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No fairy floss for Maclean Show Art Judge *Heather Prowse* as she anoints the Show's Art Champion.

COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

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| 21 May 9.30 am | Art group's paper-making morning
Maclean Showground. |
| 29 May 4.30pm | LCACA's Future Directions Meeting |
| 6 June | Junior Art Space current display ends |
| 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 |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The first of the charts of tasks prior to the Exhibition in July is up in the Office at Ferry Park. I encourage all our members who are able, to put their names against a task. Apart from our responsibility as an organisation to support and promote the arts and crafts interests of our members, the LCACA was formed to manage the operations of Ferry Park Gallery and to organise exhibitions of the various arts and crafts. So the Annual Exhibition is a major event in the year consistent with our purpose and obligations. It is important for the future of LCACA that we all take an interest in it and work for its success. Apart from entering your work in the Exhibition, the other major contribution you can make is to volunteer your time towards its success....so please think about what you can do.

Gulmarrad School has agreed that Members of the Exhibition Organising Committee can visit the School after hours on 16th May to familiarise ourselves with the rooms available, the layout and the Canteen area, before we finalise arrangements for the Section displays.

During last month I attended the screen printing workshop offered by new member *Malcolm King* from King Gallery in River Street in Maclean. I have to say it was the best workshop I have attended. *Malcolm's* experience and knowledge is a great asset to LCACA, and I commend his future workshops to you.

Allan King

There was a surge of visitors to the gallery in April , mainly due to the school holidays. 6098 came through the doors compared to 4759 in March.

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

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. Bring some food to share. The meeting will end about 8.30pm.

WHERE? Ferry Park meeting room

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

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

I am busy embroidering a silk print to raffle for the Creative Needlework Section of the Exhibition. Hopefully it will be finished soon, and tickets can begin selling.

A big thank you to *Marlene* who has donated her prize winning candlewick cushion as a second prize. It is very much appreciated.

Our group of ladies are all working diligently on their individual embroideries. Masterpieces in the making!

Pam Le Couteur

Publicity Report – *The Clarence Valley Review*

published our report on the current Artist of the Month, Karen Scott, and it has also been put onto the website and Facebook. Arty Facts has also been added to the website.

I have been canvassing potential advertisers for the website and this is proving to be popular. So far we have up to 15 positive contributors. Interest has also been shown from Members who want to advertise their businesses. If anyone is interested in advertising on the website they can contact me at publicity@lcaca.org. The cost is just \$25 for the year, to 30th June 2014.

I have spent some time recently trawling the web for potential places to advertise the Gallery and upcoming Exhibition. This has been productive time, as I have found new outlets, like the 'Summerland Coast NSW' website. I will continue to research new outlets to promote LCACA and Ferry Park Gallery.

Alison Merrin 0411190870

Aboriginal Arts Exhibition

Yamba Museum 8 June- 15 July

**Works of Elsie Randall, Frances Belle Parker,
Danielle Gorogo, Jessica Birk.**

Portraits, Historic photos, Elders Videos.

\$5 entrv adults. kids free.

Clay Worx

Well, the good news is we have been able to resume meeting in the Showground pavilion.

Not much else to report this month except that we are continuing to work towards some Exhibition pieces and have had one firing.

Debbie Barnes

Patchwork and Quilters –

We are well into a creative new year. The raffle quilt is finished and it looks amazing. Many thanks to all the members associated with the making of this year's quilt. The raffle quilt is a big undertaking for our group each year.

Our 'Art Quilt in a box' challenge is powering along. This month we had the themes 'Trees' or 'Tea Time' with the design element of 'Value'. We have decided to create a display of our May quilts at the Exhibition in lieu of our usual members' challenge.

Some members have been out and about visiting local quilt shows at Armidale, Ullmarra and Glenreagh. These shows are a lovely way to network with other quilters and share ideas.

Next Monday and Tuesday eleven members will be retreating to Evans Head for two days of sewing. Although the numbers are small, those who do attend have a lovely time together.

Wilga has been teaching the complicated pattern 'Double Wedding Ring' using our book and ruler.

We have also had our first Community Day and many interesting items are being created to use as gifts next year when we host the Zone Day.

Elizabeth Buzzell, President, MP& Q

KING STUDIO MACLEAN SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOP

Mon-Tues 27-28 May, 10am-4pm, \$150pp

COMING UP: Block printing workshops, early June.

Contact Mal 66452042 or 0432 719 402

Art Reports

Art Group Paper- making, Maclean Showground, 21 May 9.30am.

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) Pottery Classes

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

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 for details on 66423177.

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.

Junior Art Space

The Junior Art Space at Ferry Park is currently exhibiting an eclectic and colourful range of work by students from Grades 3 and 4 of Yamba Public School. There are complete landscapes using pastels, mixed media collages capturing crazy creatures, abstract designs using oil pastel, and cultural works using maps of Australia and Indigenous symbols. The students should be very proud of their creative efforts with great support by their teacher, *Chick Edwards*. The display will be available until June 6, so don't forget to come in and take a look.

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, at kerriehowland@det.nsw.edu.au

Yamba Public School Hits the Spot

ART GROUP

Members of the Art group visited the Chatsworth Island Community Hall and discussed the possibility of leasing it to share with the Clayworx Group and with Chatsworth Island CWA. As you may know, the Hall belongs to the Clarence Valley Council. A member of the Clarence Valley Cultural Committee attended and was supportive of the proposal at this stage.

Points for our internal consideration include whether there is space for storage of a kiln, the creation of more general internal storage capacity, the need for renovations or repairs, the utility of the outside area and the centrality of the location for artists and potters. The general location is of course delightful.

Most importantly it has not yet been possible to hold detailed consultations with Chatsworth Island residents, and in particular the CWA. It is hoped we will be able to get a sense of their concerns in the next month and that will decide if and how we would go ahead with the process of formally assessing the interest from other artists and also applying to Council.

The Art group also assisted the Maclean Show Society by setting up, hanging and arranging the displays and the judging of the Children's and Adult Art Sections of the Show. This is something we do every year as part of our general contribution to our local community. This year our judge was *Heather Prowse*. Thank you, *Heather*.

June Alexander

Get better soon, June

It's not apparent from her Report, above, but *June Alexander*, one of the LCACA's great stalwarts, has been seriously ill and is only now on the road to recovery. We send her our love and we wish her the best.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Welcome to our new exhibiting members. We are looking forward to seeing their new work displayed in the gallery.

Great to see that exhibitors are fulfilling their obligation of a donation for the monthly raffles. There is a list in the office to fill in when you make your donation.

Two new glass display cabinets have arrived and will be assembled and in the gallery soon. This is an outcome of our survey, which highlighted the need to upgrade and make uniform the jewellery cabinets.

Best wishes to *June Alexander* for a speedy recovery.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

Gallery Coordinators' Report

There is a lot of interest in the latest Artist of the Month display. *Karen Scott's* cross stitch has been very well received; with many people expressing surprise after a close up viewing that the picture was not after all a painting!

We currently have many new exhibiting members each looking to set up their displays so we are rapidly running out of space. Your coordinators are therefore examining whether there are new ways to display stock and how to condense some displays.

Marcia Rutledge

Sonia Stanton

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.

PLEASE NOTE: THE MEETINGS FOR JUNE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO FRIDAY June 7TH.

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

New Members.

We welcomed in April:

-**Barbara Coates**, as an exhibiting Member whose interests are in watercolour painting, photography and cards; and

- **Janice McDonald**, who makes exquisite newborn baby dolls. (We couldn't tear Sonia away).

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.

Grafton Regional Gallery Exhibitions

15 May-30 June.

Bush Gems, Margaret Hodgson & Kathleen Davis/
Grafton Life Drawing/JAS Collection

Refer www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

REQUEST

We are always grateful for the goodwill and competence of our Gallery workers. Most of us make the Gallery as welcoming as possible, light and bright, pay attention to visitors, smile at them, welcome them to our Gallery, even chat with them. It cuts down shoplifting and it is in keeping with our high standards and professionalism as a Gallery. It also makes it more fun. However some people have not taken their responsibility seriously -have gone off to have a snooze in their car, left the Gallery for appointments, closed up early, or turned their back so as to complete private work.... If you see someone doing this ask them not to.

LCACA OFFICE BEARERS AND CONTACTS

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