

September 19th, 2011.



Dear Fellow Friends of NERAM,

Spring has arrived with a bang and there are lots of interesting things happening at NERAM. There are nine exhibitions currently hanging – seven local artists feature as well as the two collection exhibitions – ‘Fire’ and ‘Black’. The local artists have given great floor talks spread over the last month – talks which really added to our understanding of the artists’ techniques and inspirations. Three of these exhibitions come down at the end of this week – Lin Quaife, Michelle Schouten and Mike Riley, so do take time to view them, if you haven’t already. Two more local artists’ works – Pat Elkin and Matt Pilkington, go up in their places in the Dulce Lindsay and the Dobell\*\*.

The other artists exhibition come down on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to make way for the **25<sup>th</sup> Packsaddle exhibition** which will be opened at 6pm on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> by Madeleine Winch, and the fundraiser will run until November 13<sup>th</sup>. The selection process is well underway by the enthusiastic Packsaddlers and the quality of the artworks selected is of the usual high standard which has made the exhibition so successful over so many years. By supporting this exhibition each year, art lovers are also contributing significantly to NERAM’s acquisitions and the Packsaddle studio is just one example. What a vibrant place that is with art workshops happening on a regular basis both for adults and children alike. A reminder that the school holiday programme will start next week – a great place for your children or grandchildren to be inspired and creative (see our website or mailouts for details).

**The Great Artplay Day** is also scheduled for children, later on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, and we are hoping to attract as many children and their families as possible – more details to come. Another date for your diaries is the return of **Christmas Under The Stars** on Saturday evening, November 26<sup>th</sup> – a great opportunity to invite your friends along for dinner in our courtyard, provided by Rowan and his team\* before the Christmas season craziness descends. Many of you will remember when we used to hold these dinners on a yearly basis and now we have the team who can deliver the kind of meals we remember having all those years ago.

Thank you for your continued support of NERAM – I look forward to seeing you at a function some time soon – next opening is on **Friday, October 7th at 6pm\*\***.

Warm regards

Lynne Walker, Chair, Friends of NERAM.

\*check out the latest issue of New England Country Living for an article on ‘Harvest’, and also one on Packsaddle, Lucy & Barry McCann and a number of you featuring at the Foundation dinner.