



Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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- Council increases next year's grant
- Ferry Park to get a paint job.



Malcolm King's "Sea Pool" was one of two acquisitions from the Exhibition made by Clarence Valley Council to the Grafton Regional Gallery collection.

COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

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| 16 July, 9.30am | Basic Screen printing, part 1 – Heather Prowse, Fine Arts Pavilion, Maclean Showground |
| 23 July | Basic screen printing part 2 |
| 24 July | Entries close Bentley Art Prize |
| 25 July | All Exhibitors meet for update on Gallery procedures 10 am and 5pm |
| 27 July | Exhibition follow up –lunch and gab from 11am |
| 6-29 Sept | Woolgoolga Lillipilli Art and Craft Exhibition 2013 |
| 8 October | Entries close –Open and Youth-Jacaranda Art Exhibition |
| 26 Oct- 2 Nov | 45 th Jacaranda Art Exhibition |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thanks to all of those who worked so hard -stewards, committee members, volunteers and ordinary and exhibiting members -to make the 48th Exhibition the great success it has been. Everyone who assisted is welcome to a follow- up debrief at our home in Lawrence (58 Richmond St on Saturday 27 July from 11am), where we will discuss how to improve on it for next year! Please bring a plate. Someone from the Gulmarrad School's P&C will also attend the meeting, representing their volunteers who also worked hard and contributed to the general success.

I was able to speak to the Mayor, **Richie Williamson**, at the Opening Night. He noted what a successful Exhibition it was and commented that it seemed to be growing. Some people have expressed a view that maybe the Exhibition is too big and should be split, but it is clear to me that to continue to retain Council support we need to be united in our efforts to stage it. We were fortunate to be advised only this week that Council has again approved a very substantial grant for next year's Exhibition, so we clearly have a winning formula.

Indeed most comments we have received from the public have also been highly favourable. One of the judges noted that combined exhibitions of this kind were increasingly rare and that it was even rarer to find both competitions and displays of such an excellent standard.

We have agreed to eliminate the Committee meeting from the two monthly meetings we have been holding on the second Friday. The Executive of the Committee will instead act on urgent tasks as they arise and bring them back to the general meeting for ratifying.

Allan King

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

What a wonderful exhibition in the Creative Needlework room. From day one we had comments at the door from people saying that they had heard that the display in our room must not be missed. The display of Vintage Embroidery was a huge hit with everyone who viewed it. Many of the older generation commented that they remembered their mothers and grandmothers doing similar work and it brought back lots of memories. With some pieces dating back as far as 200 years everyone was enthralled. Many thanks to those ladies who loaned their precious vintage embroideries.

Our judge was the Secretary of the Queensland Embroiderers Guild, Jenny Jorgensen, who said the works entered were of a very high standard. She said that "The work I have seen here is on a par with any I have seen and judged in the biggest and best shows." With all her expertise and many years of judging I felt extremely proud of those who participated in our exhibition.

It was disappointing to receive only one entry in the Youth Textile section. We need to somehow get information into schools, and more concentrated advertising directed towards youth, as I feel that there are some very talented young people out there.

Susan Porter from Grafton again gave up three days to be in our room and hold workshops, discuss embroidery techniques, and answer questions. She is a wonderful help to me and deserves a huge thank you. Also a big thank you to Lyn Robbie and Sue Tanner from Iluka, who have helped me set up and pull down for several years now. We work well as a team without any problems. To all the other ladies who give up their time willingly to help out at various times throughout the exhibition I pass on my sincere thanks. Many are not members of LCACA, but belong to other embroidery groups, and I couldn't do it without them. We make a great team and have a great time. And of course a special thanks to Ken Hallgarth from Stanford's Pharmacy who is our biggest sponsor.

In the raffle, the winner of the Silk Ribbon Embroidery was Margaret Sheehan of Brooms Head Rd, Gulmarrad. Second prize, the Candlewick Cushion, went to Coral Schintler of Currimundi, Queensland. The Viewer's Choice prize went to Liz Smith with her Champion Prize winning work "Native Flowers".

Pam Le Couteur

Patchwork and Quilters –

What a busy time it has been with members preparing their entries for the Exhibition. Rod pockets, labels and last minute stitching have kept us all in our sewing rooms until the big weekend.

The Exhibition was a great success with many lovely quilts and wall hangings by our members winning prizes. **Marcia Rutledge** won Best of Show with her wonderful thread painting and **Barbara Fowler** won Viewer's Choice for her large Round Robin quilt in beautiful colours. We also had a display of our Art Quilts in a Box Challenge with twenty Art Quilt masks shown on our new background display quilt made by the members in May.

A big thank you to all the members and their spouses who helped with the Quilt Show. It was a great team effort.

Back at our base we have received a back order of *Quilter's Companion* magazines – with DVDs. These are a great resource and can be borrowed from our library. Chris has our cupboards neatly organized with easy access to our library.

This month our art quilt challenge is rather unusual as it is the 23rd page of a novel and the 3rd sentence down. We have been scouring our bookshelves to find an interesting sentence to make otherwise we can make a quilt titled Maps.

Our next general meeting will be July 23rd when we organize our Daffodil Day to be held on August 20th.

Elizabeth Buzzell, President, MP& Q

Corindelo Arts & Crafts (Yamba) Pottery Classes

Hand building pottery -Thursday evenings 5.30-7pm;
Kids After School pottery classes Thurs 3.30 -5pm.
(Ph Nicole 66468338)

KING STUDIO MACLEAN SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOPS

Next workshops are to be held from 27-28 July and 3-4 August. A Block Printing workshop is also planned.
Contact Mal: 66452042 or 0432 719 402

Wilga's 80th Birthday

On Tuesday 16th Maclean Patchwork and Quilters celebrated the 80th birthday of its founding member Wilga Bolton. A beautiful spread, flowers and a cake made it a special day for Wilga and all her quilting friends. Reminiscing was the order of the day and many amusing stories were recounted.

Art Reports

Don't drop it, Kez! Kerry Cranney and Paula Braund take great care as they help set up the Fine Art display at our Exhibition.



ART GROUP

The Group's activity this month has been directed at organising the Fine Art Section of our 48th Annual Exhibition. This has over several months involved seeking sponsors, inviting entries, setting up the display, printing the catalogue and exhibit tickets, organising a judge and dismantling the display hall. We thank all LCACA members who helped us out in the Fine Art Section, and especially **Suz Monin** and **Jenny Thomas** for their dedicated contributions throughout.

The Fine Art Section this year had such a wonderful variety of great works, and we thank our judge **Keith Cameron**, for his time and expertise in assessing the entries and making helpful and constructive comments on the winners.

Some of our art group members have worked on this Exhibition now for over twenty years, so we will welcome new faces and ideas to help us to organise the 49th next year, leading to our grand fiftieth Exhibition in 2015.

Congratulations to new LCACA Member **Malcolm King** for his entry "The Sea Pool" which was acquired by the Clarence Valley Council for the Grafton Regional Gallery collection.

June Alexander

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT

Grafton Regional Gallery display of exemplary LCACA Art and Craft from 3 July to 28 July.

The display is currently on view in the Studio, showing 12 pieces of our framed work and a further 10 pieces from the patchworkers and quilters.

Junior Art Space: Gulmarrad Public School Times its Display for the Exhibition

Our current display is from the students of Gulmarrad Public School. We are always looking for the opportunity to display other creative work by students of local schools in the Junior Art Space. No framing is required. Contact Kerrie Howland, our Junior Art Coordinator.

Spud's Metal Mayhem wins the Fine Art Grand Open Prize – Interview

"I'm ecstatic".

"It really does prove that if you don't display your work you'll never know what you can do. I love the opportunity for people to share other people's art, talk about it, and enjoy the results of someone else's imagination."

Spud Anderson is a local talent, born and bred in Maclean, always interested in art and drawing. He lives and works on Harwood Island with his wife and little girl, and spends his free time working with steel and giving his imagination and sense of humour free rein.

Spud took up metal sculpture years ago when he was laid up with a broken leg. He made a little Ned Kelly from a bit of scrap metal and hasn't looked back. He says he loves to look at everyday objects, to think outside the square, and see something in them that no-one else has seen.

Entry forms for **Grafton Art Club's 45th Jacaranda Art Exhibition** (26 October - 2 November) are available in the Office at Ferry Park. Entries close 8 October.

Spud and His Winning Entry



Gallery Coordinators' Report

We currently have a display of winter woollies in our Artist of the Month space.

The back storeroom in the members' area has now been cleared out and the other storage areas, upstairs and off the kitchen are in our sights

Marcia Rutledge

Sonia Stanton

A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL EXHIBITION WINNERS IS INCLUDED IN YOUR ARTY FACTS ENVELOPE

New Members.

Welcome to *Leon and Catherine Miller*, whose interests lie in macro photography. Leon is a shipwright so- if he's not careful - we have a ferry he might repair.....

Welcome also to *Sharon Mitchell* who crochets and knits blankets and rugs, among other things.

Lunch time Exhibition Follow Up

If you and/or your partner contributed in any way to the Exhibition at Gulmarrad we want your feedback. Come to the home of Evol and Allan King on Saturday 27 July from 11am. Bring your ideas and a plate.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Thank you to everyone who fulfilled their contract obligation by working at the 48th Annual Exhibition. You helped make it the success it was.

The first raffle of donated items is a Winter Woollies collection, thanks to the Spinners and Weavers group. *Nita Barnsley, Chris Lokes, Gwen Cheetham* and *Evol King* all made generous donations to help offset the cost of the Exhibition.

If you are still to make your donation, there is a list on the sign-on table where you can identify your item and its value. Items can be left on the receivals shelf – please mark it as a raffle prize.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

Meeting Of All Exhibitors to Update Gallery Procedures - 31 July-Help Get Rid of the Bits of Paper

Please note the date. The Exhibitors' meetings (there are 10am and 5pm sessions to fit with different work/life commitments) is to be held on 31 July. If there is anything you want to raise at the meetings please contact Penny or Suz so they can fit it in.

Let us know which session you are attending by phoning Alison or ticking your name on the sheet on the desk.

Publicity Report

Advertising in the newspapers and radio went to plan in the Exhibition week. I have emailed Ron Bell to thank him for the great coverage. The papers printed several articles relating to the Exhibition; one week we had almost half a page covering three stories.

Now the Exhibition is over I want to concentrate more time on the website. Since the development of the website I have had feedback from several people suggesting change. I will contact Hugh and work with him on these. One issue has been the name – the suggestion is that Ferry Park should be in the web address. I will look into this.

Malcolm King is now designing the flyer but needs a photo of the Gallery with a higher resolution than the one on the website; hopefully we can find one in the archives and make some headway with getting it printed ready for distribution before the summer.

Alison Merrin 0411190870

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