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Welcome to MAGIC

Gold Coast MAGIC represents and supports multicultural arts workers on the Gold Coast. See page 4 for our objectives.

Current projects include the production of a book *Children of War*, funded by Arts Queensland, about the thoughts and experiences of migrants who endured war as children. One character in the book is Aldona Milosevic whose father was an army officer during World War II. The book is to be launched December 1st at the Robina library.

The project, *Transcending Identity*, funded by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is an *Artists in Paradise* work. Local visual artists will have an exhibition of their work at the Robina library from 18th November to 1st December. There is also to be a themed exhibition next year, following some advanced art workshops. See Nasrin's report on page 3.

The Gold Coast City Council is planning another extension in the wonderful Botanic Gardens at Rosser Park in Benowa next year – a Children's Garden. GC MAGIC has been asked to design a ceramic tile work. Two years ago MAGIC designed and produced a ceramic tile work, the *Quilt of Diversity* for the Sensory Garden in the Botanic Gardens.



Aldona and her beloved father in the 1930s.



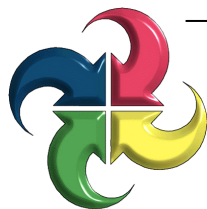
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Right: Project Manager, Nasrin Vaziri with the Mayor, Ron Clarke, at the opening of the Sensory Gardens, October 2007, with the *Quilt of Diversity*.





MAGIC Management Committee 2009

Chelsea Croawell - President

Chelsea was born and has lived all her life on the Gold Coast except briefly in London and Brisbane.

She has been an art and history teacher in schools and taught English as a 2nd language to adults. Her Masters dissertation last year was on emerging culturally & linguistically diverse communities on the Gold Coast and the cultural organizations on the Gold Coast available to them:

"MAGIC is one of the few cultural organizations on the Gold Coast doing fantastic work with amazing projects," she says.

She is passionate about art, heritage and culture.



Mitra Hazini - Secretary

Mitra was born in Iran, grew up in Vienna and has lived and studied in Germany. Two of her children were born in Iran before migrating to the United States because of the revolution in 1979. Her 3rd child was only a baby when the family migrated to the Gold Coast in 1982.

She is an accredited translator & interpreter and speaks four languages.

She is passionate about art, especially expressing her cultural heritage. A series of her paintings depicts the ancient kings of Iran and Persepolis.

Miyuki Muller - Treasurer

Miyuki was born in Japan. She studied at the University of West Virginia in the U.S. for 4 years. In 1988 she visited Australia with her mother for the Expo in Brisbane. Her parent's business in property led her to migrate to the Gold Coast in 1989. She met and fell in love with adventurer/academic, Professor Tom Muller, in 1996. They have a very talented son, Tommi, a gifted artist and pianist.



Nasrin Vaziri - Project Manager



Nasrin was born in Iran. She had a husband & two young daughters when the revolution of 1979 led her to seek a more peaceful place to live. They briefly tried the U.S. but then migrated to the Gold Coast in 1990. Her third daughter was born here.

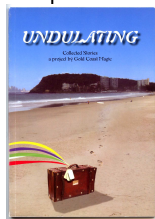
Nasrin has an Honours degree in Arts & Humanities, as well as Certificates in many fields and is working on a higher degree. She designs & coordinates events & projects, is a member of important committees and been presented with awards, including the Centenary Federation Medal.

She started painting in Iran as a hobby and has become an artist in her own right with solo exhibitions.



Project Manager's Report

I would like to welcome Elga to the team of Gold Coast MAGIC, as editor of our monthly newsletter, the *Coast MAGIC*. She has contributed to MAGIC earlier as Secretary in 2008 and as author of our book, *Undulating* – a collection of short stories, highlighting the achievements of some of our senior migrants.



We have had a busy schedule in 2009. After funding the successful *Undulating* publication, Arts Queensland have funded another project – “*Children of War*”, in which people who experienced war in their childhood, share their stories. The book is to be launched in December this year.

Another project is the development of *Artists in Paradise*, an emerging local visual arts group which was launched via an exhibition in November 2008 with financial help from Regional Arts Development Funds. The *Artists in Paradise* group now has 32 artist members and is funded for a series of advanced art workshops & a themed exhibition in 2010.

The Gold Coast City Council invited Gold Coast

MAGIC to design a ceramic tile work for the Children's Garden, which is to be constructed in 2010, as part of the Gold Coast Botanic Gardens. A beautiful design has already been submitted to Council. We will apply for funding from the Public Arts category of Arts Queensland soon.

In June this year GC MAGIC submitted an S2M application for funding to Arts Queensland. This would provide funding for day-to-day operating costs, as well as supporting individual projects. Other funding applications are planned.

Two important criteria of GC MAGIC projects are:

- They are based on the needs of the community.
- They involve a great number of community members.

Consequently the projects are very well received by the community.

I deeply appreciate the Management Committee – Chelsea, Mitra and Miyuki and thank them for their great support in all the activities and projects in 2009. I look forward to our working together in future years.

Nasrin

In art, the best is good enough.

Goethe 1749-1832

Art is the lie that makes us realize the truth.

Pablo Picasso 1881-1973

Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

G Chesterton 1874-1936

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

Scott Adams 1966-

If nothing else is available, clutch at straws.

Jack Gardner 1946-

Dance is the movement of the universe concentrated in an individual.

Isadora Duncan 1877-1927

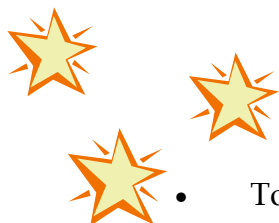
A Scottish student starts his studies at Oxford. After one month's residency there, he is visited by his mother. She asks about the other students.

"They are such noisy people," her son laments. "The student on one side of my room keeps banging on the wall. The one on the other side just screams all night."

"My poor baby, how do you cope with such dreadful noisy neighbours?"

"I try to ignore them, what else can I do? I just sit quietly in my room, playing my bagpipes."

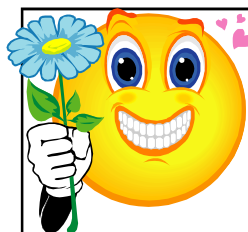




Objectives of MAGIC:

- To promote and foster diversity through arts.
- To enhance public awareness and appreciation of cross-cultural arts and artistic productions.
- To integrate artists from diverse cultural backgrounds, promoting their interests and encouraging development.
- To create networking opportunities among artists from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- To exchange experiences and recognize newly arrived artists.

GC MAGIC is an open window to new ideas for harmony in the community through arts.



Seeking: COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you wish to promote a community event or activity, announce funding availability or discuss an issue??

You can do it here!

You can phone/fax 55347062 or send an email at goldcoastmagic@bigpond.com

GC MAGIC would appreciate your donation for this service.

History of MAGIC

Nov.2000: Gold Coast Mayor, Gary Baildon launches MAGIC in an Opening Ceremony.

2001: workshops and art exhibition in Robina, concerts in Mudgeeraba.

2002: art seminars, fiestas and writing workshops with production of book "Horizon".

2003: fiestas, seminars, concert, production of book "Bitter Sweet".

2004: art workshops, exhibition, festival of diversity with workshops in Nerang.

2005: ceramic workshops.

2006: creation of a database, website and brochure.

2007: "Celebrating Diversity" event in Southport, production of ceramic tile work, the "Quilt of Diversity" for the Botanic Gardens, a series of Fiestas in Broadbeach.

2008: Production of book, "Undulating", formation of "Artists in Paradise" with exhibition.



To achieve great things, two things are needed: a plan, and not quite enough time.

Leonard Bernstein 1918-90

Few people have the imagination for reality.

Goethe 1749-1832