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SUBJECT: KENILWORTH CELEBRATES! – A GREAT STORY

Just one of the many great stories of this fabulous festival occurred during the Masters at Work Exhibition/Demonstration held during the 2009 Festival. This is only one small section of the nine day festival.

The “Masters at Work” exhibition drew together four of arguably the best artists from around Australia to paint the Mary Valley for four days in the same room in the tiny Sunshine Coast hinterland town of Kenilworth - Ross Paterson VIC, Terry Lewitzka SA, John Wilson NSW, Colley Whisson QLD.

I was privileged to spend those four days welcoming the general public to watch these four artists working and discussing their work. They were surrounded by their great art and everyone who attended had an absolute ball with these fair dinkum, wonderfully generous and talented men.

On one day a couple and their two children aged about seven [boy] and twelve[girl] attended. The children were obviously well loved.

I was amazed to watch the young boy watching Ross Paterson Painting. The boy was completely captivated and concentrated on every brush stroke for about 15 minutes. Never moving or taking his eyes off Ross.

This lad obviously had a huge concentration span for a child his age. He then moved to watch Terry Lewitzka and Terry asked if he would like to help him and gave the boy his brush. The boy proceeded to paint some rocks on Terry’s landscape.

As the family were leaving the father suggested that his son should thank Mr Lewitzka for allowing him to help. The young budding artist strode up to Terry with back straight and arm outstretched and said “Thank you very much Mr Lewitzka”. To which Terry replied “You should thank your parents for teaching you such good manners”.

This episode, although it may not seem significant to some gave me a great feeling of exhilaration. It is a wonderful example of people respecting each other no matter how young or old, and the generous nature of the Artist/Tutors who regularly attend the Kenilworth Celebrates! Festival held at the end of September each year. There are still plenty of well mannered people in the world and I think most of them come to Kenilworth in September.

Terry will return this year to teach his excellent 4 day class along with nine other great tutors. He can teach artists of all standards but Really Loves teaching beginners. Come along and enjoy the Kenilworth Experience this year. For more information visit www.kenilworthcelebrates.org.au or phone Rod Bloomer 07 54723088



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“Where Great Art & Good Fun go Hand in Hand”

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