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Te Ara Toi
o Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai

Art Awaits: Follow The Trail

18-19 October
2025
10am - 4pm



Here we go again – the Lower Hutt Art Trail is back!

Following the premier in October 2024, Lower Hutt hosts its second Art Trail on 18–19 October 2025, 10.00am–4.00pm. The event features over 50 artists and is set to become a permanent annual fixture.

The trail includes more than 30 stops, showcasing painting, pottery, printmaking, textile arts, weaving, woodwork, glass, jewellery, mixed media, and more. Visitors can view works in artists' studios as well as pop-up sites and galleries throughout the city.

Group exhibitions will be held at Hutt Art, the Historic Petone Police Station, Pito One Depot, ArtSpace Gallery, The Learning Connexion, and the Dowse, with additional displays in shop windows along High Street and Queens Drive.

For artists, the Art Trail is a unique opportunity to interact with visitors, showcase their talent, sell their work, and highlight the district. For visitors, it's a chance to engage with artists, view creations, and purchase or commission artwork directly from the makers, experiencing the rich artistic offerings of Lower Hutt.

But the experience goes deeper than these surface transactions. Art is good for the soul, individually and collectively – it reflects values, challenges perspectives, and connects us through shared human experience. It nurtures creativity, fosters empathy, and often speaks where words fall short.

This printed catalogue and guide will help visitors navigate the trail, detailing the locations of participating artists. The Lower Hutt Art Trail promises a vibrant celebration of local talent and a significant cultural event for the community.

Art Awaits: Follow The Trail.

Welcome to the 2025 Lower Hutt Art Trail.

This event is a chance to see the depth of artistic talent across Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai. Local artists are opening up their homes, studios, and galleries and sharing work that speaks to who we are and the stories that shape our city.

Lower Hutt has always backed its creative community. The Art Trail is a great way to support local artists, discover something new, and meet the people behind the work.

To everyone taking part, whether you're an artist or a visitor, thanks for being part of it. Enjoy what's on show, and take the time to explore more of what our city has to offer.

Mayor Campbell Barry

Key to the Guide



Museums & Major Galleries



Artist Studios



Pop-up exhibitions



Hutt Art Centre
9–11 Myrtle Street
Hutt Central, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Myrtle & Huia
Streets)

Hutt Art Society

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Hutt Art has been at the heart of the local creative community for over 60 years. Based on the corner of Myrtle and Huia Streets in Lower Hutt, this vibrant incorporated society provides a welcoming space for artists to meet, create, and exhibit their work. Members can join any of the many groups that meet regularly - from painting and printmaking to pottery, embroidery, and weaving - either working independently or with a tutor. Hutt Art also runs the Odlin Gallery and Huia Gallery, both showcasing new exhibitions every fortnight. During the 2025 Art Trail, visitors can explore both galleries, several open workrooms, and enjoy a special exhibition by the Chinese Painting Group.

Mixed Media

www.huttart.co.nz | email: huttartsociety@xtra.co.nz



Hutt Art Painting Studio
Hutt Art Centre
9–11 Myrtle Street
Hutt Central, Lower Hutt
(Huia Street entrance)

The Chinese Painting Group

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Based in Lower Hutt, the Chinese Painting Group holds weekly sessions open to the community. Tutor, Liu Fang, generously shares her mastery and skills with water colour and ink. Group members all share a passion for the ancient art and symbolism of traditional Chinese painting. From diverse landscapes representing a vast country, through to the subtle details of the blossom and peony - visit, and be transported to a land and culture of contrast and colour.

Painters

email: chinesepaintinggroup@gmail.com



Hutt Art Society

9-11 Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt

Pottery - Collage - Printmaking - Painting - Needlework - Weaving

Tutored and untutored groups available

New members and friends welcome

Galleries open daily – 10.00am–4.00pm – free entry

Ph 04 5660102 | Email: huttartsociety@xtra.co.nz



45 Laings Road,
Hutt Central, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Myrtle Street &
Laings Road)

Dowse Art Museum



Drop in to The Dowse during the Lower Hutt Art Trail and get hands-on with art making. A fun and friendly environment for people of all ages and abilities to come and give art a go. Explore our exhibitions and discover some of the amazing opportunities to dive a little deeper into art in Te Awakairangi. Free workshops Saturday and Sunday, 11am-1pm.

Mixed media

email: enquiries@dowse.org.nz



Somerford House, 42 Ludlam
Crescent, Woburn, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Ludlum Crescent
and Manuka Ave)

Louise Thomas



Louise Thomas is a painter, wildlife photographer, and writer. Now working primarily in oils, her art captures life with humour and energy. Nature is her inspiration, but she also ventures into portraiture and still life, and explores diverse styles for creative expression. Her work has sold to private collectors from New Zealand, Australia, and the United States. She has exhibited in group exhibitions with the New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and the Odlin Gallery in Lower Hutt, and participated in the inaugural 2024 Lower Hutt Arts Trail. Winner 2024 Judge's Choice Award and 2024 People's Choice Award Hutt Art Society Annual Exhibition. Commissions welcome.

Painter

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Somerford House, 42 Ludlam
Crescent, Woburn, Lower Hutt
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and Manuka Ave)

Marilyn Moran



Marilyn's profound connection with animals shines through in her captivating pet portraits, where she captures the essence of her subjects using pen, ink and watercolour. With a portfolio boasting both gallery sales and commissioned pet portraits, Marilyn's dedication to her craft is evident. Her love for animals permeates each piece, inviting viewers to share in the special connection she forges between art and nature. For the 2025 art trail, Marilyn has designed a new range of cards and art works. Marilyn is a member of the Hutt Art Society.

Animal Artist

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42 Ludlam Crescent,
Woburn, Lower Hutt
(Corner of Ludlum Crescent
and Manuka Ave)*

Michael Haynes

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Michael Haynes, a British illustrator now based in Wellington, New Zealand, is passionate about art and graphic design. Along with his deep-rooted creative interests, he has an obsession for music and film, which often influences the work he produces. Michael prides himself on his loose and lively linework, stylized comic book aesthetic and a bold use of colour. "I'm constantly learning to develop and refine my imagery". Michael will be showing a new selection of prints and greetings cards on the 2025 trail. Michael runs the popular Sketch Club programmes at Hutt City Libraries. Commissions welcome.

Illustrator

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*MIX Centre, Waterloo
212 Knights Road,
Hutt Central*

MIX

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MIX is a mental health community day service in the Hutt Valley offering programmes in art and wellbeing. They exist so that people who experience mental health challenges can: Connect to form shared communities; and create opportunities for growth in wellbeing and art. Their programmes focus on supporting the recovery process for people with mental health needs. They encourage optimum functioning, growth, independence, and connections within the community. They have three art rooms offering workshops in painting, ceramics, drawing, carving and mosaics.

Painters & Ceramicists

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Jo Dixey

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Jo had been working as a professional hand embroiderer for more than 30 years. She teaches all over New Zealand with regular trips to Australia to both exhibit and teach. Alongside teaching, Jo works on commissions for private individuals, churches, fashion, and film. Jo holds regular exhibitions of her work and has pieces in both private and public collections. In 2017, Jo published her first book, "Stitch People", later released as "Creative Thread".

Embroiderer

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23 Treadwell Street,
Naenae, Lower Hutt

Naenae Menz Shed and Guild of Woodworkers Wellington

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The Naenae Menz Shed, in operation for 12 years, is teaming up with the Guild of Woodworkers Wellington to feature a range of woodwork and metalwork artists from around the Hutt Valley, including toymakers. Works include fine wood working, green woodworking, turning, and carving as well as metalwork. Over 100 people use the purpose built 210 sqm Shed each month, including a number of groups and individuals with disabilities. All are welcome.

Woodworkers

www.gww.org.nz

www.menzshed.org.nz/naenae | email: menzshednaenae@gmail.com



Te Mako Community Centre
27 Hillary Court,
Naenae, Lower Hutt

Dorian Everard

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Dorian Everard (he/him) is a Naenae based watercolour artist who paints botanicals, fauna, and other oddities. Much of his work explores his experience with gender and his passion for conservation and social justice. What draws Dorian to watercolours is how the medium allows for such loose, expressive brush work alongside detailed layering techniques. He sells originals and fine art prints of his paintings, and makes stickers and greeting cards featuring his original designs.

Watercolourist

www.dorianeverardartist.com





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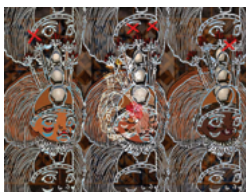
Etanah Lalau-Talapa

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Etanah Lalau-Talapa is a multidisciplinary Samoan artist from Aotearoa, exploring Pacific identity, motherhood, and ancestry through digital media, installation, and storytelling. A Massey University graduate, she curates and creates immersive works rooted in siapo patterns and storytelling, addressing themes of colonisation, community, and cultural resilience in contemporary spaces.

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27 Hillary Court,
Naenae, Lower Hutt*

Jasmine Leota

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Jasmine Leota is a multi-disciplinary artist and cultural practitioner, whose career embodies the vibrant intersection of creativity, identity, and advocacy. Her work spans the worlds of performing arts, visual storytelling, health education, and indigenous empowerment.

Mixed Media

www.instagram.com/lemaucreative



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Naenae, Lower Hutt*

Becky Start

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The ocean, including the movement of the waves, the sun breaking through a cloudy sky, and the opening of a flower are all things Becky likes to capture. Through acrylic and oil painting on circular canvas, offering a portal to the garden or sky. Using bright colours for loud, sensationalised scenes, Becky offers the viewer a brief escape in the day.

Painter

www.instagram.com/kindness.andmischief





*Kereru Studio
Wesley Rātā Village
249 Rata Street, Naenae,
Lower Hutt*

Kererū Artists Collective

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The Kererū Artists Collective is a community-led group made up of various artists who use space at Wesley Rātā Village (formerly Wesleyhaven) to gather and create art. Some are residents of the village, some are local Naenae artists, and others attend programmes or groups hosted by Wesley Community Action. The Lower Hutt Art Trail is a great opportunity to exhibit, as well as to share what's happening at Wesley Rātā Village as it evolves into a new, vibrant, intergenerational community, with a key focus on accessibility to the arts.

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www.wesleyca.org.nz/community-actions/wesley-rata-village

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The Learning Connexion

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Visit our vibrant campus to explore our art studios and connect with our talented artists. Here, you'll find a dynamic mix of artists, tutors and students, who work with a variety of mediums, each bringing their unique vision to life. Our students engage in a diverse range of disciplines, including printmaking, painting, jewellery, ceramics, photography, life drawing, illustration, mixed media, and hot arts.

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Alina Gane-Hurcomb

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Alina is a nationally and internationally published, award-winning artist known for her vibrant use of colour and expressive acrylic painting. With years of experience and a bold, distinctive style, she has exhibited her work in galleries around the world. Alina brings a fun and encouraging approach to teaching, inspiring students of all levels to let go, take creative risks, and fully explore their artistic voice. Passionate about helping others embrace boldness in their art, she specialises in acrylic painting with edge, energy, and confidence.

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*Koraunui Stokes Valley
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186 Stokes Valley Road,
Lower Hutt 5019*

Nikkie Gibson

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Nikkie is an award-winning contemporary jeweller with over 20 years of experience. Her work draws inspiration from the flowing organic forms of Art Nouveau and the bold, structured aesthetics of industrial design. Passionate about craftsmanship and creativity, Nikkie is committed to guiding students as they explore and develop their own skills in the art of jewellery making.

Jeweller
www.instagram.com/nikkiegibsonjewellery



*Polychrome Press Studio,
30 Milne Crescent,
Taitā, Lower Hutt 5011
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Marci Tackett

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Marci Tackett loves printmaking and in her diverse practice she is now including ceramic and textile works. Colour, pattern and atmosphere are at the heart of her investigation into abstraction.

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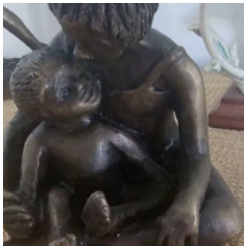
Simone Michaux

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Simone has spent two decades making superheroes and villains look good - fabricating weird and wonderful costumes and costume props for major motion pictures, indie theatre productions, and everything in-between. These days, she expresses her love of textiles through art that ranges from quilting inspired depictions of the birds of Aotearoa to abstract pieces that explore our relationships with the world around us. She has a heavy focus on sustainable textile practices and enjoys sharing her processes and love of all things craft, art, and fabric. Studio entrance is down at the far end of the garage.

Fabric Artist

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15 Renoir Avenue, Belmont,
Lower Hutt
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Rachel Janes

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Rachel's practice is a mix of portraiture and figurative works in both 2D and 3D. Her 2D mediums are oil paints and soft pastels. Her 3D work is cast bronze. Her works explore the special essence of her subjects, taking the viewer beyond the obvious physical into the realm of the subject's sensitivities.

Painter & Sculptor

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Robyn Eastgate-Manning

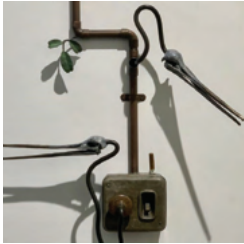
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Robyn has been a full time artist since 2000 teaching art and working at her own creations. As a keen trumper she is continually inspired by the magnificence of the natural world. "My commitment is to encourage people through my paintings to help protect our environment and maintain it for the future. I notice beauty everywhere, from the city streets to tiny insects, the ocean to leaves on a tree, and the connectedness that exists between them. I believe these connections are the thread of life."

Painter

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302 Hill Road,
Belmont, Lower Hutt

Jonathan Campbell

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Jonathan has been sculpting in bronze since 1992. In that time he has had numerous dealer gallery exhibitions and worked on multiple project/commissions. He sculpts, moulds, casts and engineers all of his own work. "I like to work imaginatively and enjoy the technical challenges the lost wax casting process presents."

Sculptor

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302 Hill Road,
Belmont, Lower Hutt

Anna Campbell

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All of Anna's pottery is handmade in her studio on the Western Hills. She makes domestic ware and sculpture. All her ceramic work is predominantly wheel thrown and tends to favour simple forms and clean lines. "I like to use New Zealand clay as much as possible and fire in both electric and gas kilns." In 2022, she completed a Level 6 Diploma in Arts and Design majoring in Ceramics at Otago Polytechnic.

Ceramicist

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Caitlin Thomas-Riley

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Caitlin Thomas-Riley illustrates in styles such as anime, semi-realism, realism, and pixel art. She specializes in character design, world-building, and concept art for games, including weapons and props. Active in game jams, she contributes design, programming, and sprite work. Her commissions, often for strong female characters, come from clients in the U.S., U.K., and Japan. Notable work includes contributions to the Mianite Minecraft series and the 2025 US-NZ Power Up! Game Jam branding. Based in New Zealand, she's a member of the Hutt Art Society and a local painting group. From 2021 to 2024, she served as president of the Victoria University of Wellington Drawing Club.

Illustrator

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Johannes Mueller-Welschof

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Born in Germany, Johannes Mueller-Welschof moved to New Zealand in 2008. Now based in Lower Hutt, he is a member of the Hutt Art Society and completed an Advanced Diploma at The Learning Connexion in 2018. His work spans photography, print-making, collage, painting, and mixed media. His art is held in collections across New Zealand, Australia, Europe, and Japan. He regularly exhibits and contributes to community projects like the Lower Hutt Art Trail.

Painter & Print Maker

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*Pasifika Hub Art Group
2 Dudley Street, Hutt Central
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Joy Sipeli-Antipas

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Artist Joy is of Niue, Samoa, Hawaii descent. With her first major public ie pili art exhibition at PATAKA Porirua in 2024, her work explores contemporary textile to honour the art of ie pili Niue, a tradition passed down to her by the matriarchs of her magafaoa /family. The studio/pop-up gallery is accessible through a security gate, which is clearly signposted.

Fabric Artist

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*Bianca Mar'e Studio
Unit 6 9/41 Bouverie Street,
Petone*

Liam O'Brian

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Blending elements of signage, urban culture, and architecture, Liam creates bold, mixed-media works that reflect the energy of city life and nature. Influenced by music and culture, his art captures the raw aesthetics of everyday life; while experimenting with form, texture, and material.

Mixed Media

www.obproductions.co.nz



*Bianca Mar'e Studio
Unit 6 9/41 Bouverie Street,
Petone*

Bianca Mar'e

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For the past three years, Bianca has been sharing her creative vision through Mar'e Creates. Her work has evolved from acrylic paintings and original art prints to resin art. Inspired by a therapeutic release, her designs aim to ignite wonder and imagination, reminding us to embrace our inner child. Bianca hopes her creations inspire others to welcome creativity and wonder into their lives, tapping into their limitless potential and embracing their magic.

Mixed Media

www.marecreates.co.nz



*Masina Creative Studio
13/45 Bouverie Street,
Petone,
Lower Hutt 5012*

Amanda Stowers

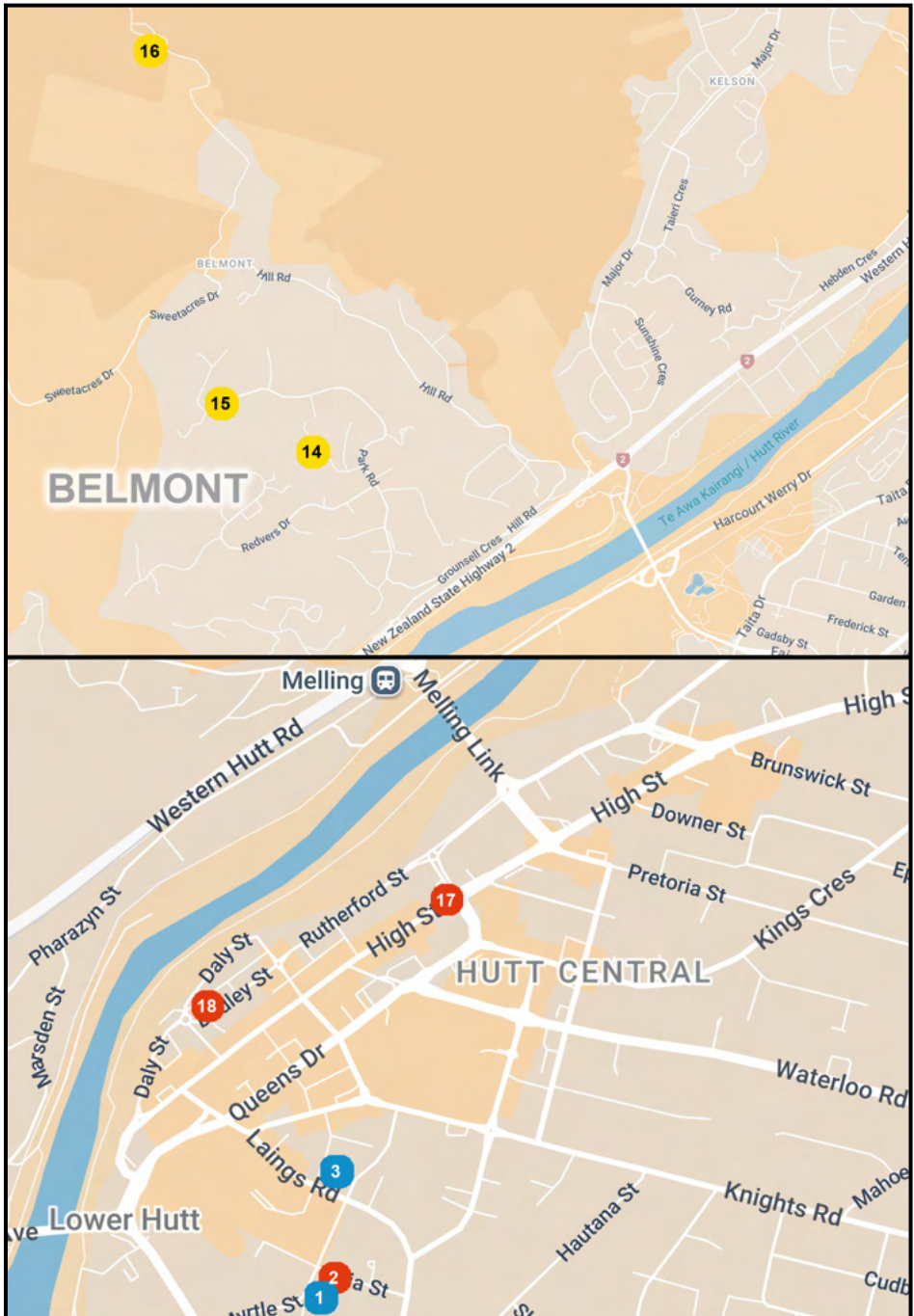
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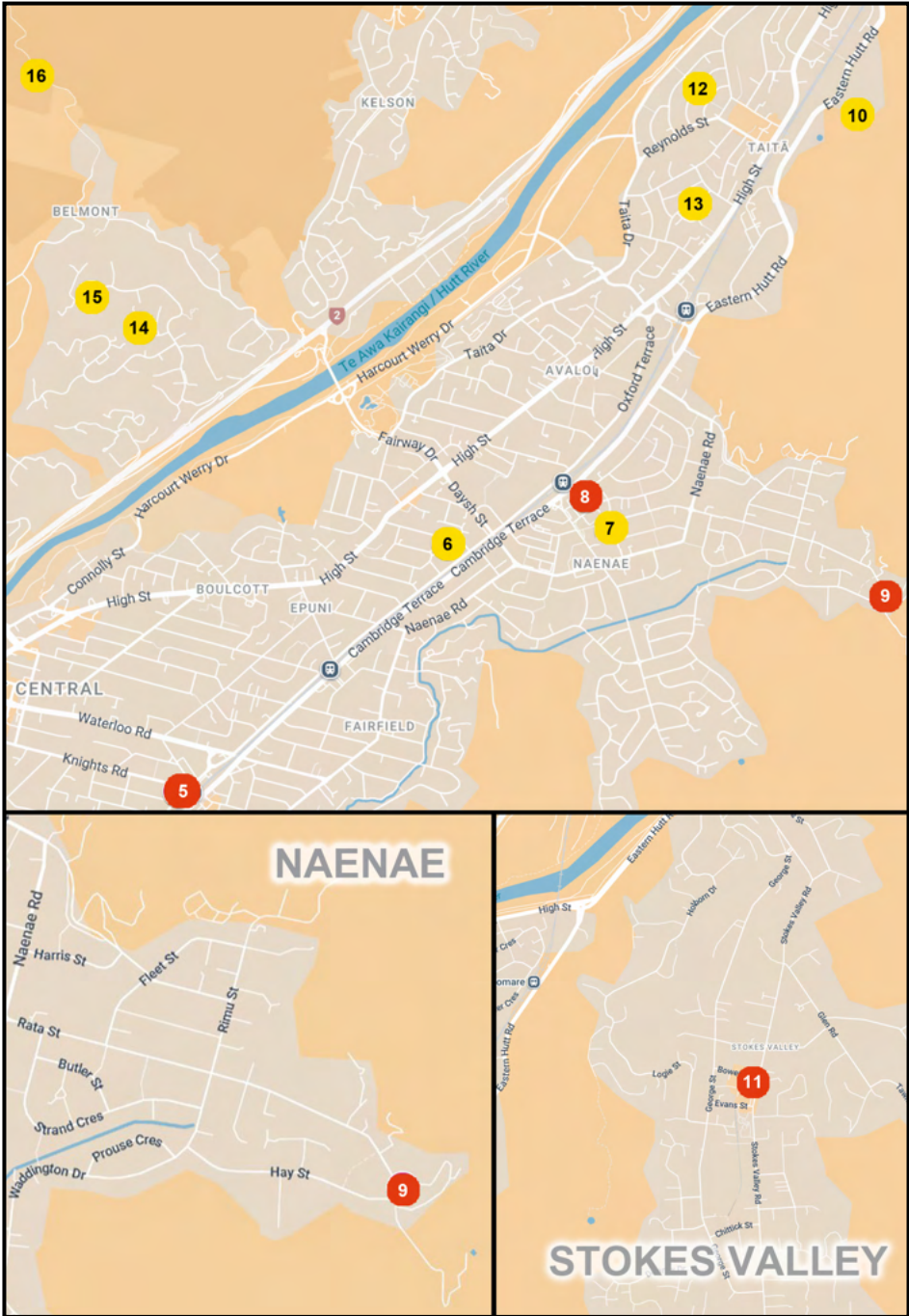
Amanda Stowers is the Sāmoan artist behind Masina Creative, her ceramic work inspired by her cultural background. Amanda's pieces often feature hand carved motifs, completed in a freehand style as an homage to the Tatau and Siapo they're inspired by. Her aim is to create a deeper understanding for her culture while allowing others to feel represented by her pieces that are created with purpose and pride.

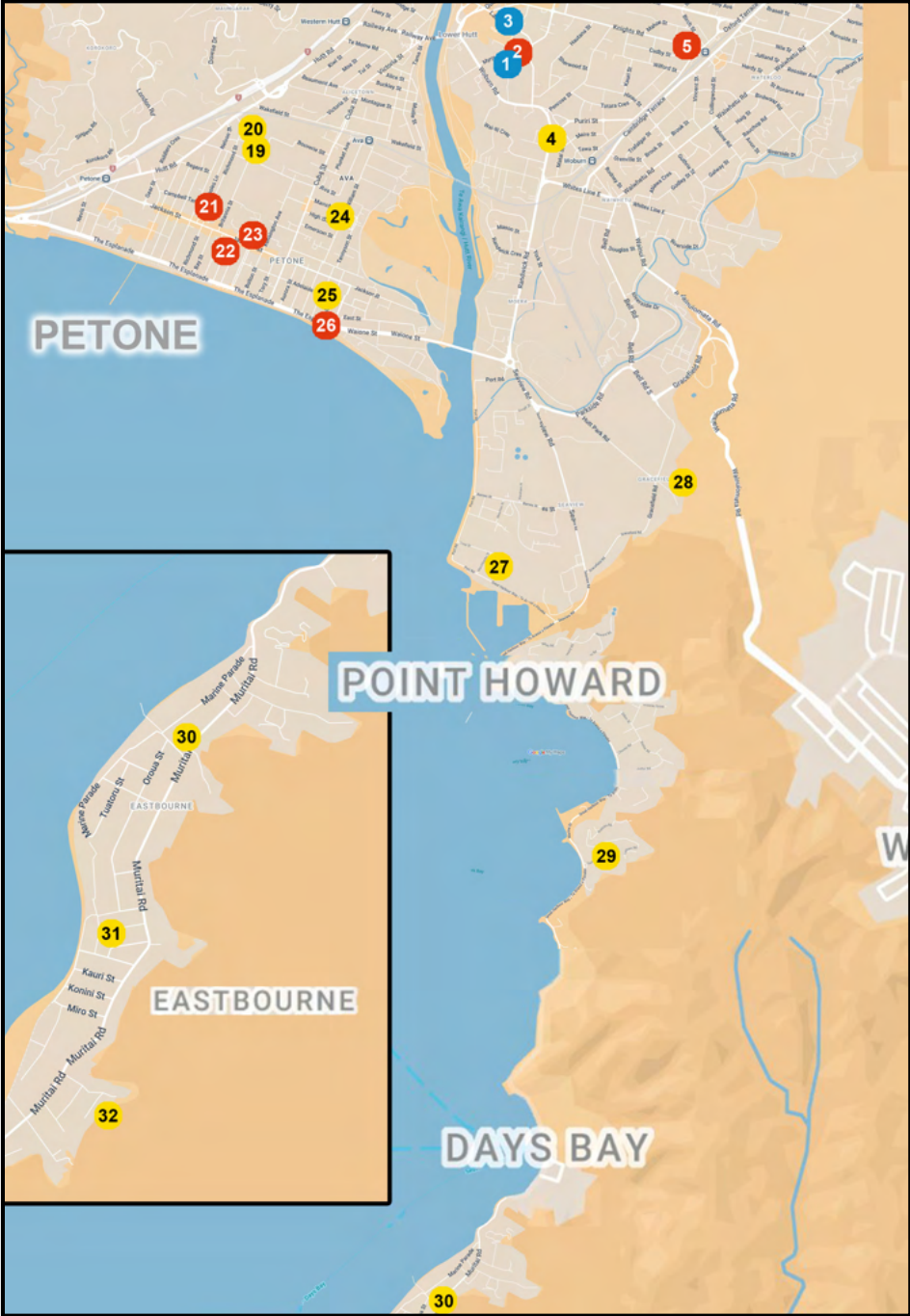
Ceramicist

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*Pito One Depot
8/193 Jackson Street
Petone, Lower Hutt*

Sophie Gardiner

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Sophie creates art that has at its heart a message of resilience and positivity. "It is important to me in a world that confronts us daily. I draw upon broad influences such as graffiti, fairytales, traditional Asian, and abstract art. My work is rich and decorative, often incorporating my created character 'Kiko', elements from nature, and our native Kakarua (Black Robin), all symbolising feminine strength, rebirth and survival no matter what."

Painter

www.sophiegardinerart.com



*Pito One Depot
8/193 Jackson Street,
Petone,*

Ange Holtslag

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Ange Holtslag is a painter based in Pito-one (Petone). She draws inspiration from natural and urban landscapes, creating abstract landscape works using paint, ink, stencil, graphite, and spraypaint.

Painter

www.instagram.com/anges.art.is.here



*Pito One Depot
8/193 Jackson Street,
Petone,*

Simon Hurley

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Simon is a multi-media assemblage artist who has been working with found objects since studying at Whitireia Polytech in the early 90s. His practice encourages us to look at waste in a different way, seeing its potential as a creative medium, by giving it a second life in his artworks.

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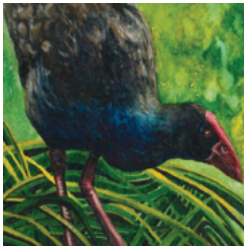
Hayley Lowe

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Hayley creates soulful, nature-inspired paintings using mixed media finished with oils. Her work features native New Zealand birds as symbolic messengers, set against richly textured backgrounds that invite stillness and reflection. Each piece offers a quiet moment, where nature, emotion, and meaning meet. Many of her original works have found homes in private collections throughout New Zealand.

Painter

www.hayleylowe.art



Pito One Depot
8/193 Jackson Street,
Petone,

Katie Chrisp

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Katie Chrisp is a Wainuiomata-based artist who creates gentle watercolour paintings of birds and nature, alongside expressive acrylic abstracts that explore colour and emotion. Her art is available as prints, cards, and handmade pieces. Passionate about art and people, she hopes her work brings encouragement and a sense of meaning.

Painter

www.katiechrisp.com



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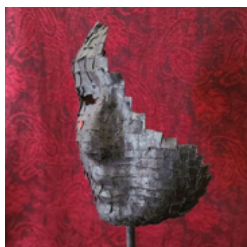
Leon Ramakers

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Leon trained as a Graphic Designer, but is self-taught in Fine Arts. A lot of inspiration comes from his surroundings, and he prefers to paint realism, particularly New Zealand landscapes, flora and fauna, though he also paints the occasional abstract. He has won various art awards at art shows around the region, and has artworks in many private collections throughout New Zealand, as well as some in Australia, US, Japan and The Netherlands.

Painter

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Petone Historic Police Station and Jail
274 Jackson Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt 5012

Emmi

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Emmi loves to create heavily textured, organic, slightly abstract pieces that evoke thought or emotions. "I find beauty in the imperfection of things - rough edges and symmetry that is a bit off." She takes everyday materials such as pieces of fabric, wooden offcuts, wire and paint, and turns them into something that is thought-provoking and intriguing - forms that depict the ordinary in an un-ordinary, tactile way.

Sculptor



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Jo Evans

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Joanne Evans (Jo) is a self-taught artist from Lower Hutt whose creative journey began as a personal path to healing. Today, her vibrant acrylic paintings are bursting with reimagined blooms and lush foliage, celebrating colour, movement, and joy. Beyond the canvas, Jo transforms her artwork into stunning surface designs for fabric, homeware, and more, turning art into everyday beauty.

Painter

www.joanneevansart.com





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274 Jackson Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt 5012*

Emma West

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Emma is an artist with a passion for printmaking, painting, drawing, digital art, and collage. She often combines these techniques to create mixed-media artworks. "I love bright colours and often depict flowers in my work. I am a keen gardener and some of my works depict flowers I have grown myself." Emma has been a member of the Hutt Art Society since 2021 and is the coordinator for both the printmaking and collage groups at Hutt Art.

Painter & Print Maker

www.emmawestartist.com



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274 Jackson Street,
Petone, Lower Hutt 5012*

Brendan Martin

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Working from his home studio in York Bay, Eastbourne, creativity has always been a powerful force in Brendan's life. For over 6 years, he has poured himself into studying and creating at The Learning Connexion, driven by mythological themes that continue to shape his work. "I will feature a new collection of charcoal and pastel drawings, and screen prints in the 2025 Art Trail. These pieces are the purest expression of my creative spirit so far."

Print Maker & Painter

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Philippa Hopkins

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Philippa Hopkins is a lampwork artist based in Naenae. Her love of glass began in Bristol. She initially started playing around with making jewellery using lampwork beads, then she stumbled across a studio that offered lessons in how to make them and the rest is history! The things Philippa loves most about working with glass are the vast range of colours available and the smooth, solid weight of the finished bead in her hand.

Jeweller

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Lisa Floris Studio
75 William Street,
Petone,
Lower Hutt 5012

Lisa Floris

Lisa Floris has been a patchwork artist for a few years now. During Covid, she gained a diploma in textile design and has decided to become a full time artist this year. The 2025 Lower Hutt Art Trail will be her first Open Studio. "I create quilts, up cycle whatever I can, and collage, stitch, dye or weave pieces that are inspired by every day things - a tui singing, sunshine, or my mokopuna. I love making stuff, and encouraging others to find their artistic groove too."

Textile Artist

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Evangaline's Printmaking
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Lower Hutt 5012
Phone: 027 4141932

Linda Evangaline

Linda's work uses many forms of printmaking including screen printing, mono type printing, and woodcut. "I'm working all the time on new ideas using both screen printing and my vintage printing press. My work reflects the energy and passion I have for our local area."

Print Maker

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Artspace Gallery
223 The Esplanade, Petone,
Lower Hutt

Alfred Memelink

Experience watercolour artist Alfred Memelink demonstrating a stormy Petone scene alongside a special exhibition of his new paintings. Alfred's seaside art & gift gallery offers five vibrant spaces featuring art by over 100 NZ artists. It has become the "go to" place for original art, prints, and photographs of the Wellington region and also showcases a unique range of NZ-made gifts. Popular attractions include school holiday art classes and Wine and Watercolour evenings for adults, ideal for social clubs, team building, and special events. Alfred and the team look forward to welcoming you - every art trail visitor goes in the draw to win a double pass to an art class.

Painter

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Jolene Maciak

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Jolene Maciak is a visual artist whose creative journey began with a degree in Sculpture from the University of the Arts, London, and evolved through a career in teaching secondary Art and Design. Over time, she discovered a deep connection with printmaking - a medium that now sits at the heart of her practice. Her work spans a variety of techniques, including linocut, drypoint, monotype, and woodcut. Jolene's process is intuitive and experimental, often involving textured backgrounds, layering, and the incorporation of mixed media and found objects. The result is a dynamic and contemporary body of work that celebrates the unexpected.

Print Maker

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Dean Cooper

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Dean is a self-taught photographer drawn to the quiet beauty of the outdoors. With an eye for detail and a passion for capturing the raw beauty of landscapes, Dean finds inspiration in the quiet, often overlooked moments found in the outdoors. Whether hiking through forests or standing at the edge of the sea, Dean's lens captures the places we pass by but rarely pause to see. His work is a celebration of light, mood, and the magic that surrounds us every day.

Photographer



ALFRED MEMELINK ARTSPACE GALLERY

Five gallery spaces to explore with unique and affordable NZ made gifts, local art and photography. Youth art classes. Wine & watercolour evenings.

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Open 10.30am - 4pm Tuesday - Sunday



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Marianne Linton

Marianne Linton is a full time artist living in Lower Hutt. She paints in watercolour, oil and acrylic. She teaches watercolour in classes and in her home studio. Marianne likes to paint a range of subjects and loves to paint en plein air (outdoors) whenever she can.

Painter

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Sarah Albisser

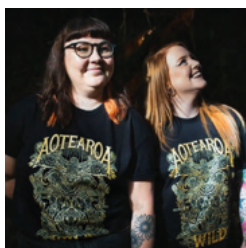
Sarah Albisser's background as a contemporary dancer and choreographer profoundly shapes her art, blending movement and self-expression. In recent years, she's embraced a minimal, surreal aesthetic, balancing space and simplicity to evoke powerful, poetic narratives. Her work is held in private collections worldwide.

Painter

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Pepper Curry

Pepper Curry is an illustrator and merch designer based out of a micro-warehouse in Lower Hutt. She is well known for her nature-inspired enamel pins, stickers, and apparel designs, sold in eco-sanctuaries and shops around the country, and has a fine art background that she brings to her original digital designs. She is passionate about making art affordable and accessible, as well as bringing an original, alternative voice to the New Zealand nature art market. Her studio is not only a space for drawing, but also where her stickers and many of her other products are made!

Mixed Media

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Studio Toru
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Philothea Flynn

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Philothea creates jewellery with pure and sterling silver, also with brass, copper, gold and bronze. Eight years ago, her first silversmithing class got her hooked. Choosing products that are environmentally friendly and aiming to make ethical, sustainable, affordable jewellery is important to her. She describes herself as unashamedly a tool geek who loves trying new techniques and learning, whether it be about the history of jewellery, healing properties in gemstones, or new ways of transforming metals.

Jeweller www.studiotoru.co.nz | www.fionachristeller.com



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Fiona Christeller

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Fiona Christeller creates contemporary jewellery, using a range of materials, including precious and other metals, gemstones, beads, found and recycled objects, and whatever else takes her fancy. Using traditional jewellery techniques to make wearable / art objects, her work is consequently unique, colourful, and exciting. She sells in galleries and design stores nationwide. "Please come and enjoy our work. There will be some surprises."

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Lesley Fowler

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Lesley joins Philothea Flynn and Fiona Christeller at Studio Toru. She works with a diverse range of media to create 3D artwork and jewellery, developing concepts and narratives for each series and repurposing materials in unexpected ways to produce unique, one-off items. Lesley also works with wax to cast rings in sterling silver and brass. Inspired by renowned New Zealand artists, she describes these rings as "wearable sculpture, cocktail rings for the 21st Century". Her work has found homes worldwide and she has exhibited at Webbs, Artis and Rayner Brothers Gallery.

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Niki Pennington

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Niki Pennington, an award-winning artist based in Eastbourne, holds an MFA from the Schule Für Gestaltung Basel and a Visual Communications degree from Wellington Polytechnic. Her works have been exhibited in Wellington, Wanaka, Auckland, New York, and Basel. Niki explores the interplay between memory and perception through paint, colour, and layered graphic structures. Her practice distils visual narratives into forms that evoke both universal and personal recollection. She navigates the emotional and sensory dimensions of memory, portraying its shift from fleeting moments to lasting impressions.

Mixed Media

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Kirsty Morison Ceramics
6 Maire Street, Eastbourne,
Lower Hutt

Kirsty Morison

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Kirsty opened her pottery studio and workshop in 2018, with her background in textile, graphic, and interior design proving invaluable in the art of ceramics. Her work reflects her love of the creative process - drawing inspiration from the patterns, shapes, and textures of the natural world and found objects. Every aspect of her design is carefully considered, with particular care taken with the subtle, tactile qualities that make using something as simple as a mug feel just right. As an enthusiastic cook and host, she appreciates the difference a set of beautiful plates or a serving platter can make.

Ceramicist

www.kirstymorison.com



Tower Top Studio
Printmaking
1 Karaka Street,
Eastbourne,
Lower Hutt 5013

Andrea Mae Miller

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Andrea Mae Miller is a Fine Art Printmaker, working out of her home studio in the hills above Eastbourne. Born in Whangarei in 1980, Andrea grew up living at the beach on Northland's beautiful Tutukaka coast. She obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Otago Polytechnic in 2002 and after graduation established her studio, St Peter's Thumb, in Petone. In 2006, she spent a year living and working in Copenhagen, Denmark, taking time to explore the other side of the world, and to practise being a stranger. Now Andrea lives in Eastbourne, Lower Hutt, with her husband and two daughters.

Print Maker

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