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MONTE LUPO™

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The Monte Lupo Story

The name Monte Lupo was taken from a small pottery village nestled in the hills of Tuscany called Monte Lupo Forentina. Monte Lupo has a unique ceramic history that can be seen in the use of bright, exciting colors and design that can still be purchased today. Another attribute of Monte Lupo Forentina was their skill of sharing responsibilities in the production of ceramic wares - many artists contributed to each piece of work, thus utilising the strengths of each and every individual artist.

Here at Monte Lupo, we employ that same ethos of sharing the responsibilities of production. This ensures a high standard of quality and allows the artists to focus on, and refine, their skills. Not all of employees want to pursue the role of artist and this serves to strengthen the Monte Lupo team, due to the many facets of running a ceramic production studio, retail outlet and business services.

Monte Lupo Services

Multicap is statewide non profit, established in 1962, that provides creative and sustainable support options and services for people with multiple disabilities, and challenging and complex behaviours, their families and carers in Queensland.

In 1991 Multicap established the Monte Lupo Disability Enterprise to provide a career path for people with disabilities who wished to be gainfully employed in an area encouraging creativity and artistic expression. Today Monte Lupo employees over 30 people with a disability and several artists across a number of services

- **Monte Lupo Gift Shop & Studio** - employs 20 people including 10 young artists and provides unique art, giftware and pottery with individual, commissioned, and corporate gifts
- **Monte Lupo Packaging** - employs around 10 people providing packaging and repackaging services, mail outs, collating, hand assembly, shrink-wrapping, laminating and more
- **Centre of Creative Arts** - program for adults with disabilities who are enthusiastic about working toward becoming professional artists.

With minimal training, our Monte Lupo artists have developed a very distinct, individual, naïve style. The artists are able to express themselves freely through several medium including sculpture, painting, pottery, and screen printing. Monte Lupo staff find this freeness in the artwork visually inspiring and exciting. In these artists, one can truly see the infinite expanse of human expression.

Monte Lupo Packaging provides our employees with a disability the support and training needed to develop industry based competency standards and skills. Our employees are provided with the opportunity to be gainfully employed, in a supported work environment.

The Monte Lupo machine operates through individual commitment to a team effort – Creative Collaboration, collaborating to produce the finished product and all that entails from unloading the clay off of the truck to the selling. It's an opportunity for people with disabilities to contribute to a whole, to be a 'creative cog' in a machine that wouldn't operate without them.

Monte Lupo CV of Major Works

Promoting the Monte Lupo artists demonstrates the amazing abilities of people with disabilities and continuing community awareness and appreciation. Our Monte Lupo artists have won a number of awards and have their works on display, with other exhibitions held at various times.

Our employees gain inspiration from personal experience, group workshops, excursions and interacting with customers and clients. Monte Lupo's collective approach has broken down competition barriers that previously called for single entries.

Monte Lupo Exhibitions

- 2001 Cloud flies, Fusion Gallery
- 2002 Snapshots, Fusions, Brisbane
- 2003 Garden dwellers, Fusions, Brisbane
- 2004 Ways of Seeing, Flinders, Townsville
- 2004 Heart, Mind & Soul, Fusions, Brisbane
- 2006 Di-Verge Exhibition, Verge 11th National Ceramics Conference, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
- 2007 Monsters, Mayhem & Moments in Between, Doggett St Studio, Newstead
- 2008 Personal Geographics, Parliament House, Brisbane City
- 2008 Brisbane City Library exhibition program, Brisbane City
- 2008 Multicap star Festival exhibition, Eight Mile Plains
- 2008 Collabora, Many Hands, Monte Lupo shop, Eight Mile Plains
- 2008 Aero plane, plain, plane . Doggett St Studio, Newstead
- 2008 Carnival. Marks and Gardner Gallery. MtTamborine
- 2009 Organical Mechanical Botanical, Doggett St Studio, Newstead
- 2009 Little Red and Friends, Parliament House, Brisbane City
- 2009 Feathers, Fur and Foliage, Doggett St Studio
- 2010 Pass the Salt, Parliament House, Brisbane City
- 2010 Garden Whispers, Marks and Gardener Gallery Mt Tamborine

Exhibitions Participants

- 2004 BOA, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 2004 Champagne Box Auction, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 2005 BOA, Hands on Art, South Bank
- 2005 BOA, Brisbane Powerhouse
- 2006 Teapot Show, Malany
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- 2007 AART.BOXX 07, Sydney Opera House
- 2007 Doggett Street Studio Christmas 2007, 30 Square
- 2008 AART.BOXX 08, Tin Shed Gallery, Sydney
- 2008 Pure Passion, Brisbane Boys Grammar, Brisbane
- 2008 Intersections , Raw Space Gallery. South Bank.
- 2008 Doggett Street Studio Christmas 2008, 30 Square
- 2009 Australian Ceramics Triennale, Chrissie Cotter Gallery, Marrickville, Sydney
- 2009 Organical Mechanical Botanical, Doggett St Studio
- 2009 Doggett Street Studio Christmas 2009, 30 Square
- 2009 Marks and Gardener Christmas Show
- 2010 Brisbane Boys Grammar



Competitions

- 2002 Churchie Emerging Art Award, Churchie Anglican College
- 2003 Nudgee Art Award, Nudgee College
- 2004 Churchie Emerging Art Award, Churchie Anglican College
- 2006 Transformation, Kennedy Centre, Washington, USA
- 2006 Churchie Emerging Art Award, Churchie Anglican College
- 2006 Verge International Conference, Brisbane
- 2006 SWELL, Sculptures by the Sea, Currumbin
- 2006 Teapot Show, Sydney
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- 2007 Churchie Emerging Art Award, Churchie Anglican College
- 2007 Winner of the Peoples Choice Award, SWELL, Sculptures by the Sea, Currumbin
- 2008 Teapot Show, Sydney
- 2008 Winner of Kid's Choice Award, SWELL, Sculptures by the Sea, Currumbin
- 2009 Teapot Show, Sydney
- 2009 Winner of Kids Choice Award, SWELL Sculptures by the Sea, Currumbin
- 2010 Teapot Show, Sydney
- 2010 SWELL, Sculptures by the Sea, Currumbin

Commissions

- 2005 Awards Plaques, Disability Action Week, DSQ
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- 2007 Fiona Goes to the Beach, Harley Park in Labrador, Gold Coast City Council
- 2007 Cubes Seats, Brackenridge Street Upgrade, Brisbane City Council
- 2007 Reward and Recognition Awards, DSQ Brisbane and Toowoomba
- 2008 Toowong Clock Tower, mosaic, Toowong, Brisbane City Council
- 2008 Lawnton rail Station, Queensland Rail
- 2008 Award Plaques, Disability Action Week, DSQ
- 2008 Graystone and Brisbane Technology Park Awards , Charity Event .
- 2008 DSQ Rewards and recognition Awards
- 2009 DS Disability Action Week awards
- 2010 AIM – International Women's day debate – Convention Centre
- 2010 DS Disability Action Week Awards



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Fiona goes to the beach – under construction
Gold Coast City Council



Cube seats - Brackenridge Street Upgrade
Brisbane City Council



Lawnton Railway station – 55 Panels in total



Toowong Clock Tower



Winner of the People Choice Award at SWELL Sculptures by the sea