



Wow, spring has been a bit wet and wild in NZ this year, but the spring flowers have been loving it, anyway. So many fantastic arty events happen around here in October/November so check these out!

“Hope” Art Exhibition at Taupo Hospice by Taupo Art Connection, Nov 11 – Dec 4

Details at www.taupoartconnection.org

Wildflower Sculpture Exhibition Nov 8 – 13 at Hawke’s Bay

Hilltop School Twilight Gala Fri. Nov. 11, 5 – 7 pm (Sue will have an art stall there)

RE-Cycle exhibition at Taupo Museum starts Nov 4



We are collaboratively creating our biggest outdoor kinetic butterfly now, aptly named “King Monarch”, to go to the sculpture exhibition along with a female the usual size, who just had to be named “Madame Butterfly”!



Robbie has had a wonderful result recently from his latest wood turning creations. The exquisite little artwork (entitled “Waiata” because it seemed to be singing a song), won not only the First Prize in the Artistic Wood Turning section of the Franklin Art Awards, but then went on to win the Supreme Award, which means best of show that included all art forms, from painting, sculpture, weaving, clay, photography, etc!



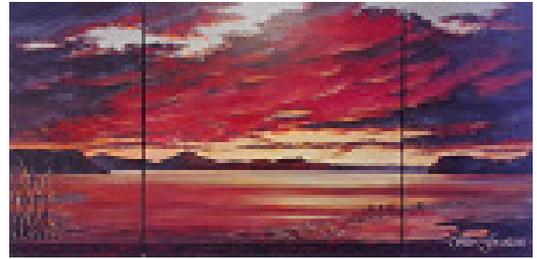
What a buzz and what an honour for wood turning to be recognised so highly. From the prize money, Robbie has bought several new toys, including a plasma cutter for his steel sculptures, and a professional camera and lenses for his popular photography.



The latest steel brazier entitled “Vintage’ is nearly complete, and ready for sandblasting to create a rusty effect, with stainless steel detailing. Some steel fish to hang outdoors in gardens will soon be ready as well.



“Cold, Cold Heart”
“Winter Colours”
“Vivid Sunset” Triptych



Sue's paintings continue to pack their bags and leave home, the latest being three little palette knife paintings which will be hanging up in Israel by now! She was very happy to win 2nd prize in the Art of Winter exhibition with a large acrylic “Cold, Cold Heart” and to sell it there as well, followed by a Highly Commended art prize in Shirley’s Shoes catalogue art competition with her “Décor Iris” painting.



“Hilltop Afternoon” is an acrylic I painted especially to give to Hilltop School Gala for a silent auction fundraiser, so please let us or the school know if you’d like to make a bid!

I ticked off an item on my “bucket list” recently when I flew by helicopter to land on White Island (NZ’s active marine volcano). Flying and walking around this sulphurous, steaming, multi-coloured giant rock was awe-inspiring experience, which I have already captured in paint!



Recent commissions included “Two Tuis” to match and hang with “Kereru”, a panorama of Lake Taupo to go to Australia, and a contemporary style watercolour, “Arum Lily Shadows”.

The Taupo Art Connection 2017 Calendar with Robbie’s artwork on the cover, is now for sale at Wildwood Gallery for \$22.50



Lake Taup. Photo by Robbie

Tuition

Young People’s Holiday Art Classes will be held again in January. Private tuition is available for adults, so “Just ask!” *Contact Sue for details.*

Check out our latest creations on our individual Face book pages.

(Robbie) <https://www.facebook.com/WildwoodGallery.co.nz/>

(Sue) <https://www.facebook.com/sue.graham.paintings/>