

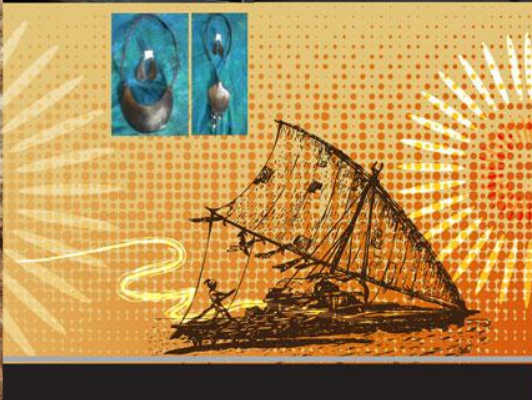
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SAMUELA CABE
Fijian Artist

WHO says one cannot make a good and successful career besides white collar and academic work?
"Not everyone can become a doctor or an academic and people should go for what they have a passion for and what interests them," says a living legend of local art, Samuela Cabe.
Better known as Sam, the inspirational man is a pioneer of art in Fiji. The man from Nasaqalau in Lakeba, believes there is much in life people can do and make a living from but one often gets carried away with the "norm" followed by many people in society. Sam, is a professional jeweler, designer and a qualified water safety instructor.



"I have been interested in art ever since I was a child. I had interest in drawing, painting and designing. I was popular for it in high school and was recognized for my work," said the former Dudley student. Sam got his first break after completing school when he was introduced to international jeweler John Davey, who is now the world's number one magician. "He taught me how to make jewelry, do business and see the beauty of where this profession could take me. Since then I never looked back and my livelihood today depends on what I do.

Sam owns and runs Cabe's Creations from his Laucala Beach home. "I also move around to do my business not only in Suva." Some of his creations and designs include painting and designing clothes, cushion cover, murals, wall hanging, banner illustrations, notice board, etc. The artist buys some of his materials but sources most of it from nature.

Apart from his achievements in the artistic world, Sam is a proud community helper who had been attached with Red Cross as a volunteer for a decade.

"I worked for Red Cross as a youth advocate, medical welfare officer and as a water safety instructor.

"There are a lot of people who are suffering out there and helping them makes me feel good about myself.

"Sharing my knowledge with others is very important. Sharing the little I know with others is very rewarding and satisfying," he said.

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