



# ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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Phyllis Austin, a portrait by this year's principal judge of the Phyllis Austin Trophy award, Pat Jenkins. See story inside.

## COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

- 15 Nov Penny Stuart stained glass window workshop, 10am
- 19 Nov Closing date for entry applications for Phyllis Austin Award.
- 23 Nov Final date submission of entries (with artist statements) for Phyllis Austin Award.
- 29 Nov Setting up Christmas display
- 30 Nov LCACA end of year get together and Phyllis Austin Award Official Opening
- 2 Dec Yamba Handmade Market day at Raymond Laurie Sports Centre.
- 7 Dec 2013 Exhibition planning meeting. 9.00 am
- 7 Dec Deadline for submitting art to Lismore Base Hospital exhibition.
- 12 Dec. Gallery arrangements meeting 5.30 pm.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The year is getting on and it's already time to consider what we need to do to prepare for the LCACA Exhibition in 2013.

We'll need a Coordinator and an Exhibition Secretary. Once again we'll need to call on people to act as stewards, builders, directors, idea generators, workers, and helpers. Some of us older guard are a bit wobbly when it comes to carpentry and furniture removal so we'll particularly need people who can offer some physical assistance.

Please spread the word and also think about what you could offer.

We're proposing to have a special meeting in December to discuss next year's arrangements for the Exhibition and to elect officials. Come to Ferry Park at 9am on 7 December and bring a small plate so we can share ideas over some morning tea. Each affiliated group should be represented as well as any interested Members.

Oh, and don't forget this year's Christmas display, set up in the Gallery from 29 November.

**Allan King 66477080**

## CLASSES – see noticeboard for details.

- \*Clayworx at Maclean, Weds 9.30-1pm, ph 66459053
- \*Embroidery at Sew Excited, Maclean, Mons 1-4pm
- \*Beading, Elissa Miller Workshop
- \*Youth, Grafton Art Club, classes Rhondella Hyde ph 0431735215,
- \* Knitting, NSW Knitters Guild, lessons and company, ph 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.

All Members should try to attend at least three meetings a year.

## Creative Needlework

The ladies are progressing well with their masterpieces. A variety of methods are being employed and it is well worth looking in on the groups to see what can be accomplished with a needle and thread.

Our biggest news is that our tutor, **Susan Porter**, has opened a new business, a specialty Embroidery and Needlework store called *Embellish*, from her home at 241 Arthur St in Grafton. There she has a wonderful display of silk ribbons and other lovely tools of the trade for sale. You can contact her at 6642 4516 or 0427447498 or by email at [www.embellishembroidery.com.au](http://www.embellishembroidery.com.au)

Good luck to Sue and Greg in this new venture.

Sue continues to teach classes in her home, at Sew Excited, and on the first Saturday of the month at Ferry Park for LCACA Members.

My Basic Silk Ribbon Embroidery classes at Sew Excited are a great success, working with ladies who are beginners through to those who are very adept with needle and thread, but none of whom have ever worked with silk ribbon.

Members of the Creative Needlework group joined with the Patchworkers and Quilters on that bus to Brisbane for the Quilt and Craft show. We had a ball.

**Pam Le Couteur 66451766**

## Kiln for Sale

Don't forget that Gill Munday has an ugly but functional electric kiln for sale. It is the size of a large microwave and a bargain at \$100. Contact Gill on 6645 1267 or email her at:

[gillian@hollowpoints.net](mailto:gillian@hollowpoints.net)

## Spinners and Weavers

We're all working well as usual.

Remember that our spinning day has been changed for the time being to Fridays from 9.30am to 12.30pm because of the McFarlane Bridge closures.

**Nita Barnsley 66453197**

## Patchworkers and Quilters - Improving their curves...

We ended up with fifty one people on our bus to Brisbane for the Quilt and Craft Show, a very happy and successful day.

**Wilga Bolton** ran a workshop for us on curves last week. **Alison Merrin** was able to work the video and projector to zoom in on Wilga's hands as she worked and throw the image on to a screen so everyone in the hall could observe the process. She also made a video-CD recording - so we have it for posterity.

**Marcia Rutledge** for

**Alison Merrin, 0411190870**

## Clayworx

We are back on track and firing again. The last two weeks in October we had to defer our classes in the Fine Arts pavilion as the HSC was in progress there.

There was a glaze firing in September, which turned out very well to everyone's delight. The last bisque firing was done with the help of **Tina Best** who helped me load the kiln. I did the firing - talk about firing blind! However it turned out ok, thank goodness.

Clayworx has had good sales of the native animal pieces and we are currently halfway through the next lot for final firing. We shall have to do extra to stock up for Christmas.

Everyone from LCACA is welcome to call and watch our work in progress, any Wednesday, 9.30-1pm at the Fine Arts Pavilion in Maclean showground.

**Debbie Barnes 66459053**

## Annual fees - a reminder

Next year's fees are due after 1 January. A renewal form will be sent out with your December Arty Facts.

# Art Reports

## **The Green Room – celebrating Halloween.**

We had great fun making and decorating ten witches' hats. We also carved a very large pumpkin.

There were lots of photos taken for the Green Room magazine.

**Babs Willsdon 66452639**

## **Apology from the Editor**

Last Month I announced that one of the judges of the Phyllis Austin Award this year would be **Pat Lindsay** from Iluka. This person does not exist and if she does, has not accepted any role in our Phyllis Austin Award process. However **Pat Jenkins** does, and happily she has agreed to be the Judge, assisted by **Christina Jago** and some of the previous winners. I hope **Pat Jenkins** will accept this apology, which is a grovelling one.

**Jenny Thomas 0438406368**

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

It's a short report this month, since there has only been one art day since the last report. We have worked to agree on suitable dates to get together for our end of year luncheon and for a visit to Grafton Gallery in January to see the Archibald Prize display.

We have also had two new membership enquiries and have invited them to pay us a visit. Our newest member, **Ali Martin**, is really keen and enjoying all her artwork trials.

It's been a bad month for our **Shirleys**. **Shirley Webster** is bravely working on her recovery from knee replacement surgery and progressing well. And we all feel for **Shirley Schofield** as she recovers from a bad reaction to a tick bite.

We are pleased to have September 2013 allocated to the Art Group for an Artist of the Month display, and will now decide on a theme for the artworks we submit.

**June Alexander 66462191**

## **Life Members Board.**

It hasn't been stolen; it's being updated and should be returned shortly.

## **Phyllis Austin – the person. The story behind the creation of Ferry Park Gallery and the Trophy**

Reg and Phyllis Austin had retired to Iluka after many years of holidaying there. Phyllis joined TAFE art classes and became Secretary of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association in 1986 to use her executive skills in attracting funding for an LCACA Arts Centre.

Despite a serious heart problem, Phyllis could see the need to boost membership, and she set about lifting membership numbers from under 50 to over 300, thus giving LCACA more political clout. Then with community interest behind her, she set about haunting mercilessly the three tiers of government, ultimately obtaining \$ commitments from all three.

Maclean Shire Council were the first backers, so when we had raised almost \$30 000, their promised matching input led to the State Government granting \$50 000. Some time later – with much ado from Phyllis –the Federal Government committed \$50 000 too. At this time Maclean Shire Council also was promised funding for a project which would boost the Maclean economy. Mayor John Harvey saw that if we used our money collectively, the area could overcome its problem with the Maclean bypass – that of letting travellers know “we are here!”

And so the building at Ferry Park was planned. It housed a restaurant, the Tourist Information Centre –which LCACA ran for the first few months – as well as the Gallery/Studio. Opening its doors on December 22 1993, Ferry Park had up to 900 visitors a day during those first few hectic weeks.

At the Official opening in February 1994, Phyllis Austin studio was given its title in recognition of the enormous efforts of this clever lady.

Sadly, Phyllis died shortly after the Opening, in August 1995.

The Iluka Painters group and the Austin family funded the Perpetual Trophy – a delightful sculpture by John VanderKolk – as a memorial to her constant encouragement of Members to be creative, and to her untiring work for the local community.

## Ferry Park Gallery October 2012 visitors : 5286

### Gallery Coordinators' Report

#### Artists of the Month.

This month the Artist is **Penny Stuart**, showing some of her fused glass works, including a lovely standard lamp, a mirror, wonderful butterflies, and a selection of her jewellery. The display has been well received, with people asking lots of questions about the processes involved. It will include her presentation at Ferry Park on Thursday 15 November at 10am on the making of the stained glass window for Maclean Anglican Church.

#### The Gallery.

Just a reminder to Members that we will be setting up the Christmas display on 29 November. All items must have a Christmas theme.

**Marcia Rutledge 66452753**

**Sonia Stanton 66477364**

### Lismore Base Hospital Oncology Unit Art Exhibition.

Artists from the Northern Rivers are invited to submit art works for an exhibition and sale at Lismore Base Hospital in aid of its Oncology unit **by 7 December 2012**.

Submissions attract an entrance fee of \$10; multiple submissions after the first three are free of charge. Paintings are in general not to exceed 80cm width and 100cm height. Each sale will attract a 30% fee to the Oncology Unit. For details contact **Jim Hourigan 66463090**. Jim will also arrange to deliver securely parcelled works from Lower Clarence artists. All works must be strung for hanging.

### Exhibitor Representatives' Report

#### Reminders...some dates for your diary

1. Don't forget that **special meeting** to discuss the Gallery display on 12 December. It is important that all exhibitors attend. If you haven't attended a meeting this year, this is the one! It's at 5.30 pm. Come, and if you can, bring a small plate to share.

2. Entry forms for the **Phyllis Austin trophy** are due in on 19 November. Your Work - with its accompanying Artist's Statement - is to be submitted no later than Friday 23 November. All LCACA Members are eligible to submit works, not just Exhibiting Members. We already have entries from two new Members, Barbara Briers and Karl Rubli, so hoping for a wide field.

3. Friday 30 November is our Members' **end of year gathering** at the Gallery, and the winner of the Phyllis Austin Award will be announced. It's 6pm for 6.30 pm and please, bring a plate.

4. **Christmas display** for December –please have your items in by 29 November.

As I helped the Gallery Coordinators set up my Artist of the Month display this month I was again reminded of the ongoing work they do to keep the gallery fresh and exciting. Several individual displays were rotated and a new painting hung. Thank you, **Marcia and Sonia**. We are constantly receiving compliments from our customers.

Our new Friday worker, **Karen Scott**, was very pleased to be the person to stitch up a great sale last week while I was at the bank, one of **Evol's** lovely creations.

**Suz Monin 66451270 Penny Stuart 66464340**

#### LCACA OFFICE BEARERS AND CONTACTS

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