



# Coast MAGIC

Multicultural Arts Group In Collaboration Inc

## MAGIC on show

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### At the opening of the "Artists in Paradise" Exhibition in Robina 19th November, 2009:

President of GC MAGIC, Chelsea Croawell, (left) and Andrew Trump (right), Cultural Planning & Development Officer GCCC. In the background are some of Nasrin Vaziri's paintings.

Andrew opened the exhibition, praising the work of MAGIC and the artists.

"MAGIC has become a major arts organization on the Gold Coast. Its wide range of activities are a

credit to the vitality, commitment and enthusiasm of its members. The quality of work on show at the exhibition is testament to the depth of talent, and the strength of the cultural diversity of the Gold Coast," he said.

*see more photos from the Exhibition page 2 & 4*

### Book Launch

MAGIC's book "Children of War: Migrants to a Land of Hope" is to be officially launched by Professor Amareswar Galla, Chairperson ICOM Cross Cultural Task Force Paris on Saturday, 19th December at 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Robina Library meeting room.



There is to be music from an ancient middle-eastern stringed instrument, the kamancheh, and a light lunch.

For catering purposes please let the Project Manager know by 15th Dec. on 0434932537 or email [goldcoastmagic@bigpond.com](mailto:goldcoastmagic@bigpond.com).

**“Artists in Paradise” on show at Robina 19th Nov.**



Left: *Mitra Hazini* with one of her paintings.



Right: *Aldwyn Altuney* with one of her photographic art works.



Left: *Yvette Barta* with her painting of the Gold Coast.



Right: *Amitis Mesgara* with her portraits of her niece and nephew.



Above: *Alla Parakhenevich* with two of her paintings. Right: *Asha D'Silva* with her work.



## Project Manager's Report

**MAGIC** is reaching new heights in learning, development and activities.

We were funded for "Children of War" by Arts Qld to collect stories of those who left their homeland because of war. Like most GC **MAGIC** works, the project was innovative and exciting. The outcome is a book to be launched 19th Dec. A highlight of this project is that **MAGIC now has an ISBN for all publications with all rights reserved for GC MAGIC.**

The local visual arts group "Artists in Paradise" have completed 20 workshops with qualified local and Brisbane based art workers. An exhibition 19th Nov. to 1st Dec. was well received by visitors. We have been funded by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund – Qld. Govt. for a series of advanced workshops and a themed exhibition in May or Sept. 2010 at the **GC Arts Gallery** – a first for the local arts community!

In May 2009 **MAGICs** ceramic artists were asked to design a 9-metre hand-made tile work for the Children's Garden at the Botanic Gardens. They are being employed by the GCCC so it is great that **MAGIC is now generating income for its artist members.**

Coming projects:

- Another "Migrant Literature" project. A funding application has been made to Multicultural Affairs Qld. Outcome expected soon.

- Work on the Children's Garden design at the Botanic Gardens. Funding application made to Public Art – Art Qld. With expected outcome April-May 2010.

- Employing an admin. officer and registering for GST towards developing the organization.

- "Artists in Paradise" advanced workshops and themed exhibition.

- We welcome any new ideas and opportunity to develop the needs of the community.

My deep appreciation to Chelsea, Mitra and Miyuki. I enjoyed working with them. Also thanks to my fellow artists, members and Elga for producing the Coast **MAGIC** newsletter.

Wishing you the best for Christmas and the New Year ahead.

*Nasrin  
Vaziri*



## Editorial

**MAGICs** AGM was held recently and there is a continuing vibrant committee with Chelsea Croawell still the excellent president and Mitra Hazini secretary. The treasurer is Amitis Mesgara with committee members Miyuki Muller and Farnoush Haeri.

GC **MAGIC** embraces more than just the visual arts (painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture).

**MAGIC** also embraces:

- Writing – stories, poetry, screen-writing
- Performing – music, dance, theatre

Next year we hope to have more publications and more cultural events, besides the art exhibitions and workshops.

Yes, **MAGIC** is more than just displaying, publishing and performing. There are often workshops from experts in the field.

It is all such fun, whether as a participant or as an audience member.

*"The essence of all art is to have pleasure in giving pleasure."*

*Mikhail Baryshnikov*

I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

*Elga Kenins*

(editor)





### 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.



**You are invited** to join MAGIC and be part of the multicultural arts scene in 2010. Membership is only \$10 a year (or \$25 group membership) which will keep you informed of all the happenings and will give you discounts to RIOT art shops and at scheduled events (membership cards to be issued soon).

Remember "multicultural" means everyone. We all come from somewhere, from a multitude of backgrounds, each with something to offer to make us a well-balanced, harmonious Australia.

Membership application forms are available at events (eg. the book launch 19th Dec.) or by emailing MAGIC at [goldcoastmagic@bigpond.com](mailto:goldcoastmagic@bigpond.com).

Web: [www.gcmagic.org.au](http://www.gcmagic.org.au)

### At the opening of the Art Exhibition in Robina 18th Nov.



*Above: Standing in front of Nasrin Vaziri's picture of Varsity Lakes, Councillor **Chris Robbins** (centre) with coworkers Karen Hutchinson (left) and Di Papworth (right). MAGIC shares the office building of this Division 14 Councillor.*

"I was very impressed with the exhibition and congratulate the artists on the quality of the work displayed," Chris Robbins said. "The photos, paintings and artworks on display gave me a great insight into the unique perspective of women whose lives have been enriched by a variety of cultural backgrounds. I look forward to the planned display of new works next year at the GC Arts Centre."