

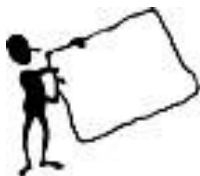
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'2010 – the year that was'

Katikati Open-Air Art made the most of its year without a festival by:

- Completing a full restoration of the Waitekohe School mural
- Touching up the Uretara Landing mural and having both murals sealed
- Creating and dedicating the new Gallaher Family mural
- Introducing a new initiative called Art Spark – offering a whole range of introductory arts and crafts for both adults and children with the idea of sparking off new interests
- We also created a business plan and were successful in obtaining a grant of \$8000 from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for maintenance of existing art works.



'2011 - what we have planned!'

This is FESTIVAL YEAR!! It will be our third NZ Mural Contest & Katikati Art Festival, so besides looking after our existing arts works and creating new ones we have a major event to run. All offers of help will be greatly appreciated – sharing the load will make it an exciting and enjoyable year for everyone.



- We intend to run both a Mural Contest and a Sculpture Contest – details from muralcontest@gmail.com or on our website www.nzmuraltown.co.nz
- We have commissioned a new sculpture by David Roy for the Bird Walk and this will be erected early in the year
- Depending on finance we hope to assist St Peter's Anglican Church in erecting a historic mural there – artist Peter Nicholson (Whitianga)
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- A large and ambitious new mural depicting the history of the kiwifruit industry and featuring Katikati's own involvement is planned – artist Marc Spijkerbosh (Rotorua)
- Restoration of the Athenree Homestead mural is to be completed early in the New Year
- Touch-up work on the RSA mural has also been commissioned.

We will be contacting you again, as the festival approaches, about opportunities for you to be involved – after all, that's what FRIENDS are for!



If you know of anyone, perhaps a newcomer to Katikati, who would like to become a Friend of Open-Air Art and receive our newsletter, please let our secretary Sheryl Smith know - pioshores@xtra.co.nz or Ph. 07863 5759.

A full year ahead. One which we hope will bring a great deal of satisfaction to all - participants in the contest, spectators at festival events and the future admirers of the winning mural and sculptures.

Best wishes,

KOAA Committee

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