



November 2015

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Artwork for Phyllis Austin plus artist's statement to be delivered to the Gallery.
Artist's statement can be emailed to:
kingstdio@bigpond.com
- ◆ **11th December:**
Phyllis Austin & Christmas Function
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MacMarkets
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Celebrating 50 years of LCACA at The Grafton

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ARTY FACTS

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Glass artists working at the Zakay Glass Creations Gallery, during the recent bus trip to Lismore Ballina area



This month's report from President and Vice President

Happenings this month have included some follow up from Clarence Valley Council's Heritage office to our plans to do up the Old Tea Room in the Showground. In short, we may be required to make some changes to our plans in respect of the windows, some of which are original and date from the nineteen thirties, reflecting the architecture and building techniques of the day. The builder is quoting to reflect these changes.

A rebranding of our July 2016 Exhibition is currently being prepared by Mal King, to best reflect a celebration of our move from Gulmarrad School to the Maclean Showground.

Ali Merrin has attended a meeting of the Maclean Chamber of Commerce with our Federal Members to obtain an update on latest plans for the new highway upgrade at the southern entrance to Maclean.

Many thanks to our patron, Ian Tiley, for conducting a bus trip for our members in October, visiting several galleries in the Lismore-Ballina area. Suggestions are being taken for another excursion in the New Year.

We have arranged to meet with local Councillor Andrew Baker on 16 November after he suggested including Ferry Park in a list of possible assets Council could do without. Despite Councillor Baker's proposal being rejected by Council, we would like to brief him on our history, on what we do and how important our work is.

Members may be interested in attending an open studio display of the current art of John Millington at his home on Palmers Island on the last weekend in November and the first weekend in December. Details inside. We understand that many of the works are for sale, inexpensive and inspired by the Clarence.

Not to forget the **Phyllis Austin Award**...deadlines are approaching. We would love more entries!

Jenny Thomas and Penny Stuart

Best wishes and Get well soon to Marcia Rutledge, Gloria Lee & Barbara Fowler who have all been in hospital recently and other members whose health hasn't been its best lately.

Creative Needlework

As the year winds down, everyone would like to think their embroideries will be finished before Christmas. In most cases it's only a fleeting thought! Although it's early days, a number of people are busy with preparations towards our 2016 Exhibition. I would like to welcome Sandra Miller who has shown great interest in getting involved in the "hands on" efforts that goes towards all the preparation for the Creative Needlework section. Kaye Grayson has also offered her help in any way possible. Thank you both ladies, it certainly takes some of the pressure of my shoulders. Plans are underway for a Christmas breakup luncheon after class in Dec.

Pam Le Couteur

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

We have received our finished articles back from Western Australia scarf exchange. There was mixed feelings amongst us with the end results but on a whole pleasing.



Our group have decided to hold Christmas celebrations until the New Year because several will be away.

Still meeting every Wednesday between ten and one at Illarwill, in spite of the hold ups on MacFarlane bridge.

Nita

Patchwork & Quilters

Work is underway for the 2016 Exhibition raffle quilt. A design has been decided upon and the fabric has been purchased. We have also decided on our member's challenge and fabric has been purchased for our members to make an Amish block. These blocks will later be made into quilts for charity.

Our members have purchased a number of Pauline Rogers book "Quilter's Handy Guide". We have also purchased one for our library. This book has a lot of handy tips and techniques for Quilt as You Go quilting and a guide to supplies.

Some of our members attended Goonellabah's "Airing of Quilts" and "Patch & Chat" Jacaranda exhibition held at South Grafton.

We have been working with Malcolm King to enter an art quilt into Landscapes of the Clarence exhibition next year. This will be a challenging extension of our expertise and it is a good thing to co-ordinate with other groups of LCACA. Last Tuesday our art quilt ladies brought in their latest creations which, as always were stunning. Elizabeth and Colleen also brought in their Grass trees which were the result of a workshop held at Dorrigo earlier.

Helen Granleese gave us an interesting workshop on hand quilting on 10th Nov. Most of us no longer hand quilt, but it is worth knowing the techniques to make it the best we can for those times that we do use hand quilting.

On 17th November, we are having a workshop on Boro quilting with Jane McDonald who specialises in Japanese fabrics and techniques. Our Christmas party will be held on 1st December with a surprise guest speaker.

Claudette Hough, President ph 6647 7317

ClayWorx

ClayWorx apologises for its lack of reporting of late!

We have however been busy, we are still maintaining although our numbers are depleted.

Creativity is still flowing, figurines, large Ladies and animals, all looking very promising.

We welcome a new member Jennifer Van De Berg into the group, welcome Jennifer.

Wendy Whitton, part time member and experienced potter, has been very generous with her time, having had 2 sessions involving the alchemy of making our own glazes, interesting and most informative.

Wendy also wishes to share her knowledge on SAGAR firings, similar to a RAKU style. We feel very lucky.

Debbie Barnes has been much missed over this past year with her travelling adventures near and far. We expect her back on the 20th November.

Tina Best. Mobile Phone: 0431 406 251

Community Art Space

Brian Doherty will take up an offer to put on an exhibition of his small art works in the Community Art Space from 9th January for the remainder of the school holidays. Brian's work will be for sale. Brian is the artist and teacher who is presenting the art appreciation and art history classes next Feb/March in the Yamba Community Centre.

Maclean, MacMarkets

This time we are having 4 stalls at the MacMarkets on Saturday 2nd January. 1 LCACA and 3 members. This is where we can 'sell' the Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Association and tell people about the groups within the LCACA. We need some volunteers to help man the LCACA stall and talk to people about our groups & the gallery. Call Alison on 0411 190 870 if you would like to help, if only for a short time. This is a great event and well worth a visit.

Open Studio

See the work of noted Australian artist John Millington in his studio home, historic Wisteria Cottage, at 10 Gordon Street, Palmers Island. John and Jann invite you to peruse a wonderful collection of John's recent and earlier works at Open Studio days over two weekends: Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 November and 5 and 6 December between 11am and 6pm. Many of the recent works, in watercolours and pastels, are views of the Clarence, and prices are very fair. Members will recall that John was our Fine Art judge at LCACA's July 2015 exhibition. This is a great opportunity to meet the artist surrounded by his art in his own home, to chat to him about his work, and maybe to pick up something exciting and original for your own walls.

Publicity Report

Having been away for a month which straddled two meetings it seems ages since I've written a report. Needless to say I was able to get things into the newspapers from overseas, the wonders of modern technology. I would like to thank Gloria for getting Arty Facts out in my absence, what a gem she is.

Our facebook page and website have been rather slow of late, I do urge people to visit to see what's going on, don't forget most forms are available to download from the website including the current Phyllis Austin Award.

Alison Merrin

Art Report

The bus trip on the 29th October was keenly attended. All seats were booked and everyone was keenly on time for take-off at 8.45am from Ferry Park. First stop was Lismore Gallery cafe for morning tea. The Lismore "Serpentine Gallery" a small Community Co-op gallery gave us a comparison to our Ferry Park Gallery. These small galleries with their struggle for space and volunteers can be difficult for success. Then onto Bangalow. The "Wind horse Gallery" had a variety of displays, jewelery, fabric, ceramics, art, leatherwork etc. all original works. The Bare Bones Gallery had wonderful original paintings, prints, cards, ceramics and sculpture. Also discovered the Zakay Glass Creation Gallery, world class glass and ceramics. Then the rain came down, didn't dampen our spirits as we sat in the bus for lunch and discussed what we had visited so far. Last call was at Cherry Street Gallery at Ballina. A historical display of surfing photography including a magnificent full wall video screening of surf photography, plus other interesting artefacts in the gallery. Doing well with time we called into New Italy for afternoon tea and to view the museum and gallery there. Arrived back to Ferry Park at the scheduled time. Our thanks again to our driver and organiser Dr Ian Tiley our Patron for making this journey possible, caring and safe. We hope these tours would become popular for more of our members and friends as a larger bus would be more comfortable and less expensive. June Alexander would like some feedback or suggestions from members and friends.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The Lower Clarence Landscapes exhibition at the Grafton Regional Gallery for May 2016

Members are reminder that the Grafton Regional Gallery are holding an exhibition called "Landscapes of the Lower Clarence" 11th May to 3rd July 2016. LCACA members will each be able to submit one entry.

Your entry can be an item of Art or Craft in any medium.

Malcolm King has been ask to curate the exhibition.

Malcolm is looking for the best of the best in all art forms from the members.

This exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the 50th year, Golden Jubilee of the LCACA.

The exhibition aims to showcase the quilters and related textile arts, jewellers, potters, painters, printmakers, photographers woodworkers, and full range of works from our artisan members.

So put on your various creative hats and develop a new work that really inspires.

Malcolm will circulate a flyer over the next few weeks with all the details regarding the gallery space and time frame for entries and delivery.

The LCACA has be given the whole main gallery at GRG for this celebration, so everyone get on board and show the Valley and visitors just how fabulous we all are.

As part of this great show the LCACA quilters and textile artists will develop a work based on a subterranean landscape, created at a community workshop directed by GRG's current Artist in Residence Dr. John Jackson. The work aims to support the GRG in its residency programme as well as providing a unique creative challenge for our textile artists.

Phyllis Austin Award Entry forms are available from the Gallery or download from www.ferrypark.org

Maclean Picture Framing.

Annual Exhibition Sponsor,
Offers discount framing to all LCACA members

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

We have a delightful display for November's Artist of the Month. Pam Le Couteur & Alison Merrin have produced some new & interesting articles. Thank you to them both for their help setting up, good luck with sales.

Can members please have their Christmas goods into the Gallery by Wednesday 25th November in readiness for the December display.

Thank you,

Sonia Stanton & Marcia Rutledge

Artist of the Month

November: Pam Le Couteur & Alison Merrin

December: Christmas Display

Dates for your diary:

11th December: Phyllis Austin Award & Christmas function

2nd January: MacMarkets

9th January: Brian Doherty Exhibition - Community Art Space

11th May - 3rd July 2016:

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Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Good news for all. The Sunday roster is totally filled at this stage. The Saturday roster may need support in 2016. If this becomes necessary, those who did not do duty in 2015 will be asked to do a Saturday sometime throughout 2016.

On that note... a Friend of the Gallery who helps on a Saturday cannot work on BOXING DAY. If you can help out on that day, please contact Suz 0434430754 by phone or text.

It won't be long until December and the special Christmas display in the front of gallery. Changeover day is Thursday 26th November so get your Christmas themed work ready.

8 x 8 entry forms will be available by the end of November. We hope you are all thinking about how you will interpret the theme "my place"

Suz & Penny

Tales from the association

Not finding Nemo - finding Gloria

Recently Gloria went into hospital for a new knee, Marcia was already in Grafton Base Hospital after having a new hip. Marcia enquired as to Gloria's progress before she left on the Friday only to be told she wasn't there! Now on Monday a few of us at Ferry Park were a little concerned as to her whereabouts, so Jenny started ringing around - and around and around once more. After telephoning Grafton, Lismore, Grafton again, then Coffs we gave up for the day as Gloria was nowhere to be found. Suddenly someone had a lightbulb moment and suggested we ring her mobile. Well to our delight Gloria answered, she was put on speaker phone where 4 of us were asking her questions, all at once too. As they say, long story short, Gloria had ended up in John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, courtesy of a plane ride from Coffs, she ended up with a pacemaker as well as a new knee. Get well soon Gloria.

Phyllis Austin Award presentation to be held after the December meeting

Friday 11th December

Christmas Function will follow this at Kings Studio, 105 River St, Maclean.

Members \$10. R.S.V.P to Julie McKenzie

0415 836 194

Visitor numbers for October

4972 (2015) 5151 (2014)

7/10/15 closed due to power interruptions

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The 8 X 8 exhibition is an open exhibition and not just for LCACA members as stated in last months edition of Arty Facts

MEETING TIMES REMINDER

The General meetings of the LCACA are held on the second Friday of each month, at 9.30 am. All Members are welcome to attend and indeed - to meet our constitutional obligations - should try to attend at least three meetings a year.

Next Exhibition meeting Friday 4th Dec: General meeting: Friday 11th December