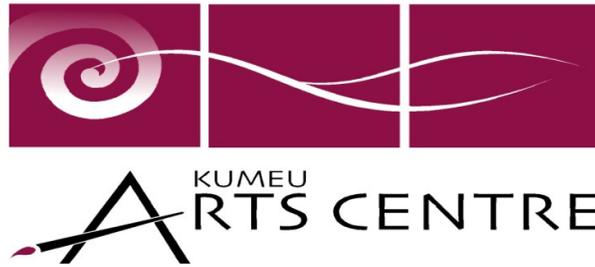


encouraging a creative community



Annual Report

August 2009 – August 2010

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.”

Members' Affordable Art Exhibition 31 October – 8 November 2009

The Members' Affordable Art exhibition showcased the member's visual artworks at affordable prices in the lead up to Christmas. Thirty three Artists supplied work in a variety of media, including painting, drawing, jewellery, sculpture, glass and ceramics priced from \$50 - \$500

This exhibition gave local artists, both established and emerging, a venue to display their work. It provided promotion for the artists and their artistry and also for the Arts Centre, sustaining an awareness of the Art Centre through membership.

It was a very successful exhibition with 177 visitors over a ten day period, selling a total of 11 works. Commission generated from these sales was \$418.74

As it was the first of many regular exhibitions our expenses comprised of valuable assets to the Art Centre such as wine glasses and table cloths. This is reflected in our profit/loss accounts. Our total expenditure was \$1458.60 our total income was \$918.75 (inclusive of the \$500 grant received from Creative Communities NZ towards this exhibition).



Kumeu Arts Carnival

11 December 2009



This was an all ages, family friendly, non-profit performing arts event with the purpose of bringing the community together, promoting New Zealand performing arts and culture, and bringing new arts to new audiences. The event was held directly after the Kumeu Christmas parade and had an amazing turn out, we estimated an audience of around 700 people. This was the third time we had run this event and provided the community with live music, performing artists, local and international acts, and family friendly fun all for a koha entry. \$4000 worth of funding was gratefully received from the Lion foundation for this event



Huapai/Kumeu “Our Bountiful Land”

Members Exhibition

1 May – 8 May 2010

Our second member’s exhibition highlighted the abundance of natural wonders on our doorstep. There were a total of 16 exhibiting artists in a variety of media and styles. We celebrated ‘Our bountiful Land’ with silicon sheepscales, tin landscapes, paintings of old packing sheds, fruit bowls, flower gardens and gold/silver jewellery depicting the rugged West Coast landscapes.

We had 134 visitors through the exhibition over a 1 week period.

Total expenditure was \$743.25 and total income was \$744.50 (\$500 gratefully received from Creative Communities NZ). Commission on sales totaled \$244.50.

HUAPAI - KUMEU

our bountiful land



Kumeu Arts Centre Members' exhibition

Open to view: May 1 to May 8, 10am to 3pm

Opening Friday April 30, 7pm

A variety of media and a variety of styles
on show, at the Kumeu Arts Centre, ph 412-9480
located behind the Huapai Library.



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

This was our third members' exhibition 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' and encouraged the artistic development in new artist, exposing a mix of talents and media sometimes challenging or quirky.

Highlights for the Kumeu Arts Centre are always the amount of members who give of their free time to help mind exhibitions. As this exhibition ran for an increased amount of time, 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 a 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 stone 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. Once finished this art work will beautify the exterior of the Art centre creating a long standing legacy of Arts in Action 2010.



Talking Point Evenings

3rd Tuesday of the month

A new series of community discussions on current and stimulating topics was launched at the Kumeu Arts Centre in April 2010 and continued, on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The 'Talking Point' series featured local experts on contemporary subjects, covering a wide range of relevant issues.

The series kicked off on the 20th April 2010 and featured local geologist Mike Eagle, speaking on "The Gaia Game: Earth's turn, then everyone next". Mike returned on the 18th May to present a second talk titled "Shape Shifter – Kumeu as a geological time traveller".

Gavin Logan from the Auckland Astronomical Society presented out third talk "Tour of the Universe" on the 15th June whereby a power point presentation was followed by attendees being able to look through telescopes at objects discussed in our night sky. 20th July saw Suzi Phillips discuss "Kaka in our community" followed by Graeme Bethel (From the Picture Framing Company) on the 17th August, speaking on enhancement, custom and conservation framing.

Attendance to evenings has increased steadily as word spreads of these evenings. The local newspaper has been supportive in promoting these evenings and attendee feedback has been very positive. With only \$5 per person being charged for the nights talk (coffee & cake included) this is a very affordable community night out. Guest speakers have been very generous offering the time for the most part free of charge.



User Groups in the Kumeu Arts Centre August 2009 August 2010

The Kumeu Arts Centre continues to be the home of various artistic and community groups. These groups range from tutored classes (such as Bobbi's painting class & the Kumeu Children's Art Club) to unstructured groups where likeminded artist gather together for sessions such as life drawing or clay group.

In the period of August 2009 – August 2010 these groups included:

Clay Group – Weekly

Kumeu Children's Art Club -Weekly

Music Club – Fortnightly (six month project)

Life Drawing Group - Monthly

Community Health Mosaic Group - Weekly

Bobbi Williams Painting Group - Weekly

Various Scarecrow Festival Workshops - Occasional

Children's Art School Holiday Programmes – School Holidays

Drawing Classes - Weekly

Hypnobirthing Classes - Weekly

Travel Evening - Occasional

Guitar Lessons - Weekly

Creative Surge Exhibition (one off)



Bobbi William's Painting classes



Bobbi's Class



Kumeu Children's Art Club

Over the previous year our membership has steadily increased, along with the amount of drop in visitors we have during the week. Funding from the Lotteries Foundation (\$10,000 towards wages) has allowed us a part time paid employee for the coordination and administration aspects of the Arts Centre, as well as allowing us to physically be open more hours per week.

Members Wall and Gallery August 2009 August 2010

In order to bring more art to our community and promote member's work, Kumeu Arts Centre implemented "the Member's Wall" promotion, whereby a different member's work, was displayed in our Gallery space on a monthly rotational basis. Our first artist, Joanne Redshaw, exhibited in May 2010 followed by Sergio Arellano, Tom Bryan and Ken Padgett who were all very pleased to have the opportunity to individually display their varied works. Public commendation has been fantastic with several sales and increased publicity for the Kumeu Arts Centre. The Members' Wall gives our members' the opportunity to individually exhibit a wider range of their works and attract exposure for them in our community.



Joanne Redshaw's work on display on our Member's Wall



Joanne Redshaw in front of KACI



Ken Padgett



Sergio Arellano