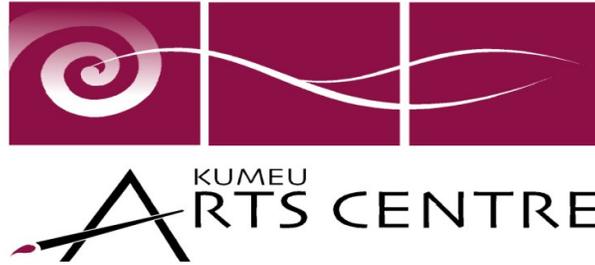


encouraging a creative community



# *Annual Report*

September 2012 – August 2013



## 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.”

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## Exhibitions at Kumeu Arts Centre

Our gallery space is scheduled into separate exhibitions throughout the year. We now have at least six large exhibitions throughout the year that are displays of members' collective works and generally run for a month period. In between, we have 'Members on Show' Exhibitions where our members are offered the opportunity to display their works (on a rotational basis) for a two week period. Members can either, a: have a solo exhibition, b: share the space with another artist or c: take part in a group display of work. Artists learn more about curating, hanging and promotion of their art and the community is exposed to more of our unique local art and artists. These exhibitions are self funded.

### Life Drawing Exhibition

**3 – 15 September 2012**

The Life Drawing group has been operating in Kumeu Arts Centre for over ten years. This very talented and creative group of people meets once or twice a month, for an intensive session with live models. This exhibition was a celebration of their work and also of the human form. 72 visitors came through our gallery over this two week period. On exhibit were a selection of work and a variety of media: charcoal, ink and wash, pencil, pastel and clay. This exhibition was self funded.



### 'Archipelago - A Space Between' Exhibition

**17 – 29 September 2012**

Kumeu Arts Centre played host to the second in the Archipelago series of exhibitions, organised by Matt Blomeley from Arts and Culture North. 'A Space Between' highlighted a selection of leading and emerging New Zealand artists, and was curated by Ioana Gordon-Smith. There were 159 viewers to this exhibition.



# Golden Hues Exhibition

## 6 – 27 October 2012

Golden Hues was a very large exhibition with 61 entries from 27 artists. Media was widely varied and ranged from jewellery to flax weaving to earthenware clay. Art sales totaled \$810 and there were 226 visitors through our doors.



A special mention goes to participants of Julie Moselen's special needs art class. Their art work titled 'Pacifica – Way out West' not only sold, but won the people's choice vote over all other entries. Attendees from this class were present at the opening evening and as you can tell from the photo below, were very pleased with the chance to exhibit their work, and make a valuable, skillful contribution to their community.



## **Affordable Art Exhibition 30 November – 21 December 2012**

This is always one of our most popular exhibitions of the year, and exposes a variety of art and craft to our community. The timing of this exhibition ties in nicely with the Christmas period and gives the community an opportunity to buy locally made art and craft. With 66 entries from 20 artists, there was a lot for visitors to choose from! We had 277 visitors in this lead up to Christmas and sold over \$800 worth of art & craft, not including sales from our retail area.



## **TwentyThirteen Exhibition 8 February – 9 March 2013**

Our first exhibition in 2013 was aptly titled 'TwentyThirteen'. 41 works were entered from 17 local artists, and had a very strong floral theme. Muriwai painter and long term member, Tom Bryan sold two of his works. 325 members of the wider community visited and enjoyed this exhibition. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$326.39 towards this exhibition.



# Ceramic Exhibition

## 6 – 25 May 2013

Our first ever purely ceramic exhibition will now become a regular feature on our yearly exhibition schedule. 15 exhibitors (many from our regular Thursday morning clay group) featured 37 clay works including platters, tiles, teapots, figures, wall hangings and lamps, just to name a few of the amazing work on display. \$477 worth of art works was bought by the 246 visitors to this 3 week exhibition. Kumeu Arts Centre takes pride in seeing work exhibited, that was made by KACI members, created and fired, here in our own building. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$326.39 towards this exhibition.



## Sign of the Times Photography Exhibition

1 -29 June 2013

Every year in June, we hold our annual Photography Exhibition in conjunction with the Auckland Festival of Photography (Fringe Festival), displaying both amateur and professional photographers' work. 14 exhibitors provided 41 varied pieces of work that showcased their unique view of the world around us. Sales totaled \$600. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$326.39 towards this exhibition.



## Flights of Fancy Exhibition

3 August – 5 September 2013

Flights of fancy Exhibition again illustrates the range of talent we have in our community, as you can see from pictures, we had some very fanciful entries. 'Frozen Cat' as pictured below, sold and won people's choice vote. Two other entries also sold, totaling \$155 worth of sales. 19 artists exhibited 49 pieces of work which were viewed by the 337 visitors to this exhibition. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$326.39.



## 'Members on Show' Exhibitions

Painting tutor Amber Emm and her students utilized this 'Members on Show' opportunity in August 2012 and organised a large show of students' work. Amber teaches in oils, acrylics and watercolours, which were reflected in the variety of media on display. This exhibition received a large write up in our local paper.



Amber Emm & her students



Work by Amber Emm



Work by Noelene McMaster

From the end of October to the middle of November, Sharon Etherington & Lynn Brown (both art teachers at Massey High School) shared the gallery, and presented an exhibition that included native bird prints, ceramics and framed drawings.



Work by Lynn Brown



Work Sharon Etherington

Douglas Renall, artist and aspiring wine maker, displayed his art in the last two weeks of November; his exhibition reflected on the winery heritage of our area, his exhibition was aptly titled 'Journey into the Vine'.



Works by Douglas Renall

## 'Members on Show' Exhibitions Continued

2013 kicked off with a shared exhibition from two of our members, who are both actively involved in Kumeu Arts Centre programmes. Eshah Hudson's flax weaving took up half of the gallery space, whilst Graham Meadow's photography completely filled the remainder. Graham's photos included over 40 shots taken by local school children (who he currently teaches) and also displayed shots Graham had taken when he was the official photographer at the Auckland Zoo.



Works by Graham Meadows and children from Huapai and Woodhill Primary Schools



Works by Graham Meadows and children from Huapai and Woodhill Primary Schools



Works by Eshah Hudson

## 'Members on Show' Exhibitions Continued

Melinda Butt's Exhibition from 11 – 23 March 2013 was comprised of small series of works on paper and canvases, finding the charm in the forgotten and overlooked. Through a hard-edge, illustrative approach, she highlighted the beauty and the quirk that many older buildings have to offer. Melinda's alter ego Molly Taylor also 'exhibited' and showed her passion for birds, from majestic raptors to humble sparrows. Her focus with the series was on New Zealand natives.



Works by Melinda Butt

Pastel artist, Barbie Attwood and flax weaving tutor/mixed media artist, Toni Tanner shared the gallery from 25 March – 6 April 2013 with their Exhibition titled 'Mixed – A colourful, creative feast for the eyes'.



Work by Barbie Attwood



Work by Toni Tanner

Katrina Collins and Lana Berzina, both realism painters from Riverhead, shared the exhibition space from the 8 – 20 April. Their paintings were very well received by the public. Katrina's paintings were land and seascapes, based on West Coast beaches and the far North, while Lana's were mostly striking florals.



Work by Lana Berzina



Work by Katrina Collins

## 'Member on Show' Exhibitions Continued

Amber Emm and her students exhibited for a second time, highlighting their developing skills and abilities from the 22 April – 4 May 2013. Her students are becoming very proficient exhibiting artists in their own right.



Work by Amber Emm

Long term Kumeu Arts Centre members Margie Phillips and Gretchen Scott-Blyth teamed up with Libby Patterson, founding committee member, to put on their exhibition titled 'Wild Wings' from 1 -13 July 2013. The exhibition comprised of clay work, painting and 3D sculptural forms.



Work by Margie Phillips



Work by L Patterson



Work by Margie Phillips

Jenny Sol's exhibition from the 15 -27<sup>th</sup> July was small, but lovely. She showed whimsical watercolours and textile art, focused on the death and destruction of the environment and the effect on wildlife worldwide.



Work by Jenny Sol

# Arts in Action

## 1 September 2012

Our 'Arts in Action' Festival 2012 was a wonderful success; with an increased number of artistic activities for the community as compared to previous years. With over 300 people through our doors, attendees got to try out 19 different activities at this free community event. This festival is one of our longest running annual events, and one of the most popular. We give the community the opportunity to try their hand at various artistic endeavours and encourage them to be creative, in a safe, supported environment. Have-a-go opportunities included: clay animals, silversmithing, paper dyeing, book binding, book art, portraits, wire and plaster creatures, polymer clay, crochet, spinning and weaving, painting demonstration, clay kick wheel, flax weaving, watercolour techniques, mosaic, face painting, wood sculpting demonstration, digital photography and play dough creations for the littlest members of our community.

The legacy piece from the day was our Mosaic family (now mounted on our external wall), brightening our building and surrounds.

Funding of \$2,000 was received from Creative Communities and \$2493.91 from Pub Charity for this event.





## Open Mic Poetry Night 16 August 2013

To celebrate National Poetry Day 2013, we held an 'Open Mic Poetry Night', MC'ed by poet, Dawn Kendall, for all members of the community. Participants were encouraged to come along, enjoy some refreshments, recite their own (or their favourite poetry) and to listen to others' works. This evening was a great success, with many people sharing their love of the written word. We had tears, laughter, goose bumps and even a song during the evening. This was such a popular and enjoyable evening we hope to make it annual fixture. Thanks to National Poetry Day for the \$250 towards this event.



**NATIONAL  
POETRY  
DAY 2013**  
FRIDAY 16 AUGUST  
In association with the New Zealand Post Book Awards

## Renovations

Our cold and drafty building had major improvements made in the middle of 2013. Our cold, rattily roller doors were replaced with a new wall in the gallery area and aluminium framed french doors in the workshop area. These improvements have made huge difference in the functionality and amenity of the building. The Gallery has an extra wall to use as hanging space, while the workshop area is warmer, drier and much more pleasant to use. Funding from Auckland Council Local Board Discretionary Grants (\$25,000) was used for this work, while funding from Lotteries enabled us to purchase and install much needed radiant heaters.



# Arts in Action

## 25 August 2013

We conservatively estimated a minimum of 400 people attended our 'Arts in Action' Festival for 2013. Our entire arts centre was full to the brim, with adults and children being creative in many different ways at this free, community day. Activities this year included: clay sculptures, throwing pots on the clay kick wheel, face painting, wire and crepe paper models, loom, painting, figure making, flax weaving, painting and creating a mobile, play dough creatures, wood sculpting, mosaic, hand sewing, digital photography, footstep and mural painting.

Legacy works from this year's event include painted footsteps up to local shops, wood sculpture which will end up being a plinth (to hold last year's legacy piece), and a mural to brighten our new external plywood wall. This mural was one of the highlights of the day, especially since the paint was catapulted at the wall with slingshots.

Thank you to Pub Charity for funding totaling \$6216.71 for this event. Thanks also to Resene for the donation of paint.



## User Groups/Classes at Kumeu Arts Centre

Kumeu Arts Centre is the home for many artistic and community groups, ranging from unstructured groups to tutored classes. From September 2012 to August 2013 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/Mental Health Mosaic Group: Weekly Classes.

KumeuKnitty: Weekly Knitting and Crochet Group

Melinda Butt: Children's School Holiday Art Classes

Eion Bryant: Children's School Holiday Painting Classes

Angela Pirrera: Children's School Holiday Craft Classes

Amber Emm: Weekly Painting Classes - oil, watercolour and acrylics 5 sessions per week

Special Needs Art Classes: Twice weekly structured Class

Access to Art Classes: Twice weekly

Salsa Dancing: Weekly Classes

### Block Classes/Workshops

Flax Weaving: 5 week blocks

Digital Photography Workshops: one day workshops

Creative Writing: 10 week blocks



Crochet/Knitting Group



Graham Meadow's School Holiday Class



Mental Health Mosaic Group

### Dated Classes and users:

Fabric Craft, Jewellery, Textile Printing workshops (Aug - Sep 2012)

Cruise Information Evening (Sep 2012)

Fimo Classes (March 2013)

Te Reo Classes (June & July 2013)

## User Groups/Classes at Kumeu Arts Centre Continued:

### Amber Emm's Painting Classes

Amber Emm continues her painting classes, where she teaches water colour, oil and acrylic painting techniques, catering for advanced and beginner students, over five classes per week. This class is one of the most popular here at our arts centre. It is amazing to watch people who have never painted before, learn new skills, improve upon them over time, and then gain enough confidence to exhibit them in our exhibitions. Amber is a great asset to our arts centre and is an amazing artist in her own right, who continues to inspire her students.



### The Retail Gallery

Our retail area, (a small area of our gallery, partitioned off) small though it is, delights our visitors, who love to purchase locally made unique items, rather than commercially produced goods. Continual growth of sales of these arts and crafts (created by our members) helps supplement our income and allows us to continue to support our local artists. We, as always, strive for greater economic self sufficiency over time.



## Thanks to.....

Kumeu Arts Centre is open Monday to Saturday 10am – 3pm with late nights till 5 on Thursday and Fridays, thanks to funding from various sources and a volunteer minding system on Saturdays. We also have volunteers who come in and assist with minding the gallery during week days.

Our membership currently stands at 220, with 267 other database contacts also receiving direct information from us regarding our events and activities, our Facebook page also has a steadily increasing number of 'likes' now standing at 175. From September 2012 to August 2013, we had 8557 members of the community (wide and far) visit our exhibitions, attend our classes or participate in an event. We are very proud of how far we have come and of our achievements and successes to date.

Thanks to the following funders:

May 2012	Auckland Council (Creative Communities Scheme)	\$2000.00	Arts in Action 2012
June 2012	Pub Charity	\$2,493.91	Arts in Action Festival 2012
Dec 2012	Auckland Council (Community Grants Fund Large)	\$5,000.00	Operational Costs
Dec 2012	ASB Community Trust	\$20,000.00	Operational Costs
Dec 2012	Auckland Council (Creative Communities Scheme)	\$1,800.00	4 x Exhibitions 2013
Dec 2012	NZ Lotteries Board (\$18,500 per year & \$4167.42 for minor capital works)	\$59,667.42	Operational Costs: Multi Year (3)
Jan 2013	Lion Foundation	\$2000.00	Operational Costs
Jun 2013	Auckland Council (Local Board Discretionary Fund)	\$25,000.00	Capital Works Improvements
Jun 2013	Auckland Council	\$6047.00	Develop and Operate Kumeu Arts Centre
Jul 2013	National Poetry Day	\$250.00	Open Mic Poetry Evening
Jul 2013	Pub Charity	\$6216.71	Arts in Action 2013

These funds are gratefully received and used to sustain our services and continue them on into the foreseeable. 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.

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.