

FOCUS ON A LOCAL PLAQUE

Gypsy and Eddie Poulston

Gypsy Poulston was a well-known South Canterbury artist and art teacher who taught at Craighead Diocesan School for Girls in Timaru for many years. She was married to fellow artist Eddie Poulston. She worked across many mediums including oils, charcoal, watercolour and stone. She is known for designing a number of stained glass windows for churches in Timaru- including Craighead Chapel, St Johns Anglican Church, Woodlands Road Methodist Church and the Wilson Street Baptist Church. She also produced the Nurses' Mural in the Timaru Hospital foyer.

Gypsy Pamela Lonsdale Poulston was born in 25 May 1923 in Amberley and died in Timaru on 12 April 2016 aged 92. Her obituary in the Timaru Herald said that “Gypsy was an inspiration and lived a full, rich and creative life”. Her plaque is on a bench on the piazza overlooking Caroline Bay. Her husband Eddie is also acknowledged on the plaque. Eddie (Edwin Alfred James) was also a prolific artist, mainly in sculpture and pottery. His artwork, “Family of three” is in the fernery in the Timaru Botanic Gardens. Eddie was born in 1919 and died in Timaru in 2010.

Check out the Poulston website for full details of Gypsy and Eddie's artwork.

<https://www.poulston.com/>

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