

Meet Guity year round in her studio – OPEN DAILY!

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GUIITY EVELYN

View fine art by renowned contemporary French/New Zealand painter Guity Evelyn at the artist's home/studio overlooking unspoilt Opoitere Beach and Wharekawa Harbour.

Guity's unique art and distinctive style exude the beauty of The Coromandel tinged with hints of Provence and the Cote d'Azur, from where she originates. These contrasting reflections of where the Pacific meets the Mediterranean express a character all of their own. Guity's boldness of colour and an affinity for both the figurative and abstract have made her art sought by national and international collectors.

"...Guity's canvas surfaces defy optical logic, playing tricks with their depth with their shifting patterns and melting colours ... They strike a chord with people from all over the world, many of whom come back to collect more of Guity's art. Visitors at Topadahil Studios watching the changing colours of the sea and the movement of light across the sky, understand..."

(excerpts courtesy of Kath Webster, Art News NZ)



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MICHAEL SMITHER Bread & Butter Gallery

Michael will not be opening his Otama studio this year, but his work can be seen at the Bread & Butter Gallery in Whitianga, and he will be stopping by the gallery each Saturday, the 7th and 14th March, from 11am until 12pm. Otherwise Bread & Butter Gallery curator, Christine Rabarts, will be available during four hours both weekends to 'guide' people through Michael's work.

While visiting his studio last year, we were intrigued by the sight of these bright painted sticks drying in the sun, with longer ones leaning against the wall. We wondered what the end creation would be. One of his colourful sculptures is pictured on page 39 as part of the Underfoot Gallery along Thames waterfront.

See other artworks by participating artists at the gallery as well including Jacqueline Elley, Souzie Speerstra, Ginney Deavoll, Rachel Olsen and Ian Calloway.



First MBE 'Patron Artist'

As one of NZ's most famous contemporary artists, Otama resident and foundation member of the Mercury Bay Art Escape, Michael has been appointed the Art Escape's first 'Patron Artist'. This is not only in recognition both of his standing as a NZ artist, but more importantly the contribution he makes to all of the arts in our region because of his stature and support for the Art Escape and its member artists.

Art Escape Trust Chairman Stuart Christie said that last year they created "an honorary role to recognise the contribution an individual artist makes to the objectives and activities of the Trust. We are very proud to have Michael with us as a wonderful ambassador and wise mentor to the Trust and our members."

MOSAIC GALLERY, Whitianga

Several artists that will be opening their studios during the Mercury Bay Art Escape also have their work on display in Mosaic Gallery – Charlotte Giblin, Wendy Walls, Claire Elliot, Gary Niven and Rachel Olsen. Located on Albert Street, the gallery should be on your 'visit' list to preview artists' works before the event or to see year round.

The gallery displays a wide variety of works, from handcrafted jewellery, woodworking, ceramics, sculptures, pottery, fabric arts, Peter Latham's huge and stunning landscape fine art photography (see below) and of course paintings in all media.



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