



ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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- **WOW! Phyllis Austin results**
- **See our NEW WEB ADDRESS above**
- **Open your wallets and purses:
2014 memberships due soon.....**



Mine's Bigger Than Yours...Shirley Schofield and Pat Jenkins at Pat's workshop on painting acrylics as watercolours in the Old Tea Room

COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

4 Jan 2014	3pm opening Rochelle Summerfield Exhibition King Studio Maclean
8 Jan 2014	Spinners resume
14 Jan 2014	Patchworkers resume
Feb – 1st week	Embroiderers resume (But see inside for details)
4 Feb 2014	Art resumes
Feb	Double Page spread in Daily Examiner to mark 20 years for Ferry Park Gallery

**IF FOR ANY REASON YOU CANNOT DO YOUR DUTY
IN THE GALLERY PLEASE ..PLEASE..NOTIFY US.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to all members for their kind thoughts when **Evol** was recently taken ill. We were touched by the arrival of a lovely bunch of flowers from LCACA.

And many thanks to **Penny Stuart** for her wonderful effort, for the third year running, in managing the Phyllis Austin award. There is a great display in the members' room and a good number of entries. This year's judge was **Anne Falkner** who did a great job in considering the variety of art and craft entries. Many thanks to **Anne** - and to her helpers, **Marcia** and **Sonia**. You will see a list of past winners above the door in the Members' room. Special congratulations to our winner, **Mal King** and to **Liz Slater** and **Bobbie Winger** for their highly commended awards.

This month we have welcomed back a couple of our overseas trippers so we should be back to strength generally. As usual, wonderful people like **Liz** and **Suz** and **Gloria** stepped in.....This is the last month however that we will have **John Le Couteur** as our Secretary. We wish him all the best for a more relaxed future and thank him for his sterling efforts in support of LCACA. The Committee is currently looking at splitting the work he has done so there is a more manageable workload for a future Secretary. Any member with skills or an interest in secretariat or related work is welcome to make their interest known to members of the Committee.

Entry forms for the 2014 Exhibition should be available on the Ferry Park Gallery counter over the Christmas break and we will also be seeking a meeting with the Gulmarrad P&C President to clarify arrangements for catering.

Allan King

THANKS LIZ SLATER...

...for stepping in to produce Arty Facts in my absence overseas. It was great and so are you....The Ed.

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.

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

The group have had another busy year producing a variety of beautiful projects, some of which are completed, while others are still in progress.

This has been a week of break-up parties. Last Saturday the Ferry Park ladies wound up their year with a luncheon at the Ferry Park Restaurant. On Monday **Marcia's** group's year culminated with lunch at the home of **Heather Grant** in Yamba. On Wednesday a combined break up of **Sue Porter's** Monday group, **Pam's** silk ribbon ladies, **Norma Dunne's** beading and jewellery ladies and the Maclean branch of the Embroiderers Guild of NSW was held at the home of **Norma Dunne** at Gulmarrad. A lot of fun was had by all. Many of us are involved in all those groups, thus some very tired bodies. A big "thank you" to **Norma** for her hospitality.

Friday evening will complete a very hectic week when we front up at Ferry Park for the presentation of the Phyllis Austin Award and the LCACA Christmas Party. Then the diet begins!

Most Embroidery groups will resume their activities in the first week of February 2014. The Ferry Park group with **Sue** will resume on the first Saturday in February followed by **Sue's** Monday afternoon group on the first Monday, **Pam's** silk ribbon group will meet on the first Wednesday, but **Norma** will not resume her beading and jewellery group until the third Wednesday. In 2014 the Maclean Embroiderers Guild will meet at Ferry Park with the Saturday Ferry Park group on the third Saturday of each month.

On behalf of all embroiderers I would like to pass on our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Pam Le Couteur

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

Our Christmas luncheon was held in the hall on the 27th November. We all had a great day, and it was lovely to see **Ann McPherson** attending.

On 20th November **Lyn Sim**, who now lives at Ocean Shores, made a surprise visit. We spent the morning catching up on all the news.

Next year the Scarf Exchange will be held by the Gumeracha (South Australia) Spinners and Weavers.

We will be finishing the year on 18 December and starting back on 8 January 2014 at Illarwill on Wednesdays between 10am and 1pm. As always, new starters and people who are just curious will be very welcome.

Wishing all a Happy Christmas; and good health in 2014.

Nita Barnsley

Patchwork and Quilters –

As the year comes to a close it is a good time to reflect on the past year. Has it been creative? A big YES! Has there been community and friendship? Another big YES! So as we look back we can be proud of our year and the support we have given each other.

In the past month we have started to celebrate a little with a lovely Christmas Party. Many thanks to **Sheryl, Helen, Wilga, Linda** and **Diane** who organized for us - and we enjoyed the challenges. **Wilga** won the environmentally-friendly market bag challenge with a potato bag featured in her entry. Second was **Beth** featuring some of her lino prints. We were all pretty poor at identifying the baby photos and what came out of whose purse but it was all good fun.

The raffle quilt is ready to put together. A big thank you to **Colleen** and everyone else who took a hand. **Wilga** will put it together with the borders in the New Year.

Last Tuesday we had a bag making day. The pattern was called 'A Vintage Button Bag' and as it came together we were very pleased with the way it worked. Some lovely fabrics were used and it was a chance to use up some of our vintage buttons as an embellishment. It was nice to hear all the machines whirring.

This week we had our last Art Quilts in a Box. Although the numbers were down we had our core of quilters who have completed all ten challenges. Some very interesting techniques have been used this month. Next year we are going to continue with a new and different setup.

Our member **Betty Harris** is unwell and we all wish her the very best. You are in our thoughts, **Betty**.

Merry Christmas, everyone. We restart on 14 January.

Elizabeth Buzzell
President MP &Q

CLAYWORX shows off some of their fired pieces. Great work!



Art and Exhibition Reports



VALE BILL MARSHALL

Bill & Joan came from Sydney and joined the L.C. Arts Group early in the 1970s. They diligently supported the Group and Bill became a very active President for 10 years. Joan taught painting. Bill was a woodworker, taught pottery and worked in leadlight. After they retired from their business in Tyndale they moved to Woolgoolga where they joined the Woolgoolga Art Club and shared their talents there.

Bill & Joan became LCACA's first life members in 1987. Bill was every Member's friend and his work was greatly appreciated by all.

Passed away 12/12/13

ART GROUP: Old Tea Room a Hit

A busy month for LCA. Our first art meeting in the Old Tea Room at the Showground turned into a buzz of activity. We had 17 keen artists attend Day 1 of Pat Jenkins' workshop on acrylic as watercolour technique. The room is a good large space but it has no ceiling under the metal roof and the heat proved a challenge. We were able to use the Show Society's heavy old trestle tables that day but we have new tables on our shopping list.

We are considering having a working bee to clean up the space and make it as attractive as possible for artists to paint, work, meet, and display their work in. We already have had some great ideas put forward by members for activities and improved arrangements and would also welcome your thoughts and involvement.

Pat will deliver Part 2 of the workshop early next year.

Our following Tuesday Art became a trip to Tintenbar for twelve of us plus two spouses to visit David Lane in his stunning Studio/Gallery there. David was most welcoming and we loved the Exhibition of his latest work and enjoyed the marvellous gardens he and his wife have created over thirty years. Wow.

This week we celebrated our end of year deliciously by sharing lunch at the Marina Cafe in Yamba.

Our last Arts Day in 2013 is Tuesday 17 December at the Old Tea Room. We reconvene on Feb 4 2014.

Nicole Rodgers organised a well-attended life drawing class with a life model in the Fine Arts Pavilion on Friday 6 December and we are hoping this can become a regular activity during 2014. Thanks to Tina Best for preparing the pottery room so the class could be held there.

June Alexander

JUNIOR ART : SOME PHILOSOPHY FROM KERRIE

The current display is from Maclean Public School.

These schools displays feature a variety of subjects and abilities from all age levels. It's always great to see young artists expressing themselves and their ideas without a teacher's ideas overshadowing their natural ability. Community art breaks the boundaries of school set curriculums, and allows the artist to shine. Our Junior Arts displays attract smiles rather than criticism, which makes my job really enjoyable.

Next year I hope to continue as Junior Art Coordinator. I have some new ideas which I hope to share. Please spread the word that we are looking for school groups to exhibit; and help to hang the artworks and design the display, so keep in touch and have a great Christmas break. Contact **Kerrie Howland** Junior Art Coordinator

Rochelle Summerfield EXHIBITION: *She's ferrying* KING STUDIO MACLEAN 4 January to 2 February Opening 4 Jan from 3pm. Artist talk 5 Jan 11am.

Contact Mal: 66452042 or 0432 719 402

The Green Room Group – Art as happiness...

This group continues to be productive and creative with happy results since my return from my three month break in Europe. We break for four weeks at Christmas time.

We have chosen a flexible approach to teaching and some days are more successful than others, depending on the health and happiness of our artists. The aim is always for the group to be engaged in an activity and generally have it finished to take home. A lot of paint gets splashed around!

I am always looking for new ideas and would be grateful if any of the Members could help with that. The carers at the Green Room are helpful and often involve themselves in the activity- fulfilling a need for them also.

My good wishes to you all for a happy Christmas and joy in the New Year.

Babs Willsdon.

Yamba Picture Framing 6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba, Our Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members. Phone Jane on 66463477

JULY 2014 EXHIBITION NEWS

- Entry forms are now completed for each competitive section and for miniatures. Plans for their distribution are being drawn up. Currently they are available on the website, and at the Gallery.
- A complementary Miniatures display (no larger than A5 size in any medium) and sale is being planned, based around the theme "Serendipity" in all sections. Each art/craft section will have an entry form for miniatures. We are hoping to display them in local businesses as the Exhibition draws near to invite viewer's choice entries and to encourage sales.
- Start planning your entries in a miniatures display now!

MINIATURES DISPLAY AND SALES PLANNED

GALLERY: Marcia is away until 16 January, so Sonia is the contact in the interim! Mal King and Julie McKenzie are our Artists of the Month in Jan/Feb, setting up from Boxing Day. Thanks to members for the great Christmas Display which is selling well.
Sonia Stanton

Mal King wins Phyllis Austin Award

Mal King has been awarded the prestigious Phyllis Austin Award for excellence among our Members with his magical mixed media print *Magpie 1*.

Liz Slater and **Bobbie Winger** received highly commended awards for Liz's fantastic landscape in acrylic, *Afterlife*, and Bobbie's exquisite sterling silver and haematite necklace, *Vicious Circle*.

CONGRATULATIONS

NEXT YEAR'S EXHIBITING MEMBER CONTRACTS AND FEES DUE

See the forms accompanying this newsletter

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

While the **Phyllis Austin Award** is open to all members of the LCACA, 17 of our Ferry Park Exhibitors have entered work in this prestigious award. Congratulations to all! (Don't forget to make a Viewers' Choice vote.) Many thanks to **Anne Falkner** for her thoughtful and careful judging of the Award.

We hope you have been able to read the **Gallery Update** in the sign-on book at the Gallery. This is one way of keeping up to date on what has taken place at the meetings, but, we would love all members to come along to meetings to take part in the running of the gallery.

The Sunday Roster for all of 2014 is almost ready. If you know you are going away, please contact Suz 66451270, so she can make any changes necessary before it is published.

Following the roster meeting in November, most problems seem to have been sorted and **rosters are now posted for the first half** of 2014. Make sure you have collected yours from the office notice board and note your days.

Thank you for all that you do to help make the Gallery run smoothly and professionally.

We are hoping to purchase some display cubes from Ann Falkner's 'Art of the Clarence' Gallery in Grafton. This should continue to improve the overall appearance of our gallery display. Thanks, **Dennis**, for fixing that 'impossible' blind! So much easier now!

Season's Greetings to all.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

New Members

Congratulations and welcome to

- Ashkon Delnawaz(art),
- Alanna Essex (Gallery volunteer) and
- Susan Porter (Embroidery tutor)

Publicity Report -20th Anniversary spread in DE in February

The Artist of the Month was published on the Clarence Valley Culture website, the Destination NSW website and sent to the free papers. I have contacted the deputy editor of the Daily Examiner regarding the two page editorial in February to mark the 20th anniversary of Ferry Park. She is due back into the office Thursday 12 Dec so more soon..

Alison Merrin 0411190870

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