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KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE ARTS IN KĀPITI

Kāpiti ARTbeat

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THIS ISSUE: Feature: Kāpiti Artists Reflect; From the Arts Desk; Creative Opportunities, What's On.

FEATURE: Kāpiti Artists Reflect: Meet three of Kāpiti's talented artists as they reflect on 2010. We ask them to share some highlights, a little bit of inspiration and a New Year's resolution with us.

"2010's highlight has to be a series of work called *Gentleman and a plate*. I'm fascinated by contemporary gender politics and in this series I took a conceptual leap into exploring this through my art work. The exhibition opened at Lembas Café and it was wonderful to see people standing in front of my work discussing gender politics. Really inspiring.

"Inspiration for my work most definitely comes from the community and our incredibly beautiful environment. Paekākāriki is an extraordinary place; everyone here makes me think and makes me laugh!



"My New Years Resolution is balance. Time for my art, time for my family, time for my business and time for myself."

Some of Rachel's work can be seen at Mahara Gallery, Wai-kanāe .

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"My highlight for 2010 was going to New York with the NZ Film Commission to take part in *No Borders*, an event that is part of New York's Independent Film Week. I was there to pitch my new feature length screen play and novella *The Tear Collector*. Fingers crossed and watch this space.

"Collecting is a theme that keeps recurring in my work. It's fascinating. Collectors, what and why they collect is a constant source of inspiration to me.

"New Years Resolution – is always to lose 5kg of unwanted writing!"



www.lindaniccol.com

PHOTO: www.paddyriley.com

"Recording and producing a first album with *Waiata in the Word* was definitely a major highlight. Spending hours and hours with an amazing group of musos locked away in Ross McDermott's Paraparaumu recording studios was choice. It sounds great and will be out early next year.

"My inspiration is my community. We are part of a wicked creative community; there are some amazing people on this coast.

"New Year's Resolution – more music, more poetry, more carving."

www.troyhunt.co.nz



From the Arts Desk

Engaging kids in the arts over summer

No doubt about it, summer is well on its way.

Children are busy with end-of-year projects at school and making presents for friends and family. And many of them are starting to buzz with excitement about holidays and Christmas, including creating artworks and craftwork, or getting involved in music, dance or drama events.

The recent Arts Trail, all the school and college art events, and community events throughout the year clearly show that a large number of the District's children thoroughly enjoy the arts.

There is always a range of arts events and activities offered to children and young people during the holidays. Public galleries feature

exhibitions tailored to young people and have the facilities for fun and educational arts activities for children and young people. If you are interested, do check out the websites of Public Galleries in the region such as Pataka in Porirua and the Dowse in Lower Hutt – both of whom offer exhibitions and programmes for young people.

The Maritime Museum in Wellington, which operates as a Public Gallery as well, has an exhibition entitled *Back & Beyond & Here, New Zealand art for the young & curious*, based on Gregory O'Brien's book for young people featuring New Zealand art. The exhibition "questions how personal and national identity is defined through art and challenges visitors to explore their own identity in relation to their community". It

includes a range of exciting activities and interactive resources.

Although we don't have a Public Gallery – yet - the Mahara Gallery has a show curated from the Real Art Roadshow collection while it has its summer break from touring schools. Throughout the Kāpiti Coast District, there are a number of holiday arts programmes for children and young people – often advertised in the local papers and on community noticeboards. And of course, plenty of fun to be had at home making stuff and creating shows for family and friends!

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season, a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

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Holiday Ideas at Public Galleries

Here are website links to some interesting galleries museums to visit and explore over the holidays.

The NewDowse Gallery

www.dowse.org.nz

Pataka Museum and Gallery

www.pataka.org.nz

Museum of Wellington City and Sea

www.museumofwellington.co.nz

Mahara Gallery

www.maharagallery.org.nz

Arts Funding on the Web

Cultural Funding Guide

www.mch.govt.nz/funding-nz-culture/search-funding

Donations Toolkit

www.creativenz.govt.nz/resources/donations_toolkit

Funding Information Service

www.fis.org.nz/

Kapiti Coast District Council – Creative Communities

[Link here](#)

Creative Opportunity

Ōtaki Pottery Club seeks pottery artists

Pottery artists are invited to submit work that fits with the theme of pottery or garden art to be sold at the Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2011. This is a fundraiser for the Ōtaki Pottery Club.

Plus, any artists who would also like to demonstrate their craft are welcome to contact the organisers.

www.otakipottery.co.nz Ph Jude 06 364 8642.

WHAT'S ON

Weeks 1-5 December

Ōtaki Players. *No Sense in MURDER* (Murder Mystery) by Peter Carr. December 2, 3 & 4 7.30pm. The Civic Theatre, Main Street, Ōtaki. Tickets \$15. Contact 06 364 8848 or www.otakiplayers.org.nz

Delaney Davidson and his Ghost Orchestra. Around the world and upside down hobo bluesy country folk. Sunday 5 December, 7pm, St Peter's Hall, Paekākāriki. Tickets \$10. Contact Helen Keivom 0272 584 251, 04 905 7178, ruol4@xtra.co.nz

re-CONSTRUCTED. Mahara Gallery. 28 November 2010 - 23 January 2011. Featuring Rob McLeod, Marie Shannon, Joanna Braithwaite, Eileen Leung, Megan Hansen-Knarhoi, Elizabeth Thompson, Simon Ogden, Kate Small, Robyn Kahukiwa, Matt Couper and Mary-Rose Crook.
Anne Noble, by light. Photographs 1982 - the present. 28 November 2010 - 23 January 2011. 20 Mahara Place, Waikanae, www.maharagallery.org.nz



Delaney Davidson

Week 6-12 December

Danilo's open mic night. Special end of year sessions with guests. Wed 8 December, Finns Paekākāriki, koha entry.

Mel Parsons. Friday 10 December, Lembas Café, Poplar Ave, Raumati South. Bookings essential. \$10 door charge



Judith Fuge Dance School end of year concerts, 10-11 December, Southward Theatre. Junior show is *Narnia*, and the senior show is *The Big 60*. For more information call 04 902 6573

Week 13-19 December

Hurricane Shayn Wills with Tim Jaray and Ian Parker. Friday 17 December, Lembas Café, Poplar Ave, Raumati South. 8pm. \$10 door charge.

Kāpiti Players Youth Drama Revue Show. Kāpiti Playhouse, 17-18 December, 7 Ruahine Street, Paraparaumu. www.kapitiplayhouse.co.nz

Week s 20-31 December



Festival of Pots and Garden Art 2011. 8 – 16 January 2011. 10am-4pm daily. Trinity Farm, 202 Waitohu Valley Road, Ōtaki. www.trinityfarm.co.nz

Artful Kids Fun Fine Arts Holiday Programme. 20-24 December, Plimmerton Arts and Crafts, Paekākāriki, and at Waikanae Arts and Crafts Building, 9.30am – 12pm. Art Classes for primary to intermediate aged kids taught by local and experienced artists. Materials are supplied. \$20 per morning. Contact artfulkids@gmail.com

Kāpiti Coast District Council Library Art Spaces

These library spaces are available free as exhibition venues for local artists.

Gillian & Roderick Deane Art Space

Paraparaumu Public Library
179 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

The gallery is used to display an interesting range of artworks by local artists and to advertise any current arts events in the community.

Opening hours :

Monday-Friday: 9.00am-5.00pm with late opening on Thursday evening until 8.00pm.

Saturday: 9.00am-4.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am-2.00pm

If you would like to know more about this artspace or discuss booking it, please contact Angie Salmon on angie.salmon@kapiticoast.govt.nz

He Kakano – Waikanae Library Art Space

Waikanae Library, Mahara Place, Waikanae

He Kakano “the Seed” is a small (but perfectly formed) art space that allows local artists to display their artwork within the Waikanae library. He Kakano consists of two walls which are diagonally across from the Issues desk. The art space walls are visible from the Library entrance and centrally situated on the ground floor.

Opening Hours

Waikanae Library

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-4.00pm

If you would like to know more about this artspace or discuss booking it, please contact Mandy Andrews on amanda.andrews@kapiticoast.govt.nz

Ngā Purapura, Ōtaki Library Art Space

Ōtaki Library, Main St, Ōtaki

This popular space is used for local exhibitions of arts and crafts, and some performance.

Opening hours

Monday-Friday 9.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 9.00am-4.00pm

If you would like to know more about this artspace or discuss booking it, please contact Kristie Parata on Kristie.parata@kapiticoast.govt.nz

www.kapiticoastlibraries.govt.nz