



October 2015

Up coming events and date claimers.

- ◆ **Exhibition meeting Fri 6th November at 9.30am**
- ◆ **General meeting 13th November at 9.30am**
- ◆ **Nov 20 Phyllis Austin entries are due.**
- ◆ **December 11 Christmas Lunch General Meeting & Phyllis Austin Presentation**
- ◆ **Maclean MacMarkets LCACA stall Sat 2nd January 9.30-12.30**
- ◆ **Jubilee high tea 6th April from 11am 2pm**
- ◆ **Feb 2016 art appreciation classes Yamba Community Centre**
- ◆ **March - April art history classes 3rd March to 7th April 2016 at Yamba Community Centre**
- ◆ **26th march to 26th April 2016 8 x 8 in conjunction with Plunge**
- ◆ **From 28 April 2016: Curated Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery**

ARTY FACTS

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This beautiful display
is by our
our featured artist
for October
Penny Stuart
Well done Penny



Blitzing the Showground, Birthing the Exhibition, Building Community Interactions.

September has been a very busy month for me.. We have made the big change, decided to move the annual exhibition in July to Maclean Showground, negotiated our booking with the Council and other regular lessees, Allan King has written to Gulmarrad School to thank them and wish them well for the future, we made a formal application to the Federal Government for matching funding for the upgrade of the Old Tea Room at the Maclean Showground, and applied to Clarence Valley Council for an increase in our grant to help meet additional costs to staging the Exhibition. My heartfelt thanks to Gloria Lee who has helped me every painful step of the way, particularly with the damned technology. Others who helped at critical points included Marlene Sheehan, Steve Sessions, Suz Monin and June Alexander.

Agreed dates for 2016's Exhibition are now 8,9 and 10 July with opening night on the 7th. Put it in your diaries!

Vice President Mal King has been asked to develop a logo and other designs for a rebadged and retitled Exhibition that celebrates its move to Maclean. We hope he will be in a position to present some options to next month's Exhibition and General meetings for decision. Then we can go ahead with entry forms, sponsorship approaches and publicity and promotions materials. New member Trudy Mullally has offered to step up to take on the steward's position for the photography section at the Exhibition. Thanks so much, Trudy.

And LCACA will be sponsoring a publicly available series of Art Appreciation and Art History lectures and classes early next year at Yamba Community Centre, to be provided by Brian Doherty, who in a long history of teaching and practising Art, taught at Maclean High School in the nineties and helped establish the Grafton Regional Gallery. Details of the classes inside Arty Facts.

Jenny Thomas

President

Reports

Art Group

We have hung a few of our art works in the Old Tea Room Studio and put a small sign outside the building to indicate we were there on Tuesday mornings. We were delighted when some RV campers at the showground came to visit.

October looks like a busy month to work on entries for the Phyllis Austin Award, the Jacaranda Exhibition and thoughts toward the 8x8 competition as well as works for display at the Grafton Gallery 50 year LCACA Jubilee 2016. Also this month we will begin the LCACA day small bus tours, the first one on Thursday 29th October is almost booked out.

Our thanks again to Dr Ian Tiley, our patron, without whom this would not be possible. Ian is prepared to run these arts & crafts tours throughout next year if members and friends are keen to participate. So put your suggestions forward as to the art and craft events or venue you would like to visit in this area or nearby.

Phyllis Austin Trophy for LCACA Members 2015

Dates to Remember:

Friday 20th November: Entry forms to be returned to Gallery

Friday 27th November: Artwork & artist's statement due.

Friday 11th December: Official Opening and presentation with judges

Rhonda Tetley & Peter Daley

Fri 8th Jan entries collected.

Contact Julie on 66452042

Email: kingstudio@bigpond.com

Patchwork & Quilters

On 16th September we enjoyed a visit to Evans Head for the Far North Coast Quilters Gathering Zone Day. It was a fun day with lots of "show & tell", lucky door prizes, raffles and shops and a guest speaker. The charity this year "Quilts for Love" were donated 283 small baby quilts from all over the North Coast.

On 29th September we had a UFO (unfinished objects) day where we brought in something we had started and not finished. Some very interesting projects were unearthed. The oldest one was 27 years old. It has inspired us all to delve into our cupboards in search of "buried treasure".

Our members attended and enjoyed both the Lawrence Quilt Show and Quota Club Craft Show during September.

This week Wilga showed us more techniques using different sewing machine feet. These were very interesting and informative.

Some of our members attended the Brisbane Craft Fair and Quilt Show this week.

Claudette Hough
President PH 66477317

With Summer fast approaching we will be using the Air Conditioner more often. Can you please make sure that they are turned off. at the end of the day.

Publicity will be back next month now that our Publicity Officer has returned home. Was looking a bit sleep deprived on Friday.

People counter September 2015

5050 up from 4833 in 2014
and also up from August - woo hoo!

Notices and events

***Landscapes of the Lower Clarence:* GRG Jubilee Display**

24-28 April: Enter a work in the Grafton Regional Gallery's curated exhibition, *Artists of the Lower Clarence*, which is open to all arts and crafts, on the theme of *Landscapes of the Lower Clarence*.

At this stage we are looking for 50 works. All member artists and artisans are invited to submit original work.

Contact : Mal King 66452042

Jubilee Year: John Jackson Art Quilt

The patchworkers and quilters have decided to create a very special quilt next year as a tribute to our Jubilee Year. They are going to create a quilt referencing the Landscapes of the Lower Clarence, utilising the art work of John Jackson, the geologist/painter, whose work is on display at KingStudios in Maclean throughout October. Ultimately we hope this quilt will become a signature work for display in the Exhibition of our current work being curated by Grafton Regional Gallery for our Jubilee year.

Golden Jubilee High Tea

A High Tea will be held at the Gallery 11am-2pm on Wednesday 6th April, to honour our original and veteran members and workers. If you are able to assist by conveying one of our guests to the Gallery and returning them home after the event, contact Suz or Penny or leave a message at the Gallery.

Get Ready: **my place** 8x8 in 2016

Entry forms and canvases are almost ready for our Jubilee Year 8x8, conducted along similar lines to our wildly successful 2015 8x8 as part of Council's Plunge festival. This time the theme is **my place**. Any medium, any craft, so long as it fits within the measurements of your canvas. You must be a member to enter, but you don't have to be an exhibitor.

2016 Art Appreciation Classes 2016 Art History Classes

LCACA has booked the Yamba Community Centre Meeting Room for ten consecutive Thursdays from Thursday 4 February through to and including Thursday 7 April. Each Thursday our Member Brian Doherty, Art Teacher and practising artist, will give a class between 1pm and 2pm and the same class again at 4pm-5pm, so attendees can choose between a lunchtime class and a late afternoon class. The first course, for the four Thursdays in February, is in Art Appreciation and will cost \$20 for LCACA members and \$25 for non members. The second course, Art History, commences on 3 March and runs for six weeks until 7 April. It will cost \$30 and \$35 respectively. If people sign up for both courses the overall charge will be reduced to \$40 and \$45.

Each course is limited to fifteen people (ie 30 people between both the lunchtime class and the afternoon class on a Thursday).

This course will be advertised to the public, so if you are interested you can get in early by paying your money through contact with June Alexander.

Library Drawing Workshops

Members are advised of three free art workshops, offered by local artist Margot Grant, at libraries in Maclean Yamba and Iluka this month. First one is in Iluka library (ph 66466542) between 10am and noon, 16 October – charcoal drawing.

Second one is at Yamba library (ph 66462811) on October 21, 10am –noon, mixed media and collage. Third is at Maclean (ph 66453611) on 23 October – monoprinting.

Contact the library to secure a place.

LCACA Christmas Lunch in association with Phyllis Austin Presentation, Friday 11 December

Ferry Park Gallery

One of our long time members Willie, is downsizing and has 2 sewing machines and a sewing cabinet advertised on Gumtree. If you are interest the ad numbers are 1091189897, 1091196220 and 1091195598

Maclean MacMarket

If you were considering holding a stall at Maclean MacMarkets, spaces are running out. A good opportunity for 2 or 3 of our members to get together to sell their work. Cost is \$50 stall. Check out the Maclean Village website or write to PO Box 273 Maclean

Our First Magical Mystery Art Tour: Riches of the Richmond

Date: Thursday 29 October
Visiting galleries in Lismore, Bangalow and Ballina. Bring a picnic lunch.

Still a couple of seats available. So be quick or you will miss out.

Contacts: June Alexander (66462191) or Anne White (66453608)

Wow Yamba Trophies!

Steve Verran of Yamba Trophies has offered to supply rosettes and ribbons to be used in conjunction with the 8 x 8. The offer is gratefully received.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Entry forms for next year's 8 x 8 are almost ready. The event, with the theme of 'my place', will be held again at Ferry Park Gallery from the 26th March - 26th April 2016, in conjunction with CVC's Plunge Festival.

The opening night and presentation will be Friday 1st April at 6pm, cocktails.

During the 8x 8 event, on 6th April, at 11am, there will be a High Tea for our long time members and others interested.

Suz is in the process of preparing applications for the Plunge booklet for the 8x8, the High Tea and Ferry Park as a destination on the Artists' Trail.

Big thanks to Pam and Norma for their efforts in getting us all on that bus to Brisbane to the Quilt and Craft Fair. What an eye opener for us non quilters! Fabulous day!

My winter crocheting project (first rug) has been guided by several gallery friends who know how. What a wealth of knowledge and skills we have collectively, so freely shared. A working creative makers community!

Penny and Suz

Wow Show Society!

The Maclean Show Society have made an unsolicited donation to the LCACA to help us with the cost of moving the 2016 exhibition to the Maclean Showground. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks.

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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.

Exhibition meetings will be held the week before - the first Friday on the month at 9.30am. All welcome to contribute or attend.