



The Scoop

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News from the Ferrymead Printing Society

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*Olivia
inking her
two-colour
'love'
poster.*

Love Letters: the Letterpress Poster Exhibition – our contribution

We were invited to submit letterpress artwork for an exhibition celebrating the love of letterpress. This is part of the upcoming Auckland Heritage Festival. A large number of our members have been busy, evenings and weekends designing, typesetting, experimenting with colour, selecting paper and then, using our range of hand-operated presses to print unique posters for this exhibition.

Some have been individual efforts but it has been encouraging to see how well our Junior Members have worked together in teams to create artwork that is sure to impress all those who view. Gary has just dispatched a record sixteen entries!

If you are fortunate enough to be in Auckland between 29 September and 30 October and would like to view this display of letterpress posters, please make the time to travel to the Nathan Homestead, 70 Hill Road, Manurewa. This has been organised by Toni Mosley and you can find out more information on the Facebook page she has set up: <https://www.facebook.com/Love-letters-the-letterpress-poster-663977477059217/>



Printmaking and Bookmaking Workshop

Sunday 19 August 9:30am to 4:00pm

We are excited to announce that our creative artists Pippa Judge and Russ Harris are preparing our first Printmaking and Bookmaking Workshop for Sunday 19 August.

This day will introduce the skills and techniques involved in taking design concepts from sketches or drawings and transferring these to wooden or linoleum surfaces. They will teach how to handle the tools, little tips and tricks of the trade and then how to print, using our proofing presses. Gary and Steve will also cover typesetting for combining words with your images.

At the end of the day you will have created a concertina-fold booklet similar to the one above designed and printed by Pippa.

All tools and materials will be provided for you to use. All you need is your imagination and eagerness to learn!

The cost for this course will be \$30 for our members and \$40 for non-members. For those joining the Ferrymead Printing Society on the day the cost will be \$60 (\$30 membership and \$30 for the workshop).

Spaces are limited to twelve and two have already gone (as at Tuesday 3 July) so if you are keen please email admin@ferrymeadprint.org.nz to secure your spot.



top: Woodcut prints, mono prints combined into a concertina-fold booklet by Pippa Judge.

bottom: Woodcut print (test proof) by Russ Harris as part of a two-part suite to be titled "It doesn't have to be that way".

Opening Hours

The Ferrymead Printing Society is open for members on Thursday and Sunday. Twilight Art Group dates and times can be found on our website.

ferrymeadprint.org.nz/Calendar



*Isana printing a
'WANTED' poster.
Photo: Howard Pettigrew*

KidsFest Printing Arts & Crafts

With the July School Holidays under a week away we are ready to provide six two-hour sessions over three days, Monday 9, Wednesday 11 and Friday 13 July.

This is open to children aged between 6 and 13 years of age. If you know of any children who you would like to sponsor to attend this event please contact Gary Parker by email gary@ferrymeadprint.org.nz or 021-047 9621

Gary and Russ have a great team of members who will be helping run these popular sessions. We appreciate the way that Chris, Patricia, Julie, Sandy, Della, Isobel, Catherine, Alexandra, Xanthe, Caitlin, Charlotte, Matilda, Bethany, Mati and Laura have given up time to help, it wouldn't be possible to run without their support.

<http://www.kidsfest.co.nz/event/printing-crafts-and-hobbies-2/>

Saturday Night Market, this Saturday 7 July 4–8pm

We are fortunate to be able to set up in the foyer area of the Print Shop with a selection of crafts and prints made by our members. We would encourage you to come down and look or help. Access is

through the front Park Visitor entrance and a gold coin donation is all that is required.

There are a range of stalls and the selection of tasty food available will keep you happy and

warm if the night is cold.

The main print workshop is not open to the general public on these evenings.

Wooden type trays and font catalogue

We were fortunate to receive an assortment of wooden type recently from the North Otago Museum in Oamaru so we are slowly working on combining with our existing collection as well as devising a system that will allow quick identification for the use, and return of wooden type to the correct tray and location.



New Arrival for Fiona and Rick

We are delighted to pass on that our member Fiona Hurst (nee Harney) and her husband Rick are experiencing the joy and wonderment of being new parents with the safe birth of their daughter Emily Rae on Friday 22 June. Congratulations from us all!

Health & Safety

We recently performed an audit of our Health & Safety documentation and procedures and have made some minor changes. Updated forms are available from the Printery. The most important one for members is to always wear enclosed footwear (no open toe shoes or bare feet).



Studio Inks

Chris Woods has created some simple 'ink hats' to help cover the twelve base inks we have available for use in the studio area.

In theory, all the colours shown in the Pantone Matching System colour swatch booklets can be created by carefully mixing the right parts of ink from these tins. Each ink has its own spatula for extracting from the tin. Special labels show where each tin should be returned to.

Please keep all the tools and ink areas as clean as you can. No one really likes to grab a spatula and get more ink on their hands than they were expecting!

Studio 'ink hats' keeping our inks covered and ready for use.

Your 2018 Committee

At our Annual General Meeting, held Saturday 21 April we elected our Executive Committee Members and assigned responsibilities for this year.

Steve Johnstone, President and Membership Secretary

Russ Harris, Vice-President, Trust Board Member

Gary Parker, Treasurer

Karen Gorsuch, Secretary and Librarian

Chris Horsham, Gaffer, Health & Safety Officer

General Members: Bud Obst, Bob Ranger & Pippa Judge (not present at AGM).

Volunteers appreciated for Heritage Park Open Days

If you are able to spare a couple of hours on a Sunday, especially the first or second Sunday of each month we would love to hear from you. The busiest times are between 11:30am and 2:30pm so having a couple of extra hands and a smiling face is all that is required to take the pressure off Gary, who gives up his Sunday's every weekend to keep the doors open and to give the families and children that come through our doors a great experience in the Print Workshop.

Small things like making notebooks or stencils for children go a long way in making visits to the Park memorable, and if you have other projects you are wanting to work on at the same time, all the better as you can show others what you are creating. Most visitors are fascinated and really impressed by what we do so please don't be shy!

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Membership

Thank you to all members who have joined or renewed their membership for the 2018 year. We really appreciate the prompt payment of your fees as this helps us provide the power and services necessary to keep everything running smoothly.

At this time, we have a paid membership of 61 which is really fantastic.

Building Maintenance

We haven't held any 'official Working Bees' this year but instead, as members have the time available, we are just keeping the areas tidy and doing minor tasks as we can.

Near the end of July a group of students from ARA will be providing some much-appreciated help with the preparation and painting of the upstairs library area. This will then allow restoration of the library and archives/kitchen area.

The ARA students will also continue with painting the outside front exterior (underneath the awning). We will then continue with the sanding and preparation and painting of other exterior services.

The Printing Museum AGM

The Printing Museum in Wellington is holding their Annual General Meeting this weekend (Sat 7 July) and Steve is spending the morning at the Museum and then attending the AGM on our behalf.

Colophon

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Captions: Adobe Jenson Pro Italic 10/10pt

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