



# ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was great to see the interest of Members at the extraordinary meeting we had last Wednesday to discuss changes proposed to the layout of the Gallery. There was much interest in the topic and the meeting was well attended, orderly, and some good ideas were discussed. Further discussion will be held, and members will have an opportunity to express their opinions in a survey which is distributed with this month's Arty Facts. I urge all members and exhibiting members to make sure they take the time to complete and return the survey.

Thank you to all members who have contributed in many ways to make the year such a successful one for the LCACA. In particular I appreciate the work of the Roster officers, Gallery Co-ordinators, Committee members and most recently **Penny Stuart** for her excellent work organizing the Phyllis Austin Award, entries, judging and presentation.

At the Phyllis Austin presentation/ Christmas Party we witnessed a rare occasion.... a politician was left speechless. We presented our Patron and former Mayor/Councillor, **Dr Ian Tiley** with an Honorary Membership of the LCACA in appreciation for all he has done for us over many years. **Dr Tiley** has pledged to help us in any way that he can in the future.

On that note I wish everyone a safe and Happy Christmas and good fortune for the New Year.

**Allan King 66477080**



The Green Room –nope, no green there -displaying some of our Artists' work. Thanks to **Babs Willsdon**.

### Put Some Colour in your Life

If you aren't already aware of this weekly TV program for artists and creative people, take the opportunity to catch up with it. It airs weekly on Sundays Channel 4ME at 7 pm and there are links to a website. The aim is to create a library of art, creativity and artists, documenting their work and techniques and offering marketing opportunities too.

<http://www.colourinyourlife.com.au>

### COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

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| 8 Jan 2013 | Art Group Visit to Regional Gallery to view Archibald Exhibition. |
| 11 January | Spinners and Weavers resume.                                      |
| 15 January | Patchworkers and Quilters resume meetings.                        |
| 17 January | Next Exhibition meeting, 9am.                                     |

### 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.

## **Creative Needlework**

We are winding down after a wonderfully successful year of embroiderers doing what they do best. It culminated with our final session on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, which was followed by a luncheon at the Ferry Park restaurant.

To our tutor, Sue, we must say a big "Thank you" for her time and patience with us all. Our time spent together is truly rewarding in many ways.

On behalf of the Ferry Park Embroidery Group, I would like to pass on our very best wishes for a safe festive season and a happy and healthy year in 2013.

## **Spinners and Weavers**

Our Christmas Party was held on our spinning day at the hall. We all enjoyed the day, with **Anne McPherson** attending the festivities. We started our Christmas break on 14 December and resume meeting next year on 11 January, still on Friday mornings from 9.30-12.30, at least until restoration of the McFarlane Bridge is completed.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy Christmas and New Year.

**Nita Barnsley 66453197**

## **Patchworkers and Quilters -**

Last month we sadly said goodbye to one of our members **Christine Slack**, who, together with her husband **John**, moved back to the UK. We managed to surprise her with morning tea and lunch; she had no idea what we had arranged for her and was quite emotional when she was presented with a present containing a heart block from each of the members. She said she would make them up into a quilt to remind her of all the friends she had made at the group.

At the end of November we had our Christmas party, held at the Maclean RSL. The winner from last year's challenge chooses a tea or coffee cosy for this year's challenge. There were two sections, novelty and traditional, with a prize for each section. The entries were of a high standard with **Marcia Rutledge** and **Elizabeth Buzzell** the winners.

**Marcia and I** went to Lismore to purchase the material for the raffle quilt and this will be started in the New Year.

Next Tuesday, 18th December, we break up for Christmas, returning on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Alison Merrin, 0411190870**

## **Clayworx**

Another year is coming to a close, and what a busy year it has been. What I call a big learning curve, for me anyway.

We have had another two glaze firings which turned out very well with minor breakage, getting the feel of the kiln finally! The difference between bisque firing is the amount of room available; glaze firings take up more room due to the pieces not touching and they are supported on stilts to prevent the glaze from sticking to either the shelf or other glazed items.

Membership hasn't increased but we have a nice group and all are keen clay workers turning out some interesting pieces. We shall be closing from the 19th Dec until mid January 2013.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas.

**Debbie Barnes 66459053**

## Art Reports

### Decisions from the Exhibition Meeting on Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

1. The exhibition will be held at the Gulmarrad Public School on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 2013
2. Allan will be the Exhibition Coordinator.
3. Alison Merrin and Jenny Thomas will take on the Secretary/Publicity Officer role.
4. The Other Crafts section will be discontinued due to the small number of entries it attracts, which will free Allan for the Coordinator's role.
5. Wearable Art and Jewellery will be discontinued as individual sections, but will be replaced by a new section called Fibre, Fabric and Jewellery.
6. Stewards so far are:  
Creative Needlework – Pam Le Couteur  
Patchwork & Quilting – Marcia Rutledge & Sonia Stanton  
Fibre, Fabric & Jewellery – Norma Dunne  
Photography – John Le Couteur

Fine Art and Junior Art stewards are yet to be finalized.

We are negotiating with the Grafton Art Club to hire its stands for the exhibition, and will use their carrier to transport them.

Last year's office holders have been asked to prepare/provide detailed handover advice within the next month. The next Exhibition meeting will be on Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am in the member's room.

### Art Group -Archibald prize visit in January.

Our end of year luncheon was enjoyed by all at the Yamba Cafe Marina.

Three members entered their best work in the Phyllis Austin Award, and we were delighted to see that **Babs Willsdon** received a Highly Commended Award for her excellent painting, "*Chatsworth Fantasy*". We thank Penny and the Judges for their good work with this year's Phyllis Austin Memorial Award.

Five members worked on post cards to be sold as a charity fund raiser at Corindelo Arts Gallery in Yamba.

**Jude Mc Bean** contacted **June** about some old artworks that had been handed in to the Grafton Regional Gallery. One painting was by our dear past dedicated member **Garth McPherson**. **Jude** was very happy to return the well-kept painting to **Anne McPherson** to be handed on to their family.

We don't have art days in January but have planned to visit the Archibald Prize, at Grafton Gallery on the 8<sup>th</sup> January.

When next we convene the group will discuss how we can help at the next Annual Exhibition.

**June Alexander 66462191**

### PUBLICITY REPORT

Once again the publication of articles in the free papers has had mixed success with the *Clarence Valley Review* printing both articles emailed to them this past month, while *Coastal Views* didn't print either.

A reporter and photographer from *The Daily Examiner* came to Ferry Park on Tuesday to interview **Wilga Bolton**, the winner of the Phyllis Austin Award. A photograph was taken with Wilga standing in front of her quilt holding the trophy. This was published in Wednesday's edition.

Last month I had a meeting with the printer in Yamba regarding printing of flyers and business cards.

**Alison Merrin, 0411190870**

### **Stained Glass Workshop**

A number of people enjoyed **Penny Stuart's** presentation at the Gallery on 15 November as part of her Artist of the Month display. It was fascinating and absorbing. She took us through the techniques and artistic demands of meeting the requirements of the Anglican Church in Maclean (for glass inserts representing St James the Fisherman against a background of the Clarence River into a pair of doors leading into the church) via a series of photos she had taken as the work progressed. There was time to look at how she met another, private, commission, for a peacock in a clerestory window in North Coast home. She answered lots of questions and it was clear that the project management skills involved ranged from artistic inspiration through delicate negotiation to impressive craft skills and experience in working with glass metal and timber, as well as oversight of transport and fitting. Thank you, **Penny**. It was great.

### **Gallery Coordinators' Report**

The Artist of the Month Christmas display has received very favourable comment.

It has been a busy month with some changes to displays in the Gallery.

We were also involved in the setup of the display for the Phyllis Austin Award.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all our Exhibitors and the Friends of the Gallery who are a great help to the organization.

**Marcia Rutledge 66452753**

**Sonia Stanton 66477364**

### **Exhibitor Representatives' Report**

The Phyllis Austin Award was well supported this year, with 20 entries of a very high quality. **Phyllis** would have been pleased! The works were judged by **Pat Jenkins**, well-known local painter and founding member of our Association. She was assisted by former gallery owner, **Christina Jago**, along with **Evol King** and myself, as past winners.

The winner of the Award was **Wilga Bolton**, with her "Scrappy Quilt" and Highly Commended awards were presented to **Babs Willsdon** ("Chatsworth Island Fantasy") and **Rhondella Hyde** ("Home to Atlantis").

Our patron, **Dr Ian Tiley**, presented the awards at our end of year gathering and to his surprise, was made an honorary member of the association on the night.

Thanks to all who helped with the Phyllis Austin setup, especially **Chris Snee**, **June Alexander** and the Gallery Coordinators. Hanging quilts is not my forte!

The special meeting about changes to the gallery display was well attended. This is an important issue for the exhibitors and demands our attention. Can all exhibitors and interested members please complete the enclosed survey, to give us ideas on the best way to proceed.

Your membership renewals and exhibitors' contracts will be in the mail soon. Season's Greetings to all.

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### **Annual fees - a reminder**

Next year's fees are due after 1 January. A renewal form accompanies your December Arty Facts.

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