



# ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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Flood mud being taken away from the back of the Gallery, Friday 8 February. Pic by Penny Stuart.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING PRIOR TO AGM

The Committee met last Thursday, 14 Feb, to consider the Treasurer's Report prior to the AGM. **The endorsed Report will be available at the Gallery before the AGM and at the AGM itself.**

## COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

15 Feb-24 Mar	Grafton Regional Gallery Dobell Prize Exhibition
21 February	Next Exhibition Committee meeting. 9am
28 February	Last day to submit survey on Gallery arrangements.
5 March	Karl Rubli's lino-cut Show and Tell, 10am Ferry Park.
7 March	Last day to submit nominations for LCACA office bearers.
22 March	AGM 10 am Maclean RSL Club.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, we were lucky this time: the flood didn't enter the Gallery, although there were a few anxious moments. By 7am on the Tuesday the water was well over the road and flowing fast. Several people were very generous in offering boats and assistance but my concern was first of all for their safety in fast moving water. So thank you to those who offered help. We'll certainly be developing a flood contingency plan so that we are better prepared in the future.

We have received the views of about thirty people in the survey we conducted in December on whether and how to change the exhibition space in the Gallery. That number is a bit disappointing, but some surveys are still drifting in, so we have decided to give you until the 28 February if you wish your views to be taken into account.

We have decided that a survey of the satisfaction of our members with various arrangements should be an annual event, so there is a regular way in which you can help us review the operations of the LCACA.

The Gallery windows have recently been cleaned and still look splendid, flood rains notwithstanding.

A meeting of all the members of the Ferry Park complex with representatives of the Clarence Valley Council should have been held by the time you receive Arty Facts to negotiate maintenance improvements, among other things.

Allan King 66477080

## 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 (except next month, the AGM month).

All Members are welcome to attend and indeed - to meet our obligations - should try to attend at least three meetings a year.

## Craft Reports

### Creative Needlework

As our first Saturday this month did not eventuate due to the floods, tutor **Sue** will join us on the third Saturday morning this month –the 17<sup>th</sup>.

New members are most welcome; or call in and see our works-in –progress.

**Pam LeCouteur 66451766**

### Patchworkers and Quilters - The raffle quilt underway.

It is a short report this month as we have had a break over the Christmas period.

We returned on 16 January after the Christmas break and set to on the cutting of all the fabric for the raffle quilt. The cutting has now been completed. Some of the members brought their machines to start sewing, as it is a paper pieced quilt-as-you-go project. Anyone who wants to join in can do so.

Last week ten members brought their machines and construction has started on the quilt, which is in autumn tones.

We had our bi-monthly meeting on 22 January. Our next meeting will be our AGM, to be held in March.

**Alison Merrin, 0411190870**

### Clayworx –Want to be a potter? Help us build our numbers

Thanks to our rather inclement weather, we have finally started classes again. We will have to concentrate our efforts as there are only six weeks available for us before we have to vacate the Pavilion for Easter and the Show –seven weeks, from the middle of March until the second week in May!

Time is therefore of the essence. We will need to work at creating a few pieces for bisque firing and build up our stock for the time we will be closed.

TAFE Maclean have been clearing out their old pottery room. We are very grateful that they have donated us three good working pottery wheels and some rather large plinths of which six will be very usable (after a coat of paint) for displaying sculptural pieces.

We need in the medium term to look for new members as our numbers are down. The best time to start encouraging new memberships will be when we resume our classes in the second week in May.

**Debbie Barnes 66459053**

### **DON'T FORGET THE LCACA AGM**

**IT'S ON FRIDAY 22 MARCH AT 10 AM.**

**AT THE RSL CLUB MACLEAN**

**MORNING TEA SUPPLIED**

**Nomination forms for LCACA office bearers can be picked up in the Office and MUST be submitted a fortnight before the meeting, i.e. by COB on Thursday the 7 March.**

The budget and financial papers are included in your February Arty Facts envelope.

### **WILGA BOLTON WINS AGAIN.** Wilga

**Bolton** has also won the **Viewer's Choice Award** for *My Scrappy Quilt*, after taking out the Phyllis Austin Trophy itself. Congratulations, Wilga!

## SHOW AND TELL –KARL RUBLI'S ART IN LINO

Make a date in your diary to come to Ferry Park at 10am on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> March. **Karl** is giving us a talk and demonstration on lino-cutting. All members are welcome and there is morning tea if you are well behaved.

"Lino-cut" is related to "wood-cut", and is used as a printing technique by artists to create works on paper, fabric and the like.

## Green Room Art

12 December was the last session for 2012.

Retired Art Tutor **Heather Prowse** gave us a lot of time prior to the session she hosted on 12 December. Her workshop was hugely enjoyed by the six students who participated.

The photograph depicted in the December Arty Facts was in fact taken by Heather, not by Babs, as inferred (**Whoops!Sorry, Heather-Ed**).

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services to assist and support the Green Room team, please contact Sue Stone directly, on 66453269. Volunteers are required to have a background police check.

Wishing everyone a happy new year.

**BabsWillson 66452639**

## Art Group– Coordinating Fine Arts at the 2013 Exhibition

The Art Group enjoyed visiting the Archibald Prize Exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery on 7 January and we were fortunate to have the assistance of **Rose Marin** as our guide.

We have agreed to coordinate the Fine Arts Section of our 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Competitive Exhibition. There was much enthusiastic discussion at last week's meeting and our entry form is in place, almost ready to hand to the Exhibition Secretary, **JennyThomas**. We just need to know when and which art stands will be supplied to the Art Hall at the exhibition for the hanging of works.

Help will still be needed from other LCACA members to stage our renowned Fine Art Exhibition. Please contact **June Alexander** if you will be able to help in any way.

This year the competition will be held in two sections: the Open Fine Art Section; and an LCACA Members only Section. **First Prize in the OPEN SECTION has been raised to \$2000**, with a second prize of \$800 and a third prize of \$300. In the **LCACA Members' Section First Prize is \$500**, second prize is \$200 and third prize is \$100. Highly Commended awards in each section will be at the discretion of judges. Fine Art sculptures are included in these Sections. Contact me or Jenny ([jenny@thewanderlust.net](mailto:jenny@thewanderlust.net)) if you have any queries.

Please note there is a separate competition for Photography, stewarded by **John LeCouteur**.

Each year, separately from the Competition itself, the Clarence Valley Council selects and acquires works for the Grafton Regional Gallery from entries in the Exhibition.

**June Alexander 66462191**

## FUN THINGS WITH PHOTOSHOP

**Rochelle Summerfield** is conducting a course at Grafton Community College for people who like playing around with pictures and want to know more. You need to have some basic computer skills and a version of Photoshop installed.

It is over eight weeks, from 6-8pm on Thursdays, commencing 14 February.

## Grafton Regional Gallery News

The Dobell Prize Exhibition is on from 15 Feb- 24 March.

**Cher Breeze**, Art Coordinator for the Tiwi Islands, is presenting a talk on 16 Feb, 3-4 pm as part of a regular lecture series.

**Publicity Report – Artists of the Month please get info in early!**

Artist of the Month in January was **Gillian Munday**. Unfortunately, because I received the artist’s information late, it was unable to be published in the media.

**Dennis Munday** is the current Artist of the Month and his Artist’s statement has been submitted to both *Coastal Views* and the *Clarence Valley Review*, with a photograph for publication.

Could I ask that people who are Artist of the Month remember to get their information to me six weeks before as agreed in the contract? I need this time in order to get maximum coverage from the newspapers.

**Alison Merrin 0411190870**

**Gallery Coordinators’ Report**

January being still in holiday mode, there hasn’t been a lot of activity in the Gallery.

**Gillian’s and Dennis Munday’s** displays as Artists of the Month will run for two months (Jan/Feb), as they made separate applications.

It was a great relief to the Coordinators that the floodwaters didn’t enter the Gallery. The floodwaters rose so quickly there was no time to lift, so luck was on our side! Thanks so much to all those who offered to help.

**Marcia Rutledge 66452753**

**Sonia Stanton 66477364**

**Exhibitor Representatives’ Report**

**SuzMonin** and I are the Exhibitors’ Representatives and are happy to discuss any queries or problems you may have regarding the Gallery or your displays. If you cannot attend meetings, we can speak on your behalf.

**A survey** went out with the memberships in December regarding proposed changes to the gallery display. The meeting at the end of last year to discuss separating the art from the craft in the gallery was well attended, but no clear decisions were reached. The survey, as a follow up to the meeting, gave everyone a chance to voice their opinion and there were some very constructive comments and ideas.

To date, almost half the responses agree to trial a separation of art and craft. Many are happy with the current arrangement and suggest we ‘never change a winning game’! Many surveys give credit to our gallery coordinators, **Marcia** and **Sonia**.

Several responses mention the distance between the paintings on the wall and the craft on the shelves - that there should be more separation. Many say that the jewellery display cabinets should be more uniform and that will eventuate, as we replace the old cabinets with glass display cabinets similar to those at the front of the gallery. There is also a suggestion to have a sign at the cafe and a small display to direct those customers to the gallery.

The survey is still available at the gallery and responses will be taken until the end of February.

Thank you to all the entrants in the **Phyllis Austin Award**. The display generated a lot of interest and several entries were sold. Winner of the **Viewers’ Choice** was **Wilga Bolton’s** ‘My Scrappy Quilt’. Other popular choices were **Ron Moore’s** ‘Triffid’ and **Elissa Miller’s** ‘Beaded Neckpiece’.

**SuzMonin 66451270 Penny Stuart 66464340**

**Annual fees - a reminder** This year’s membership fees and exhibitors’ contracts are currently due. ( If you you don’t pay them you can’t vote at the AGM).

LCACA OFFICE BEARERS AND CONTACTS

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	<u>TREASURER</u>		MARLENE SHEEHAN	66452120				