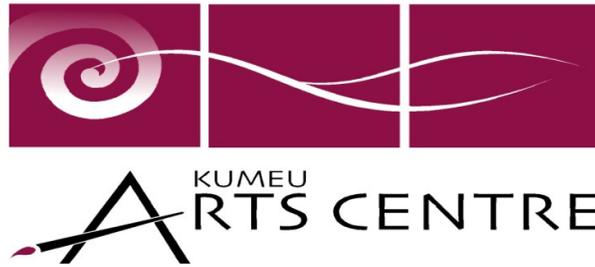


encouraging a creative community



# *Annual Report*

August 2013 – July 2014



## 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 9 – 21 September 2013

The Life Drawing group is one of the longest standing user groups we have at Kumeu Arts Centre, they have been meeting and participating in this group for over ten years. Participants meet once or twice a month, for an intensive session with various live models. Their annual exhibition of work created in these sessions, is always a pleasure to view, and see through the eyes of the various artists. 154 visitors came through our gallery over this two week period. This exhibition included a variety of drawing media: charcoal, ink and wash, pencil, pastel and clay. This exhibition was self funded.



Work by Julie Moselen



Work by Trevor Parker

## **Art Tutor, Julie Moslen – Students’ Exhibition**

### **23 September – 5 October 2013**

Julie Moslen, a long term tutor at Kumeu Arts Centre, teaches adults, children and also special needs classes. This exhibition was a celebration of her students’ work and showed the progression in their abilities after attending her classes. 67 entries into this exhibition were viewed by the 141 visitors to the gallery. A few small sales delighted the exhibitors with special needs. This exhibition was self funded.



Opening Night



Justin Coutts & Rachel Monro

## **Jago Neal: An Exhibition of Photography and Mixed Media**

### **7 – 19 October 2013**

Jago, artist and photographer, moved to West Auckland from London 7 years ago. Since then he has displayed his work in local galleries, painted public murals, won a Trust painting award and been involved in the Waitakere Open Studios. In this, his first solo show since 2007, he displayed a range of work including drawings, etchings, large mixed media panoramas, black and white film, pinhole and digital colour photographs that focused primarily on natural forms, light, and pattern. Jago’s exhibition was self funded and he sold over \$1300 worth of his art. Visitors numbered 202 in this two week period.



Works by Jago Neal

## Children's Art Exhibition/Competition 21 October – 2 November 2013

To coincide with our visit from the 'Real Art Roadshow' we were delighted to curate and host an exhibition of local Year 7 & 8 student's' art work in our gallery. Selected art works (created throughout the year) of various media, from Huapai District, Waimauku, Woodhill and Taupaki Schools were on display. Certificates and small prizes were awarded to top place getters. This display was also used as a talking point for students visiting the gallery, as to which art work they liked the most, why or why not etc. Participating schools, parents and students were very happy to share in this celebration of the children's talent.



## Soulful Exhibition 4 – 16 November 2013

An exhibition of work from multi-disciplinary artist, Julie Moselen, which showcased her recent paintings, printmaking and jewellery. After emigrating from Cornwall, England to New Zealand in 1998, Julie has been inspired by New Zealand culture and its beautiful surrounds. This recent body of work focuses on the exploration of texture, colour and light inspired by the Wild West coast. Sales topped \$1,590 and visitors counted at 180.



Work by Julie Moselen

## **Kumeu Children's Art Club 18 – 30 November 2013**

Kumeu Children's Art Club has existed for over 15 years, and operates within the Kumeu Arts Centre and Waimauku Hall. This exhibition was to showcase the hard work and effort put in by the various students over the previous year. This gives the children a sense of pride and accomplishment in seeing their work, mounted and hung and on display for the wider community to view and attracted 234 visitors in total.



Various work by KCAC students

## **Affordable Art Exhibition 2 – 20 December 2013**

The Christmas period ties in nicely with this exhibition, it is always popular and exposes a variety of art and craft to our community and gives the community an opportunity to buy locally made art and craft. All work had to be priced \$200 and under and showcased a combination of both art and craft. 32 artists entered a huge amount of work, 85 pieces in total. Sales totaled \$1595 from the 414 visitors to this exhibition. This exhibition was self funded.



Work by Judy Stokes



Works by Tom Bryan



Work by Svetlana Berzina

## **Kumeu Photography Club Exhibition**

### **13 January – 8 February 2014**

Our first members on show exhibition in 2014 showcased work from our relatively new Kumeu Photography Group and featured work from five of their members. This group meets once a month and this was their opportunity to show off the amazing shots they have taken. Exhibitors had exactly \$1000 worth of sales and 445 visitors over the nearly month long exhibition. A self funded exhibition.

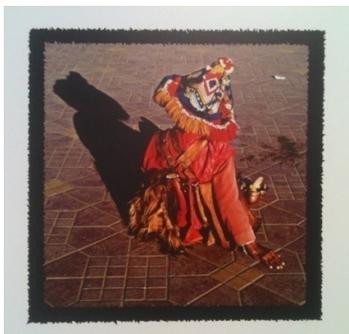


Works by Chris Piper

## **Red Exhibition**

### **14 February – 15 March 2014**

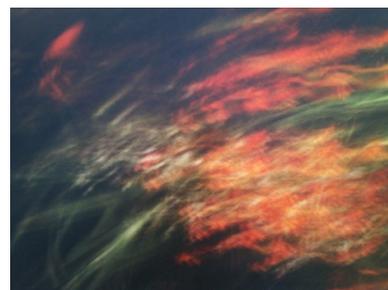
In this combined member's exhibition, we opted for a colour theme and were hugely impressed with how it was interpreted. We had \$300 worth of sales, and were grateful to Creative Communities for funding of \$340.19 towards this exhibition. 31 artists exhibited 63 pieces of work, which was viewed by 319 visitors.



Work by Kia Korrop Work



Work by Barbara Carter



Work by Kirsten Reid

## **Amber Emm Plus Students Exhibition**

### **17 March – 12 April 2014**

Our very talented painting tutor, Amber Emm and her students organised, self funded and curated their own exhibition, highlighting the skills they have learned by attending Amber's many classes here at Kumeu Arts Centre. Sales of \$450 were complemented by 315 visitors.



Work by Susan Maskovich



Work by Alma Mackay

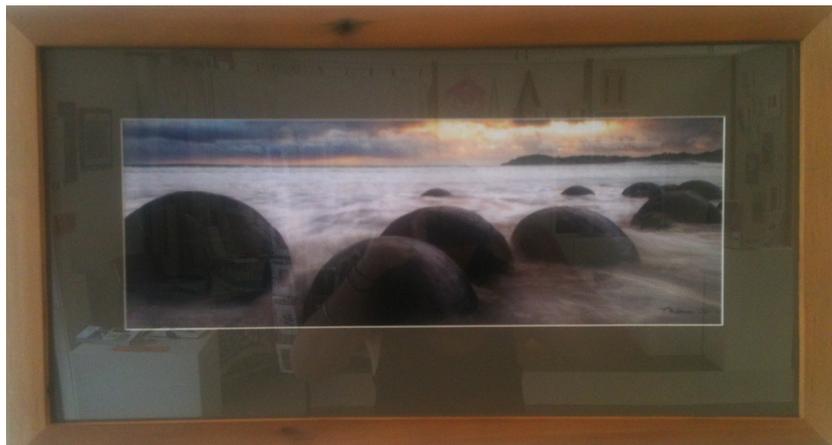


Work by Ngaire Waiariki

## **Trevor Gamon Exhibition**

### **14 April – 3 May 2014**

Trevor's photography exhibition was lovely to view. His work was largely based around New Zealand landscapes. One framed photograph of our very iconic Moeraki Boulders, sold for \$400, the exhibition was self funded and had 330 visitors.



Work by Trevor Gamon

## Focal Point Exhibition

6 – 28 June 2014

Annually in June, we hold our Photography Exhibition in conjunction with the Auckland Festival of Photography (Fringe Festival), displaying both amateur and professional photographers' work. 21 exhibitors displayed 44 varied photographic art works that showcased their 'focal point'. Sales totaled \$540 and visitors numbered 289. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$401.87 towards this exhibition.



Opening Night



Work by Kirsten Reid

## Ceramic Exhibition

14 – 26 July 2014

Our second ever purely ceramic exhibition was a beautiful display of our local potters and slip casters' work. 13 exhibitors submitted 37 clay works in a variety of formats including sculptures, bowls and wall tiles. \$320 worth of art works was bought by some of the 214 visitors to this two week exhibition. Many of the exhibits were made by KACI members, created and fired, here in our own building. Thanks to Creative Communities for funding of \$386.85 towards this exhibition.



# Events at Kumeu Arts Centre

## 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.



# Real Art Road Show Visit

## 24 – 30 October 2013

The Real Art Roadshow is a fantastic collection of real New Zealand art that wheels its way to schools throughout the country. The mobile art gallery unfolds to form an 80 square metre space and displays over 60 original artworks by some of New Zealand's leading artists. New Zealand's biggest travelling art collection. Kumeu Arts Centre hosted the Real Art Roadshow for 7 days and had the entire roll of three local primary schools (who would otherwise be unable to view the exhibition) come and visit. All students visited the Road Show truck, viewed their peer's exhibition in our gallery and discussed work on display with a dedicated KACI tutor, and also participated in creating an aboriginal mural, which was then gifted to each school. All of this dove tailed in with the school art curriculum and was offered free of charge to local schools. The Real Art Roadshow was also open to the public on days when students were not visiting. Many Kumeu Arts Centre volunteers participated in this educational experience, and feedback from schools was tremendous, all murals are now proudly on display in schools. Over 800 students, teachers and members of the public came through our doors and participated over this six day period.



Mural Making

Art Discussion with KACI Tutor



# Scarecrow Festival and Exhibition

## 5 - 31 May 2014

This year's Scarecrow Festival was another great success; we thank Bayleys North West, the Lion Foundation and Creative Communities for funding for this event. We attracted 35 scarecrow creations including official entries which were displayed in the Arts Centre, and 'pop-up' scarecrows which were erected throughout the wider community. The Scarecrow Festival achieved its objectives of celebrating our rural/horticultural heritage and providing an opportunity for families and the wider community, artists and non-artists, to contribute to keeping this heritage alive in a creative way. Scarecrows were created by individuals, families, preschool and school groups, and local organisations. The Scarecrow Festival plays a particular role because it makes arts and culture accessible to everybody. We attracted entries from people who would otherwise never have had the courage or confidence to enter a standard art exhibition, thereby really encouraging a 'creative community', one of our essential goals. You don't have to be an artist to make a scarecrow, each one has individual character and style, and with the pop-up element, they brighten the wider landscape. We had 322 visitors to the Scarecrow exhibition in the Arts Centre itself and great feedback from everyone who saw them. The pop-up element again provided extra value because they provided the element of surprise to passers-by, and got a distinctive, quirky art element into the wider community.



Scarecrows on display in our Gallery



Community Pop up Scarecrows

## Renovations

Following on from major improvements made in the middle of 2013, our community arts centre has had a fresh coat of paint applied to the outside, which has dramatically improved the 'look' of our premises. Ceiling lining is also planned for the coming few months, which will dramatically improve the aesthetics and warmth of the workspaces. A new safer electrical switchboard has also been installed. Our goals for the coming year are to erect an awning over North facing entrance and replace floor covering in upstairs work room.



## 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. We are nearly working at full capacity and are very proud of the range of classes and workshops we offer. From August 2013 to July 2014 these groups included:

### Ongoing Classes/Groups:

Clay Group: Weekly workshops.

Kumeu Children's Art Club: Weekly Classes

Life Drawing Group: Monthly Untutored Classes.

Community/Mental Health Mosaic Group: Weekly Classes.

KumeuKnitty: Weekly Knitting and Crochet Group

Julie Moselen: School Holiday 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: three sessions per week

Access to Art Classes: Twice weekly

Salsa Dancing: Weekly Classes – intermediate and advanced

Wisdom Evenings: Weekly Classes

Kumeu Photography Group: Monthly untutored classes

Home Schooled Children Art Classes: Weekly classes

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

### Periodic and one off classes:

Introduction to clay workshop: July 2014

Under 5 Art Classes at Jojo's Childcare: February – May 2014

Amber Emm Painting Workshops: February - May 2014

Bachata Workshop: April 2014

Writing Group: October - December 2014

Working Bee: March 2014

### Youth Workshops

Thanks to \$5000 worth of funding from Auckland Council we also offered many varied youth workshops from June 2014 to now. These include:

Create in Company: 7 sessions

Painting for Teenagers: 5 sessions

Jewelry /metal craft: 4 sessions

Craft Classes: 5 sessions

Create a Winged Creatures: 2 sessions

Digital Photography: 2 sessions

Creative Photography Workshops: 2 sessions



Create in Company Class



Craft Class

## The Retail Gallery

Our retail area, (which gets periodically re-arranged and moved around the gallery according to whichever exhibition is on) is a small shopping hub, for visitors to purchase unique, handmade local art and craft. Our sales continue to rise, which aids us in our long term goal of economic self sufficiency and also offers another income stream for our members and local artists.



## 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.

We also now have a website [www.kumeuartscentre.co.nz](http://www.kumeuartscentre.co.nz), thanks to volunteer time and energy. Our membership currently stands at 227, with 318 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 261. In the last year (from July 2013 – 2014) we had:

- 204 programmes on offer
- 6569 participants in programmes
- 10,601 visitors to our arts centre
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We are very proud of how far we have come and of our achievements and successes to date.

Thanks to the following funders:

Dec 2012	NZ Lotteries Board	\$59,667.42	Operational Costs: Multi Year (3) (\$18,500 per year: we are now in year two)
Nov 2013	Auckland Council	\$5000.00	Coordination Costs
Dec 2013	ASB Community Trust	\$20,000.00	Operational 7 Programme Costs
Nov 2013	Creative Communities	\$2706.55	7 x Exhibitions in 2014
Feb 2014	Z Energy	\$598.00	Operational Costs
Mar 2014	Lion Foundation	\$1612.80	Scarecrow Festival
Apr 2014	Bayleys Norwest	\$1000.00	Scarecrow Festival
Feb 2014	Auckland Council	\$5813.00	Operational Costs
Mar 2014	National Poetry Day	\$289.00	Open Mic Poetry Night
July 2014	Pub Charity	\$7599.37	Arts in Action 2014
July 2014	Auckland Council	\$20,000.00	Operation Costs

Thanks also to community post for community postage free envelopes.

These funds are gratefully received and used to sustain our services and continue them on into the foreseeable future. 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 to help us achieve our objectives.