FOLLOW OUR ART TRAIL AND ENJOY THE VARIETY OF WORK ON OFFER, CHAT TO ARTISTS AND DISCOVER HOW AOTEA INSPIRES THEIR WORK. BUY LOCAL, PURCHASE A PIECE OF AOTEA, A LONG LASTING CONNECTION TO THE ISLAND AND ITS PEOPLE.

Starting near Tryphena wharf, pop into **Shoal Bay Pottery** (09 4290 455). There are plenty of creative projects to admire in the garden of this talented and friendly potter too.

Another friendly face can be found at the **Elephant Gallery** in Puriri Bay (027 961 4315), where Marion has an excellent array of stunning work and hand crafted items from local artists.

Continue on to the **Black Cow Gallery** in Schooner Bay which showcases work by Peter Edmonds and Fenella Christian. The door is open 24/7 and an honesty box offers buyers easy access to some of the quirkiest art on island.

In Claris, you'll find the **Milk, Honey and Grain Museum** (09 4290 773) 200m south of the Airport.
A tiny museum full to the brim of the island's rich early settler history.

Just down the road is **Aotea Arts and History Village** (09 4290 580). The gallery and gift shop provide exhibition and retail space for a wide variety of arts and crafts from local artist, while the museum and History Hut offer some fascinating and in depth information about the history of the island and its residents.

In Okupu you will find **Monique Endt** (027 4121 652) in her studio gallery over the summer months. Look out for the sign at the Okupu/Gray Rd intersection.

Tucked away at 23 Moana View Road in Okupu you will find Janene Hunsdale's wee gallery **Hooked on Aotea**, featuring her unique crochet art and other offerings. Open w/ends 10am-3pm. (except market days) or contact via her Hooked on Aotea Facebook page for special openings.

Just north of Claris we present to you **Anamata Reuse Shop** on Gray Rd (09 4290 654). Anamata is not your typical gallery, here the crafty team turn trash into treasure, helping the island reduce waste to landfill. Call in, you never know what you might find.

Further north, just past Port Fitzroy you will find **Studio 194**, 194 Kaiaraara Bay Road. Filled with collectables, hand made crafts, recycled and preloved treasures. Open most days however ph 021 1706 693 if making a special trip.

Last but not least you will find the **Orama Woolshed Art Studio** in Karaka Bay. A space to create. Bring your own project on Friday mornings or join a workshop. To see what's on visit www.orama.nz/creative-spaces.

