a lot happier. "I feel prop-

erly alive. That sense of doing something I really want to do. When I've had a day painting or drawing that's gone really well, the rest of the world seems alright." But she is worried she's developing a serious caffeine habit. "When I'm working I stop for coffee. I have to watch that I'm not completely wired for the day."

Harriet draws and paints, even

though she was once practically kicked out of art school for doing both. "Lines can be more alive and vital than painting - the line can convey what you're seeing and what the person is feeling."

Current exhibition:

Ways of Looking. Mahara Gallery New Space, www.maharagallery.org.nz

