



# ARTY FACTS June 2013

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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Helen Woods with Suz Monin at a recent "Artist Trading Cards" workshop

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is pleasing to hear that although still in hospital, Secretary John Le Couteur is on the mend.

The recent Strategy meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May produced positive suggestions and comments. It was disappointing that this important meeting was not very well attended and there is a concern that we didn't get input from exhibiting members.

Following this meeting, we had a meeting with Tursa which offered LCACA assistance in their Work Experience Placement program. This could be a very positive initiative for LCACA.

Allan King 66477080

## COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

8 June -15 July	Aboriginal Arts Exhibition Yamba
24 June	Entries close LCACA Exhibition
1 July	Art collected and delivered for our Grafton Regional Gallery display
2 July	Delivery of works LCACA Exhibition
4 July	Opening Night LCACA Exhibition
5-7 July	LCACA Exhibition
24 July	Entries close Bentley Art Prize

## 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.

Jenny Thomas has had to rush to Melbourne to take care of her sick Granddaughters so I have stepped in to get this edition of the Arty Facts to you. Please accept my apologies for the layout, as you can see Jenny is the expert. She should be back for next month's edition.

There will be an Exhibition roster attached to this edition of Arty Facts for exhibiting members could you please check the day allocated to you. Alison Merrin

## **Planning Meeting Promises Exciting Changes for LCACA**

An energetic planning meeting was held on 29 May. It

agreed that LCACA should build on its strengths to

-improve Gallery takings (by looking at pricing policies)

-lessen the pressure on volunteers (by looking at new ways to expand our volunteer numbers)

-increase support for gallery workers to improve customer relations (fewer bits of paper, better more frequent face to face training)

-expand our exhibiting space (by making use of vacant commercial spaces for pop up shops)

-increase member loyalty and commitment by restructuring slightly (affiliated groups become associated groups, major activities like the gallery, the annual exhibition, and events generally have their own teams under the committee)

-improve relations with wider Lower Clarence community (create a public relations/events coordinator officer, widen circulation of Arty Facts)

-increase membership (create a membership secretary position, encourage new associated groups).

The LCACA Committee will now look at these recommendations and develop a timetable to put these ideas in place wherever they are practical.

These changes will give us a stronger focus on the interests of our members, and our links with the local community while continuing to support and strengthen our Gallery and annual Exhibition.

**Clay Worx** There is not a lot to report this month.

Work is progressing albeit slowly. We had another firing which turned out well, apart from the fact the head I had made for the exhibition exploded during firing, unfortunately cannot be saved, Ah well the vagaries of kiln firing. Attendance has not been the best since starting back after the long break. However we have three new members starting – Welcome to Kerry Cranney, Karen Von Ahlefeldt, and a new member starting next week, Violet Savona from Grafton. The kiln is working well finally getting to know what I am doing. These winter months will slow down our work as the dying of the clay will take longer.

**Debbie Barnes**

## **Planning Meeting Outcome :**

### **New LCACA Position for Membership Secretary**

Who is interested in helping LCACA increase its membership? We need someone with ideas and energy to help us look for new ways to attract membership while strengthening our services to members. If not you, you may know someone who has the right skills...they don't have to be current members. The person would work closely with the Committee and support the LCACA Secretary.

### **Planning Meeting Outcome : New LCACA position for Events Coordinator/ Public Relations Officer**

Are you or any of your friends interested in becoming our new events coordinator/ public relations officer? You would need to draw up an events plan for LCACA and coordinate (but not necessarily organise) demos, trips, wine and cheese nights etc, working in cooperation with our Publicity Officer, associated groups and interested other local organisations and groups. You don't have to be a current member to nominate. If you are interested in either position please contact: **Alison Merrin – 0411190870**

## **Publicity Report –**

I have been busy looking into getting a flyer for the Gallery to be distributed to Tourism Centres, holiday parks and to use in the Gallery as information for visitors. Motel Maclean is contributing a small amount toward the printing cost in exchange for having their business advertised on the flyer. I would like to build up a file of photo to use for publicity and would like the groups to take photos of activities /workshops or gatherings and send them to me please

**Alison Merrin 0411190870**

### **The Big Exhibition Raffle.**

Raffles for the Exhibition have now been set up at the front of the Gallery.

*Members are encouraged to sell raffle tickets while they are on duty in the Gallery and asked to please take a book home with you to sell to friends and family.*

Don't forget the beautiful Embroidery Pam has created to be raffled at the Exhibition. Tickets \$1 from the gallery, all proceeds towards prize money for creative Embroidery.

**Grafton Regional Gallery is arranging a display of exemplary LCACA Art from 3 July to 28 July. Artists and craftspeople with framed works are invited to deliver examples of their best work to Ferry Park on 1 July safely wrapped, with D rings and suitable hanging cord. Suz Monin has offered to deliver it on that day.**

### **ART AT LARGE BILLBOARD PROJECT**

Local artists are invited to lodge expressions of interest to be part of Clarence Valley's 2013 Art at Large project. The project showcases the work of artists along the Pacific Highway on large billboards. You can download expression of interest forms on the Grafton Regional Gallery website or ring them on 66422177.

### **ART GROUP**

Unfortunately the Paper Making workshops were cancelled in May. This week most of our group attended a very different workshop, "Artists Trading Cards". Tutor Suz Monin explained how popular trading these small art worked cards are amongst artist both local and internationally. The card size is 2 ½" x 3 ½" with intricate artwork. Suz led us into creating two of our own cards and explained the technique of "Zentangle" for Artist Trading Cards, that is our homework!

The few members of the art group will now be concentrating on what they can do to support the Fine Art Section of our 48th Annual Exhibition. We ask other LCACA members to help us at this years exhibition.

**June Alexander 66462191**

*Get better soon, John*

**After giving us all a scare John is now recovering at home after a few night and a procedure at Lismore Hospital. Get Well soon.**

**Junior Art Space** Palmers Island Public School is exhibiting their work for the month of June. The students work is of a very high standard. The art works on display are a whole school effort, featuring works from Kindergarten to Yr6. Students have explored a range of themes from the insect world to portraits of family and friends. Don't forget to take a look when you are visiting the gallery. I'm going to put a visitors book in the space for encouraging comments, which I will then pass onto the students at the completion of the exhibit.

I have forwarded information to Schools informing them of our upcoming Annual Exhibition. The information will be put into the newsletter. Lets hope we get as much interest as last year.

ATT MEMBERS: The Junior Art Space is looking for school groups, youth groups or individual students to hang work in the coming months. If you know of anyone who maybe interested forward their contact details to me so I can make further arrangements for exhibiting.

Kerrie Howland

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### Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Ferry Park Gallery, as an arm of the LCACA, came up for discussion at our recent Planning Meeting. Though the overall reaction to the gallery was very positive, there were a few problems brought to light, including exhibitors' commitment to the gallery and customer service.

In order to assist the smooth running of the gallery and to present a consistent quality of customer service, there is to be a compulsory meeting for all exhibitors, to revise training and responsibilities.

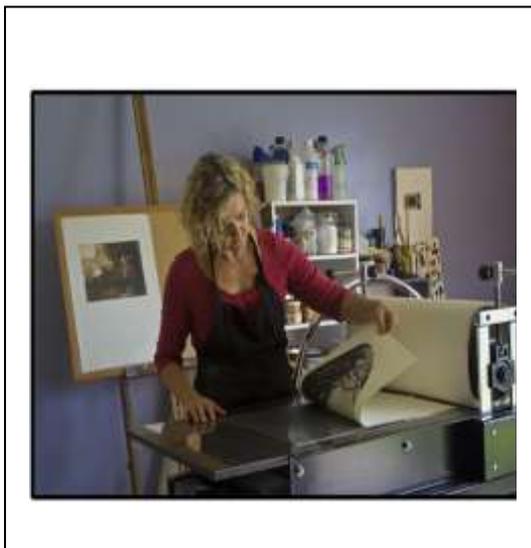
**Special compulsory Meeting for all exhibitors Wed 31<sup>st</sup> July 10am or 5pm**

**RSVP by 24<sup>th</sup> July by phone or email - please indicate which session you are attending. Alison Merrin 0411 190870 or publicity@lcaca.org**

We are currently negotiating with Tursa for some work experience participants to join us at the gallery. You may be asked to work with a trainee. Please be helpful and assist them to become familiar with the workings of the gallery.

Welcome to our new exhibitor, Tania Smith. Tania has a colourful range of children's clothes and dolls.

**Suz Monin 66451270 Penny Stuart 66464340**



### Gallery Coordinators' Report

Featured Artist of the Month is Barbara Briers with a brilliant display of her paintings.

Sonia and I have been busy cleaning out the back storeroom and removing items that are no longer required, a skip is in place for the removal of unwanted rubbish.

***It is requested that items are not placed in front of the sliding door in the storeroom as this is a fire door. Thank you.***

**Marcia Rutledge 66452753**

**Sonia Stanton 66477364**

### Rochelle Summerfield

**Have fun and learn stuff!!!**

Make Pictures and eat homestyle food in beautiful surroundings at Seelands.

Rochelle has over 10 years of teaching experience.

**Delve into the art of metal etching –**

2 day workshop **July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>** 11-5pm Sat 9-3 Sun

**Play with texture & collage & print for beginners or upskilling**

2 day course **July 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>** 11-5pm Sat 9-3pm Sun

Both courses \$150 **BARGIN PRICE**

Includes basic materials for course, homestyle fresh morning & afternoon tea and lunch. Accommodation options available at the picturesque setting on the banks of the Clarence River at Seelands, 15mins from South Grafton

For further information or bookings please contact Rochelle

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