

# TOPADAHIL ART STUDIOS

IN OPOUTERE BEACH



Moonsong



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## GUITY EVELYN

View fine art by renowned contemporary French/New Zealand painter Guity Evelyn at the artist's home/studio overlooking unspoilt Oputere 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 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)



View also  
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by David Evelyn



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## STUDIO HIGHLIGHTS BY CHARLOTTE GIBLIN

### Hahei area studios

I love both my studio visits to new Art Escape members and the follow-up visits a year later, to see how the artist has developed and what direction they have taken their skill. Christine Bannan was one such new member in 2013 and had settled nicely into her cosy new downstairs studio on Grange Road when I came along in March.

Christine welcomed the steady stream of visitors so warmly people were compelled to linger and chat, to hear about the influence and thought behind the works hanging on the wooden walls. It is this personal touch and first-hand conversation with the artists that makes Art Escape such a precious event, and I really enjoyed over-hearing stories while absorbed in her artwork.

One of my favourite pieces from the whole of the 2013 Art Escape was Christine's 'Grey Wolf', an intricately detailed work painted meticulously using wax pastels with each hair in the Wolf's fur visible – the animal was so filled with life (see below).

In the immediate vicinity of Christine's studio is Meg Auth's workshop showcasing her beautiful silver jewellery alongside Verena Tagmann's bold and wonderful mixed media works, plus Betty Collings' amazing and varied ceramic artworks...creating a fascinating "trio of studios" which are an absolute treat (artwork shown below).



## PARTICIPATING ARTISTS

### Mercury Bay Art Escape: 1-2 & 8-9 March

With area's gallery hub listed first. New artists are in *italics*.

#### Don't want to drive? MBEA tour operators:

Aotearoa Lodge & Tours: [www.tournz.co.nz](http://www.tournz.co.nz)  
Coromandel Tours: [www.coromandeltrails.co.nz](http://www.coromandeltrails.co.nz)

**Tairua** - The Little Gallery of Fine Arts. Artists: Kate Hill, Susan Dunster, Liz Hart, Tina Carey, *Julie Cameron*, *Dhyana Muir*, Paula McNeill, Patrick Beehan.

**Whenuakite** - Colenso Country Shop and Café. Airdrie Hamilton, Alan & Julia Rhodes, Gary Nevin.

**Hot Water Beach**: Colenso Country Shop and Café. Sally Samins, Judy Glucina.

**Hahei** - Eggsentric Café. Jacqui Elley, Gary Burrett, Betty Collings, Meg Auth, Verena Tagmann, Christine Bannan, Wendy Speight, Souzie Speerstra, *Ginney Deavoll*, Trevor Bayly, Sheryl Savage.

**Cooks Beach/Flaxmill Bay** - Eggsentric Café: *Blair Matheson*.

**Whitianga** - Mosaic & Bread & Butter Gallery. *Gail Taylor*, Lucy Horne, Margherita Giampietri, Anne Bowden, Jude Calder, Rick Swain, Wendy Walls, Roland Baumgart

**Kuaotunu/Otama** - Blackjack Gallery & Espresso. *Try Fluke Studio*, Ian Webster, Lloyd Franklin, Carolyn Milbank, Michael Smither, Gian McGregor, *Nick Dryden*, Chris Charteris, Claire Elliot.

Note: Members' studios that will not be on tour this year are Leanne Litherland, Janet Hoogwerf, Raewyn Helms-Davis, Nicky Baumgaertner, Rachel Olsen, Jill Cameron, Pauline Stott and Tim Aldrich.....

### Coromandel Artstour: 19-21 & 26-27 April

**Colville / North** - Sue Hughes, Greg Taylor

**Uptown** - Cindy Alger, Lisa Corston, Ben Kennedy, Mike Cogswell, Evelyne Siegrist, Louis Kittleson, Petra Meyboden, Deborah Hide Bayne, Caitlin Moloney, Pete Sephton, Dianna Cade, Robyn Lewis, Nigel Sparrow

**In Town** - The Source Coromandel Artists Collective, Briar van Dort, Tony Calsaferrri, Tom Bickerdike, Carolyn Mary Bayliss, Allan Beaver

**Wynna Peninsula** - Barbara von Seida, Kay Ogilvie

**South of Town** - Daniel Kirsch, Mike Barton, Vaughan Udall, Stuart Fyfe