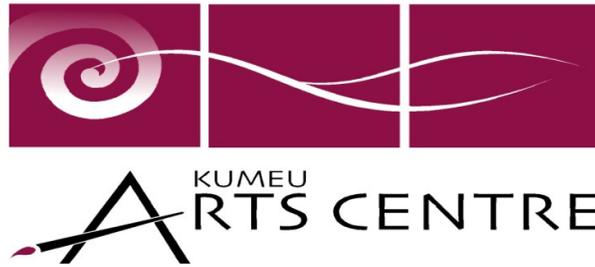


encouraging a creative community



Annual Report

August 2011 – June 2012

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.”

Arts in Action

27 August 2011

'Arts in Action' is one of our longest running annual events, and one of the most popular. We strive to provide a range of new and old favourite activities and to break down barriers between arts and the community. This year was an overwhelming success, with about 250-300 visitors on the day. Have a go opportunities included wax sculpture, creative writing, a painting demonstration, flax weaving, paper dyeing and book binding, knitting & weaving, stencils and stamps, felt creations and making walnut shell boats. The legacy from the day was a beautifully mosaic-ed rubbish bin and painted wheel stops adding character and colour to the Arts Centre surrounds.

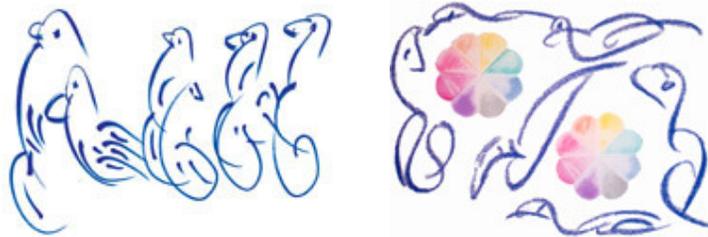
Over \$3,400 funding was received from Pub Charities for this event.



Sri Chinmoy Exhibition

29 August – 30 September 2011

From 1974 until his passing in 2007, Sri Chinmoy created over 140,000 pieces of abstract mystical art, along with almost 16 million drawings of birds symbolising the freedom of the human soul. Kumeu Arts Centre was pleased to display this exhibition over a period of a month, visitors to this exhibition were invited to browse this large exhibition, although works were not for sale.



'Best of the West' Members Exhibition

8 -29 October 2011

As part of region wide Rugby World Cup promotions, Kumeu Arts Centre Inc joined in celebrating our location with a 'Best of the West' themed exhibition. Featured art works included pottery, handmade adorned books, paintings and more.

Funding was provided by the Lion Foundation, and we had 235 visitors to the exhibition. 16 various artists exhibited with a total of 44 works on display. Total expenditure was \$979.12; sales of works in the exhibition came to a total of \$40.00. KACI Commission on sales totaled \$10.00. This low return on sales reflected the economic doldrums felt across the local retail sector at this time.



This exhibition was also special in that we had on display, two handmade quilts, created by the Community Quilt Project Group. This group met on a regular basis in our arts centre, and through donations of materials, time and skill, created beautiful quilts which were auctioned on Trademe with the proceeds going to earthquake stricken Christchurch (via Red Cross).



'Bauhaus to Your House' Workshop 19 October 2011

To celebrate International Day of the Older Person, the Arts Centre hosted a special workshop run by the Arts & Culture North team of the Auckland Council. This was a free one day modern art and craft workshop presented exclusively for older and retired people. Feedback from attendees was very positive.



Kumeu Children's Art Club Exhibition 31 October – 23 November 2011

Kumeu Children's Art Club is based in Kumeu Arts Centre and holds weekly children's art classes here throughout the year. This is a very popular class in the Arts Centre that continues to encourage creativity in the younger members of our community. This exhibition was a sample of their work from term 3, giving the children an opportunity to exhibit their works and show off their many talents.



Affordable Art & Craft Exhibition 26 November – 10 December 2011

For the third year running, this affordable exhibition proved very popular with the public and artist alike. The time frame gave visitors to the exhibition an opportunity to purchase unique art works at affordable price (especially for the Christmas period) and support local artists.

All works were priced \$100 or less and included hand bound books, paintings, clay works, Christmas craft and art made from recycled materials.

16 varied artists exhibited with a total of 49 works on display. We had 196 visitors through this exhibition. Total expenditure was \$284.54; sales of works in the exhibition came to a total of \$220.00. KACI Commission on sales totaled \$55.00.



Kumeu Scarecrow Festival

4 – 21 April 2012

We held our fourth bi-annual Scarecrow Festival in April 2012. This built on the successes and opportunities of past year's events and was well supported by participants, the community and visitors from further afield. We had 22 formal entries on display in the Arts Centre Gallery, as well as a few dozen 'pop-up' scarecrows in the wider community. The project included a stall at the Kumeu show, significant publicity, and a fun and full festival with a great range of entries from groups and individuals across all sectors of the community. Entries were received from the local fire brigade, local pippins and cubs groups, disability groups, childcare centre's and other members of the community all celebrating art and our rural heritage. We had about 400 visitors to the Festival.



Scarecrows on display in our gallery

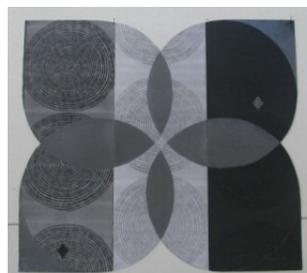


'Pop-up' Scarecrows in our community

'In the Round' Members' Exhibition

27 April – 12 May 2012

Our first Members' exhibition for the year, 'In the Round' allowed an interpretation and response to this theme. We received 44 entries, sold \$750 worth of works and received \$187.50 commission. Entries were unique and varied in their media, wood and Oamaru stone carvings, papier-mâché, ceramics and home spun wool creations complemented the large range of paintings also on exhibit.

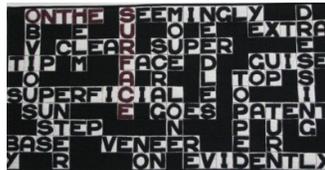


Exhibits from 'In the Round'

'On the Surface' Aotearoa Quilters Exhibition

14 – 26 May 2012

We were pleased to host Aotearoa Quilters Exhibition over a two week period. For their seventh biennial, Aotearoa Quilters were challenged to interpret the theme of 'On the Surface' in any way they wished, in a quilt measuring 50cm deep by 100cm wide. This exhibition was a selection of 20 quilts from over 50 entries and demonstrated ideas and techniques from simple lines to highly embellished pieces. The exhibition had been travelling throughout New Zealand over the last year. The quilts were exquisite and finely crafted, interpreting this traditional art form in a new way.



User Groups/Ongoing classes in the Kumeu Arts Centre

Kumeu Arts Centre is also the home for many artistic and community groups, ranging from unstructured groups to tutored classes. From August 2011 – June 2012 these groups included:

Ongoing Classes/Groups:

Clay Group: Weekly workshops.

Kumeu Children's Art Club: Weekly Classes & School Holiday Programmes

Life Drawing Group: Monthly Untutored Classes.

Community Health Mosaic Group: Weekly Classes.

KumeuKnitty: Knitting and Crochet Group

Melinda Butt: Children's school holiday classes

Amber Emm: Weekly Painting classes



Melinda's School holiday Art Classes

Dated Classes:

Quilting Group (Jun - Sep 2011) Open Studio Days (May - Oct 2011)

Gardening Classes (Nov - Dec 2011) Painting Classes (Oct - Nov 2011)

Creative Writing (May – Dec 2011) Sewing for Children (Jul – Oct 2011)

Other Users:

Shortland Street – filming locally

Labour Party – filming promotional material

Guitar Concert – end of year for students

Volunteer Stroke Scheme – training /instruction

Amber Emm's Painting Classes

This year we have welcomed painting tutor Amber Emm, to the Arts Centre. Amber is teaching water colour, oil and acrylic painting techniques to Arts Centre members and has also brought her own stable of students with her. In doing so, membership and art opportunities have increased in the Arts Centre, filling a long established need. Amber impresses us with her own painting skills but is also an excellent teacher and a great asset to the Arts centre, running five almost full classes a week.



Kumeuknitty Community Knitting Group

Following on from our successful participation in Worldwide Knit in Public Day (9th June 2011), in October 2011 we started an informal community knitting group. This unstructured, weekly drop in knitting group enables a range of textile arts – both creative and functional, including knitting and crochet. It provides a fun and relaxed opportunity to reach back to traditional crafts, and to pass these skills on. Participants include young mothers, complete with new born babies, and all other ages, sharing a love of knitting. Some creations made in the Arts Centre have been very popular in the retail gallery.

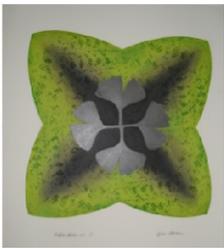


January and February 2012 saw the Kumeuknitty group create a knitted masterpiece for installation as part of the Jersey Group's 11th annual 'Between Tides' exhibition on Westmere Beach. The Kumeu group's installation in this one day event reflected a marine conservation theme, focusing on the effects of indiscriminate fishing practices in a piece called 'What nets Catch'. It was a very popular addition to the one day Westmere exhibition and continued Kumeu arts Centre's outreach into the regional community.



Members On Show August 2011 – June 2012

During the year, Kumeu Arts Centre Inc holds at least three large member's exhibition (see previous pages), in between, our members are offered the opportunity to display their works on a rotational basis. This helps our members to exhibit their works free of charge and for the community to be exposed to more of our unique local art and artists. Lynn Brown displayed her large collections of prints in her 'Up Next' exhibition; Mishka Patterson exhibited varied abstract landscape paintings and stained glass works. Family trio, Vanessa-May, Peter & Kendra Hanley put on a collective exhibition titled 'Room with a View'.



Work by Lynn Brown



Work by Mishka Patterson



Work by Kendra Hanley



Work by Peter Hanley



Work by Vanessa-May Hanley

In 2012 the Members on show project continued with water colour paintings by June McKenzie which were especially popular with visitors and resulted in \$480 worth of sales. Ken Fearnley followed on from June in March, showing his with his colourful and varied oil paintings



Work by Ken Fearnley



Work by June Mackenzie

Working Bee 26 February 2012

In February Arts Centre members held a working bee and installed a new community garden and a professional picture rail for the ease of hanging new exhibitions. Funding for the community garden came from the ex-RDC Environmental Education Fund and for the hanging rail from the Local Board Discretionary Grants. These grants were made to go further by donations of resources from local businesses and through the installation by Arts Centre supporters, and add to the amenity and professional aspect of the Arts Centre.



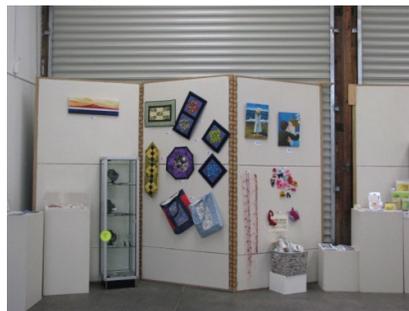
Our new hanging system



Our new community garden

The Retail Gallery

Our small dedicated retail space has grown from strength to strength and is a source of delight for our visitors. Continual growth of sales of these unique arts and crafts (created by our members) has shown positive feedback and shows the community likes to purchase locally created art. The gallery has continued to improve its range of stock and displays. We hope that when economic conditions revive, the retail gallery will help supplement Arts Centre income and lead to greater economic self sufficiency over time.



Thanks to.....

As from December 2011 we are now open Monday to Wednesday and Saturdays 10am - 3pm, and Thursday to Friday 10am – 5pm, thanks to funding from various sources and a volunteer minding system on Saturdays.

Our membership currently stands at 132, with 220 other database contacts also receiving direct information from us regarding our events and activities.

Thanks to the following funders:

Mar 2011	The Lion Foundation	\$4921.20	Three Member's Exhibitions 2011
May 2011	Pub Charity	\$3425.02	Arts in Action Festival Aug 2011
July 2011	Auckland Council	\$10,000.00	Wages
Oct 2011	Auckland Council	\$599.00	Dyson Vacuum Cleaner
Oct 2011	Creative Communities	\$2000.00	Scarecrow Festival
Dec 2011	Lotteries Foundation	\$10,000.00	Wages, Admin, Volunteer Costs & Ads
Dec 2011	Auckland Council	\$1000.00	Display System
	Local Board Discretionary Grant		
Dec 2011	Auckland Council	\$13,000.00	Wages & Business Plan
	Local Board Discretionary Grant		
Dec 2011	Auckland Council	\$812.95	Materials for Garden
	Environmental Fund		

These funds were gratefully received and used to sustain our services up until mid 2012. 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.

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.

A big thank you also to all KACI committee and members who volunteer their time, energy and skills in to helping us achieve our objectives.