



ARTY FACTS APRIL 2013

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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Fay Farnham receives her life membership from Maclean Patchwork and Quilters' Alison Merrin

MEETING TIMES REMINDER

The Committee and General meetings of the LCACA are held on the second Friday of each month, at 8.30 am and 10am, respectively. All Members are welcome to attend and indeed - to meet our obligations -should try to attend at least three meetings a year.

COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

19 April 10am	Viewing the Chatsworth Island Hall
27 April	ThisisArtmarket Grafton Showground
4-5 May	Weekend Print Workshop King Studio
8 May	Potters are back in the Pavilion
21 May 9.30 am	Art group's paper-making morning Maclean Showground.

PRESIDENT'S AGM REPORT

Congratulations to those people taking up new positions after the AGM, helping ease the load on others. *Gloria Lee* has taken up the role of Assistant Treasurer, *Suz Monin* is taking on the role of Minute Secretary, and *Jenny Thomas* is a new Vice President.

In response to our approach to Clarence Valley Council about the urgent need for improved maintenance of the Ferry Park site, we have had some very good news. Council has allocated \$60000 to repairs and painting, and the Mayor and others will be visiting us to talk about our needs.

Last month I talked about the urgent need for someone to coordinate our efforts when there is a flood threatened. We are very happy that *Christine Snee* has offered to take on that role -watching for flood reports, warning people, and coordinating efforts to lift goods. Thank you, *Chris*.

Our Exhibition planning is well under way and going according to plan. From the end of next week there will be a chart in the Office for volunteers to put their names against the various tasks that will need to be done in the Exhibition week and in the clean up afterwards. It is my hope that anyone who exhibits in the Exhibition will put their name against a job.

Allan King

Don't keep your good ideas to yourself or just grumble about us to your mates...come along and tell it like it is!

Future Directions for LCACA - A Planning Meeting after the AGM

Your 2013 LCACA Committee is holding a meeting to look at where we are going and where we should go as an organisation; and to make plans for our future. All interested Members are welcome to attend our independently facilitated discussion.

WHERE? Ferry Park meeting room

WHEN? 4.30 pm (so workers can attend)
Wednesday 29 May

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

With the Exhibition drawing nearer, I have been getting information out to as many people as possible. *Sue Porter* will be holding workshops each day of the Exhibition, offering people the opportunity to learn to make Dorset Buttons. We are also organising a display of vintage embroidery, so hopefully there will be some beautiful old "memories" on show. The extra information has been attached to the Creative Needlework entry forms.

We have been most fortunate in getting the services of an accredited embroidery judge from Brisbane this year. She is also the President of the Queensland Embroiderers Guild. She was very excited to be invited and is really looking forward to seeing our local talent.

Our Ferry Park Group is well into new projects. I don't know yet how many will be ready for the Exhibition, but we will wait and see.

My group of silk ribbon embroiderers is powering ahead with their projects. The ladies are enjoying the challenge and doing well.

Pam LeCouteur

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

All is proceeding smoothly as usual. *Chris Lokes* is ready to bring in the last lot of wool for the July raffle.

Nita Barnsley

Maclean P & Q Awards Life Membership to Fay Farnham

In 1989, Wilga Bolton was asked by LCACA to start a patchwork group. Six ladies turned up in that October and Wilga was the seventh.

Fay Farnham was one of the six ladies that day. They were taught to make their own cardboard template and cut the fabric with scissors to make a block. Much has changed since those early days, and our membership is now over 40.

At this year's AGM of the Patchwork & Quilters Group, Fay Farnham was made a life member in honour of her long and wonderful contribution.

Clay Worx

Activities are progressing despite the fact that we have had to vacate the Pavilion for the next few weeks to accommodate the Show. We should be able to resume there on Wednesday 8 May.

In the meantime some clay workers have been continuing their work in my studio. We are a bit cramped, but we are managing to finish the items that need glazing for our next firing. The pieces completed for the Exhibition, if dry enough, will undergo the bisque firing. So far everything is on track.

We have had to break up the plinths and dispose of them – they were awkward, heavy and we had nowhere to store them.

Yesterday, with *June Alexander* and *Jenny Thomas*, I attended a meeting at Clarence Valley Council to discuss with *Anne D'Arcy* the possibility of leasing the Chatsworth Island Hall for the Art group, and the potters as well. I felt the meeting went well. A good proposition was presented and we covered all areas, arguing the benefits not only to ourselves but to the community. I felt *Anne* was suitably impressed with the thoroughness of the proposal.

Debbie Barnes

Patchwork and Quilters –

Well, we have a new Committee -after some arm twisting – and all should run as usual. Thankfully Alison has agreed to be our LCACA rep. This will provide continuity for both groups. The Committee has decided to meet before each LCACA general meeting to voice concerns and generate ideas.

The raffle quilt is almost finished thanks to the hard work of *Alison Merrin*, *Fay Farnham* and *Wilga Bolton*. It is looking stunning. Hopefully, tickets will rush off the books.

The new librarians have started on a clean-up of our cupboards. *Marlene* has agreed to archive our old paperwork so we have a history of the Group. *Fay's son* came in to build us some extra shelves, and it is all coming together.

Our second Art Quilt In A Box was shown on Tuesday and there is quite a bit of creativity creeping in. The little quilts were all intriguing. Next month we have the topics of "tea time" or "trees" and we will be using the element "value".

Our May retreat is organised with eleven retreaters at Evans Head. We are looking forward to some fun and games and sewing too.

Elizabeth Buzzell. President. MP&O

Grafton Regional Gallery News: Mature Masters: Improving with Age

The Gallery has arranged a number of gallery tours for seniors on 14 May, 11 June, 13 August, 8 October and 10 December, each one beginning at 2 pm, covering different exhibitions.

Art Group Paper- making, Maclean Showground

21 May 9.30am.

(All equipment provided). If you are interested call *Debbie Barnes* (66459053) or *Chris Snee* (66455197) and start collecting paper. Collect the best quality you can find in colours that interest you with minimal printing on it. Then consider what inclusions you might like in the paper, such as fibres, foil, tissues etc. The paper needs to be torn into pieces about 30mm across and soaked in a bucket of cold water the night before.

Corindelo Arts & Crafts (Yamba) - Forthcoming Workshops

Water Colour for beginners to intermediate Wednesdays or Saturdays. Commencing Sat 4th or Wed 7th May for four consecutive weeks, 2-4.30pm, course fee \$100.

Hand building pottery classes Monday and Thursday evenings 5.30-7pm

Kids After School pottery classes Thurs 3.30 -5pm

Ph 66468338, qualified instructors.

KING STUDIO MACLEAN

WEEKEND PRINT WORKSHOP 4-5 May – Introduction to Screen Printing

A comprehensive overview involving the creation of graphics, the development of photo stencils and the actual printing on to fabric or paper. Includes all materials, morning and afternoon tea. 10am-4pm.

Min of 6 people. Bookings essential. Cost pp \$150. Contact Malcolm (ph 66452042 or 0432 719 402)

ART GROUP

We have been discussing future plans to sustain Arts interests in the LCACA, consistent with the Objects of the Association. We have been concerned about the waning of the strength of the Art group in recent years, so we put together a proposal outlining some of the reasons for this together with a proposed solution. We decided we needed a home base with space and storage facilities, which could increase the involvement of the wider local art community and ultimately our membership.

Arts Group member and LCACA Vice President *Jenny Thomas* put together a good detailed proposal and submitted it to our patron, *Ian Tiley* (with the approval of the LCACA Executive) to ask for guidance on approaching Clarence Valley Council to lease the Chatsworth Island Hall with a view to developing it as an Art Centre for the Lower Clarence.

We have now outlined our plan to *Anne D'Arcy*, Manager of Social Planning and Cultural Development with CVC. *Jenny Thomas*, *June Alexander* and *Debbie Barnes* (Clayworx convenor) met with her this week and obtained constructive advice about the process of submitting a formal submission to Council. We can expect the process to take several months as it seems likely to involve development of a business plan and wide consultations on our part including with Council's Cultural committee, local artists and potters and the folk of Chatsworth Island before Council itself holds community consultations on the matter.

But for now, **interested members of LCACA are invited to meet at the Chatsworth Island hall at 10am on Friday 19 April to view the hall and discuss the ideas.**

June Alexander

THIS IS ART MARKET

Sat 27 April The Barn Grafton Showground 9am-3pm

Opportunity for artists to sell their work at stalls manned by the artists themselves

Enquiries: info@thisisartmarket.com

Clarence Valley Council's Draft Cultural Plan 2013-16

....is currently available for public viewing until 4pm Friday 26 April. If you are interested, there is a copy in the Ferry Park office. Submissions can be made to CVC in respect of the draft in that period.

New Members.

We welcomed in March:

-Tanya Smith, who specialises in uniquely handcrafted childrens' clothing, dolls, handbags and the like. Although she has always been interested in craft, her current interest was triggered by the birth of her children and she has been working in this way for the past two and a half years.

-Penne Carr, who has joined the Maclean Patchwork and Quilters.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Penny will buy the planned new jewellery cupboards from Ikea when she is next in Queensland.

Prizes for the Exhibition raffle have been decided: 1st prize is a Pam Birrell painting; 2nd is a Von Pickens sculpture; 3rd is a Penny Stuart pendant. A big thank you to all those who put their work forward. The Exhibition Committee looked at them all carefully before choosing the prizes.

Please remember that all exhibiting members are required to make a donation to our ongoing monthly Gallery raffles.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

Gallery Coordinators' Report

Worth a look: this month the featured Artist of the Month is the very talented Kim McKenna with her leather art and useful items such as belts, sun visors, wallets and bags.

The Gallery is always under constant change as we endeavour to create a fresh look.

There are four new exhibiting members on display this month: Julie McKenzie and Malcolm King are artists and print makers; Carol Goodwin with her embellished silk and wool items; and Michele and Colin Saunders' DVD's with original music set to wonderful local pictures.

Marcia Rutledge

Sonia Stanton

The Big Exhibition Raffle.

Members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets while they are on duty in the Gallery and to consider taking a book home with them to sell to friends and family.

**Gallery opening hours on ANZAC Day are
11am-5pm**

Publicity Report – The website is now fully up and running with Artist of the month and Arty Facts now updated by me. I have added a folder in the photo section covering last year's exhibition. The Phyllis Austin page has had the text from the brochure added and I'll be creating a folder in the photo section to add photos taken at last year's award. An article was published this week advising that entries are now open with entry forms available for download at the website, notification of the winners of the raffle have also been added to this article. The spaces for advertising have now been added with initial interest looking promising. Hopefully we can raise sufficient funds from this to cover the cost of the website hosting as well as for the printing of the flyers. I have also been pledged \$100 sponsorship for the flyers from Motel Maclean and in return their advertisement will be shown at the bottom. I spoke to the Review regarding the advertisement for the AGM being published in the wrong place and they have agreed to refund us \$55, I was informed that it's policy for them to offer half price ads for not for profit organisations.

Alison Merrin 0411190870

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