

encouraging a creative community



Annual Report

August 2010 – August 2011

Our Objectives

“To promote and foster the Arts in the South Kaipara area of the Rodney District. To enrich community life, through cultural activities for the well being of the community.”

Mid Winter Member's Exhibition 23 July – 4 August 2010

This was our second members' exhibition for 2010, and was seasonally appropriate as our 'Mid Winter Exhibition'. There were a total of 22 exhibiting artists in a variety of media and styles, such as a winterish Muriwai landscape, autumnal landscapes and collages and a 'hibernating woman' wood carving. This, as with our other exhibitions, attracted new members, encouraged the artistic development in new artists, exposing a mix of talents and media, sometimes challenging or quirky.

Strengths of the Kumeu Arts Centre are always the members who give of their free time to help mind exhibitions. As this exhibition ran for an extended period, we were grateful to all volunteers who helped keep our doors open to the public for a longer period of time.

We had a large turnout of visitors to the exhibition, 183, over a 17 day period.

Total expenditure was \$854.59 and total income was \$537.50 (\$465 gratefully received from Creative Communities NZ). Commission on sales totaled \$72.50.



Arts in Action

28 August 2010

This event was an interactive arts event showcasing 'have a go' arts opportunities, workshops, demonstrations and local music. It was a very successful event with attendance patronage of approximately 300 locals. Many were parents and children keen to explore the range of different activities on offer. Entry to the event was a gold coin donation which allowed each person to 'have a go' at all activities. These included silversmithing, bookbinding, flax weaving, knot tying, and pottery throwing on a kick wheel. Children were encouraged to make a collage using natural materials from the surrounding environment, and under 5's were catered for as well, with gorgeous little peg people to make. There was also live music and a drum workshop.

Funding in the form of grants is gratefully acknowledged, \$1500 from RDC Creative Communities and \$1700 from the Lion Foundation.

Legacy Project

A local artist demonstrated the art of carving in Oamaru stone, creating a sculpture specifically designed for Kumeu Arts centre and inspired by the local area. Children and adults had the opportunity to carve marks in the stone, getting a real feel for the discipline of stone carving. This art work now beautifies the Arts centre, creating a long standing legacy of Arts in Action 2010.



Talking Point Evenings April – November 2010

These were a series of monthly community discussions on current and stimulating topics. The 'Talking Point' series featured local experts on contemporary subjects, covering a wide range of relevant issues. The series ran from April till November 2010. Attendee feedback was very positive, and at only \$5 per person, (coffee & cake included) this was a very affordable community night out. Guest speakers were very generous offering the time for the most part free of charge. Evening topics included, 'Shape Shifter': Kumeu as a geological time traveller, 'The Gaia Game: Earth's turn, then everyone next', Tour of the Universe, 'Life of the Kaka', 'Picture Framing, 'An Inconvenient Truth' and the 'History of the Kaipara'



Edible Garden

Thanks to funding from the Rodney District Council (Environmental fund), we spent \$332 on creating a community garden adjacent to our Community Arts Centre and in the heart of Huapai. As you can see from the pictures below, this is a gorgeous little garden planted with fruit, vegetables and ornamental plants. Users of the Art Centre (children and adults alike) and passing by public have commented on how the area is vastly improved with this garden, and often help themselves to ripe fruit and vegetables – the strawberries in the summer were a very popular treat. We would like to note that many committee volunteer hours went into the construction, filling, planting and maintenance of the raised bed.

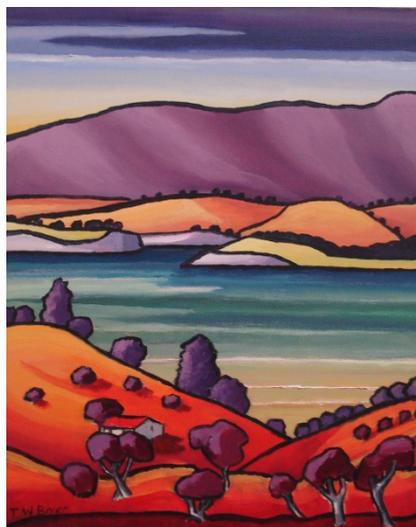


'Affordable Art' Members Exhibition 27th November – 11th December 2010

This was our third member's exhibition of 2010. Exhibition was titled "Affordable Art" where all art works were priced under \$300. This was a great opportunity for the community to come along and purchase unique art works at affordable price and support local artists. Works included paintings, clay works, craft and jewellery.

27 various artists exhibited with a total of 105 works on display. After the people's choice vote was counted we had a tie, coming in 1st equal was Ken Padgett's "Woodland Walk" and John Pezaro's "Piazza in Florence".

We had 167 visitors through in just over 2 weeks. Total expenditure was \$368.64; sales of works in the exhibition came to a total of \$853.70. KACI Commission on sales totaled \$213.43.



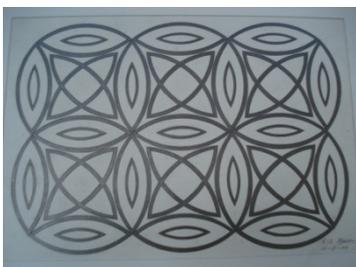
Mount Eden Corrections Exhibition

13th December 2010 – 14th February 2011

This exhibition was a collection of art works which showed a rich mix of art ideas and cultural diversity. The Art and Culture programme at Mt Eden prison, is part of the education programme, which offers prisoners a chance to develop individual expression from detailed pen work to Maori designs to painted colour. Classes encourage these men to develop concentration and assemble ideas. The men develop pride in their ability to communicate ideas and in their art skills.

Art Centre committee member, Libby Patterson (who collected and displayed work for exhibition) is also the Art Tutor at Mt Eden Prison and was very pleased to be able to share the selection of art with our community as it is rarely seen by the public and shows thoughtful insights by the men, each work showing an individual story.

There were 130 visitors through this exhibition. Works were not for sale and unnamed due to prison restrictions.



Summer's End Members Exhibition

2nd - 16th April 2011

'Summer's End' literally and figuratively heralded in our first member's exhibition of 2011. A diverse array of media was on display including pottery that had been created and made by our clay group members (and fired in our very own kiln), book binding, flax weaving, scarecrows and much more.

20 various artists exhibited with a total of 45 works on display. The people's choice vote winner was Katrina Collins with her landscape of Mangawhai.

The exhibition ran for two weeks and had a total of 217 visitors over this period. Total expenditure was \$599.43; sales of works in the exhibition came to a total of \$110.00. KACI Commission on sales totaled \$27.50.

Funding for advertising, corflute signs and flyers was gratefully received from the Lion Foundation.



'A Norwest View'

Open Photography Exhibition

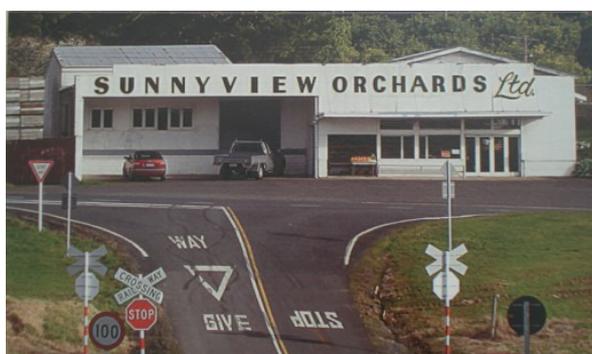
18th June – 2nd July 2011

This was Kumeu Arts Centre's first ever open exhibition held in conjunction with the Auckland Festival of Photography. This meant both amateur and professional photographers could exhibit their works side by side. The unique views of the Norwest and Norwesters perspectives of the world were fantastic and very well received by the public

21 photographers of a wide range of ages exhibited with a total of 53 works on display. The people's choice vote had a clear winner by a large margin; Bruce Hubrich won with his photo titled "Backyard", featuring a white eye in a garden, pictured below right.

This exhibition ran for just over two weeks and had a total of 241 visitors. Total expenditure was \$510.88; sales of works in the exhibition came to a total of \$45.00. KACI Commission on sales totaled \$6.75 plus an additional \$185.00 came in through entry fees.

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Kumeu Community Knit-In May 2011 - ongoing

Kumeu Arts Centre celebrated the age old craft of knitting, by putting on a series of knitting workshops open to the public, with the aim of decorating parts of our community with 'yarn bombing'. This group of avid knitters meet once a fortnight, and took part in World Wide Knit In public day (June 9th), and World Wide Yarn Graffiti day, adorning public infrastructure in Huapai. This has been very popular with the passing public and continues to gain great support.



Max Frieder Dragon of Life mural 24, 25, 26 June 2011

In June, the Arts Centre hosted Max Freider, a young arts innovator visiting from the USA. His task was to travel the North Island of New Zealand on his bicycle developing art murals with different youth art groups. Kumeu was the first project in a lineup of many. The children were inspired to create a 'Dragon of Life' which curled and coiled across the canvas, supporting many living things on its back and surrounds.



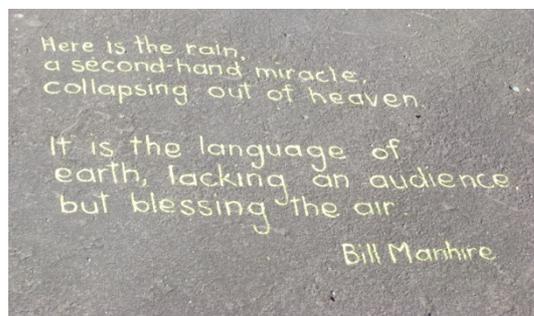
Community Quilting Project 21st June 2011 - ongoing

Andrea Graham (KACI member) invited participation from anyone interested to help create a Tie Quilt to raise funds for Christchurch (via Red Cross). This was/is a community project suitable for all members of the community from the very beginners to the advanced. The project will run approximately until the end of Term 3, 2011. Participants meet at the Art Centre on the first and third Tuesday of the month from 10am-1pm and are creating a gorgeous quilt, donations of materials from the community has been fantastic.



National Poetry Day 15th – 22nd July 2011

Titled 'Art from the Kumeu Heart', Kumeu Arts Centre hosted an exhibition of poetry from various New Zealand authors, children at a local school and members of our creative writing class. Poetry was exhibited in the Kumeu Arts Centre, and also on street corners, in shop windows and on community notice boards. This week will was a celebration of New Zealand poetry, with some poetry being painted on our concrete surrounds. \$250 funding from the National Poetry Day 2011 was gratefully received to assist in the organisation and promotion of this week.



User Groups/Ongoing classes in the Kumeu Arts Centre

The Kumeu Arts Centre continues to be the home of various artistic and community groups. These groups range from tutored classes to unstructured groups. From June 2010 to June 2011 these groups included:

Creative Writing: Fortnightly Classes

Clay Group: Weekly workshops.

Kumeu Children's Art Club: Weekly classes.

Kumeu Children's Art Club: School Holiday Programmes

Sewing for Children: School Holidays

Life Drawing Group: Monthly Untutored Classes.

Community Health Mosaic Group: Weekly Classes.

Bobbi Williams Painting Class: Weekly

Painting for Fun and Freedom: Weekly

Drawing Classes: Weekly

Open Studio Days – Monthly unstructured class



Kumeu Children's Art Club

This year our events have included links with regional, national and international arts activities. The photography exhibition was part of a regional event, the National Poetry day is an annual national fixture, worldwide yarn bombing and knit in public day are celebrated around the globe.

Members Wall and Gallery August 2010 – August 2011

When not exhibiting one of our three large member's exhibition during the year, our gallery space is allocated to one or two Kumeu Arts Centre members to display their works on a monthly rotational basis. This helps our members to promote their works free of charge and bring more art to our community. Sergio Arellano, Tom Bryan, Ken Padgett, Katrina Collins, Lisa Jimmieson, Val Hawkins, Donna Massey, Peter Hanley, Marcia Barrowman, Miju Kang and Christine Rose have all displayed their works over this last 12 month period. Artists have been very pleased with this opportunity to display their varied works and public commendation has been fantastic. Sales of artworks have since resulted and publicity for the Kumeu Arts Centre has increased through our local paper printing stories on these featured members. We also run a monthly ad promoting our activities and services.



Work by Katrina Collins



Work by Lisa Jimmieson



Work by Val Hawkins



Work by Donna Massey



Work Peter Hanley



Work by Miju Kang



Work by Marcia Barrowman



Work by Christine Rose

During the last year we have also implemented a small retail space within our gallery which has proved very popular with visitors. Sales of these unique arts and crafts (created by our members) have been continually growing, and feedback shows the community likes to purchase locally created art.

Thanks to.....

During the last year we have been steadily increasing the hours we are open. Thanks are due here to ASB Community Trust for donating \$10,000 towards ongoing costs and also \$10,000 for wages from NZ Lotteries grant board from last year. As of July 2011 we are now open Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm. Longer opening hours have significantly increased the amount of foot traffic we have through on a daily basis, and also the number of community members attending events /workshops in the Arts Centre.

Our membership has steadily increased over the last year and we now have a database of approximately 300 who receive our monthly newsletters and updates regarding classes and workshops.

Thanks also to:

NZ Community Post for supplying us with 500 free community post envelopes.

Rodney District Council, Community Grants Scheme small, \$1000 for signage and floor coverings

Rodney District Council, \$4000 administration grant.

NZ lotteries Grant Board, \$10,000 for salaries.

ASB Community Trust, \$10,000 for yearly expenses.

These funds were gratefully received and used to sustain our services up until mid 2011. As we are a community focused, nonprofit, incorporated, charitable Arts Centre, we rely on these grants to provide our services and to cover the significant ongoing costs of administration, maintenance and coordination.