

Lysaght Watt Gallery

Newsletter June 2020

Facebook : www.facebook.com/LWArtGallery Website: www.lysaghtwattgallery.co.nz

Gallery open from Monday 8 June with winter hours: Monday to Friday 10-2 pm - Saturday: 10-12 noon

Phone: 06 278 7611 Find us at: 4-6 Union Street Hawera (on the Square)

A note from the chair

Dear members and supporters, welcome to Level 2. So much has changed, and yet much is the same. The days are shorter, and the nights cooler, I have planted daffodils, freesias and picked what looks to finally be the last of the tomatoes. These seasonal things keep the rhythm of life familiar and can be reassuring when all else looks a bit chaotic. We have rediscovered some of the simple things of life – baking, preserving, gardening, creating – and hopefully emerging from lockdown with a determination to keep these new skills into our new future.

Our committee meeting had us sitting a meter apart from each other and enjoying being face to face in the gallery last week. Thanks to Gail and her team for arranging the pack down of "Collectives" our last exhibition and getting precious art pieces back to their owners. We are grateful to Michaela Stoneman the Collectives Curator, and each of the exhibition artists who were patient and understanding when lockdown was upon us and artwork was locked inside the gallery. Thank you.

- Ella Borrows

We are Reopening! But with some changes.

- The gallery will be open to the public from **Monday 8 June** with new winter hours. It is cold, it is Level 2, and town is still quiet, so we will reduce the hours on Monday-Friday to **10 am-2 pm**, and hours on Saturday to **10 am-12 noon**. We encourage you to visit during these hours to view our new exhibitions (see below). We will keep these winter hours for at least the next three months and will review them later in the year.
- Visitors to the gallery will be limited to 5 visitors at a time and once we reach capacity, we will operate a "one in/one out" policy. All visitors to the gallery will be required to provide their name, phone number and email address to enable contact tracing if required.
- We will always exercise social distancing, with hand sanitizer freely available and regular cleaning of surfaces and the EFT/pos terminal throughout the day.

Exciting New Exhibition in June

Our first exhibition after Lockdown will be on the 8th of June. This is a shared exhibition. Unfortunately there will be no opening event because of the Covid19 restrictions.

Jennifer Sosich sculpts and paints by mouth. Jennifer suffers from a joint disease called arthrogyrosis multiplex congenita and is wheelchair-bound, with limited use of her arms. Her work is intricate and detailed. Visit her Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bitesculptandpaintbymouth/> for a preview.

Sharing the gallery is a "second hand art" opportunity to buy paintings which have been pre-loved or gifted and their owners are ready to pass them on. There are some lovely bargains available, prints and originals from NZ artists as well as pieces purchased while overseas. Please watch Facebook and our website for further details about each exhibition and artworks.

Lysaght Watt Trust Art Awards 2020

Just a reminder these awards have been put on hold until 2021. We've put the word out and advised all the known exhibitors, but if you know of anyone still thinking about entering, please let them know our intentions and refer them to our website for updates later in the year.

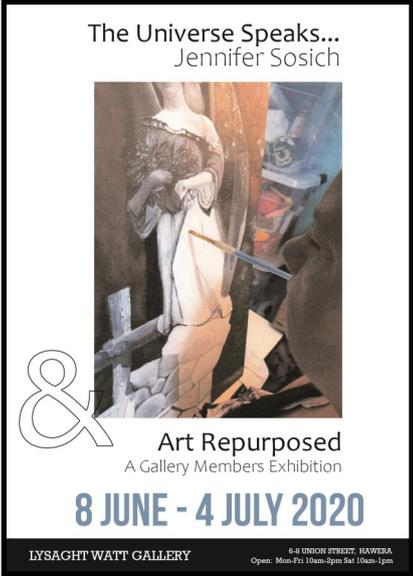
Membership and Friends Notices

It is almost that time of the year again when we send out our membership and friends notices. Watch for these in your email or in the mail – thank you in advance for your ongoing support and interest in our community gallery. We work hard to support our emerging artists and bring you exhibitions of interest – acknowledging always that while art enriches our inner lives, it also contributes to our local economy, health and wellbeing, society, and education. What better time than now to participate in this purpose? Thank you.

Remembering Bill Rumney

One of our loved members and a well-known character in our community, Bill Rumney, passed away suddenly a few weeks ago and the committee sent flowers and a message extending sympathy to his wife Shirley and family.

Best wishes to you all from the Gallery Committee



The Universe Speaks...
Jennifer Sosich

Art Repurposed
A Gallery Members Exhibition

8 JUNE - 4 JULY 2020

LYSAGHT WATT GALLERY
6-8 UNION STREET, HAWERA
Open: Mon-Fri 10am-2pm Sat 10am-1pm

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