



April 2015

Up coming events

- ◆ **"Elements of Design"**
Fine Artist Pat Jenkins will conduct 4 workshops Tuesdays April 28, May 12, May 26 & June 9. Contact June on 66462191.
- ◆ Art classes at Gallery each Wed. Adult 9.30-12.00. Junior 3.30-4.30. Contact Rhondella on 0431735215
- ◆ Entry forms for the 50th Exhibition are now available online and at Ferry Park Gallery
- ◆ Coordinator for Phyllis Austin awards required. See page 3

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8 x 8 winner
Diane Lyons



President's Report

This is an exciting time for LCACA, in the middle of its 8x8 competition and exhibition, with awards announced Friday 10 April, for the youngsters at midday and for the oldies at 6 pm as part of our first cocktail party for many years, here at Ferry Park. We had many as sixty guests at the cocktail party and I think everyone agreed that there was a real buzz. The standard and number of entries is wonderful and the curating has been excellent. Don't miss the display. Thanks Penny and Suz. It looks like becoming a permanent innovation for the Association.

We also have the Council's Plunge festival in April, and have secured three days, from 23-35 April in the Plunge festival shop front in the old bank building at 9 River Street to display prizewinners from the 8x8 and for members to take advantage and display and sell their work in town also. Set up day is 22 April.

Our AGM went well on the 20th March, although attendance was a little disappointing. Our new Committee is basically the old Committee, so we won't take much settling in. Thanks to those who took up some new tasks and many thanks to those who relinquished them. If people missed the AGM a full set of minutes is available pinned to the notice board.

The next issue Members need to be aware of is that we are contemplating some minor changes to the Constitution and will send out the changes to Members with explanatory notes for perusing and discussion three weeks prior to a Special General Meeting in June. Chris Snee is typing them up as we speak. We can't give you the exact dates just yet, as the Committee needs to endorse them and the explanatory notes will then need to be drafted.

Preparation for the Jubilee Exhibition in July is hotting up. Publicity and marketing is about to get underway and we are always looking for volunteers for specific tasks. If you would like to help, talk to Ali Merrin.

Jenny Thomas - President

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

Sue Porter will be unavailable to attend the Exhibition this year. In the past Sue has made herself available to answer any questions the visitors might have.

This year I am looking to people from any of the needlework groups to spend an hour or two, demonstrating what can be done & how some of their projects are made.

Contact me if you can help & we can create a roster.

Pam LeCouteur

Patchwork and Quilters

At the AGM last month a new committee was elected. Claudette Hough is now the President, she is looking forward to the year ahead and has some great ideas to keep us all busy. Her first project was to get everyone involved in making a small friendship for one of our members who is poorly. Two weeks ago members took home a square of fabric to use as a backing, added a cream square to create a block then finish ready to put together. Last Tuesday saw a hive of activity as some members brought in their sewing machine, others were cutting fabric for joining strips, while others were pressing seems. It was a real pleasure to see everyone working together to get this quilt finished in a day, well it was finished at 2.15pm then delivered to the recipient. As they say, many hands make light work.

ClayWorx Group

The ClayWorx Group are taking a forced break due to the Highland Gathering & Maclean Show. We have had to move everything into storage. We will be back to business early May. Be sure to check-out our display at Ferry Park Gallery.

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

The basket of hand spun wool is now in readiness for the Exhibition raffle. We are also busy working on items for our display.

Looking forward, with enthusiasm, at receiving our scarf exchange wool this month from Western Australia.

We congratulate everyone concerned with the 8 x 8 exhibition. A great display - well done.

Welcome to New Members

A big welcome to new members for March 2015.

Raelene & Norm Clarke, Beverley Scofield, Teina Korb and Rebecca Davies

Members please note that a set of the AGM Meeting minutes are available on the noticeboard in the Gallery.

As you are probably aware that recently we had a problem with a lightning strike which upset the alarm. You now have to put a code into the new alarm before leaving the building. Contact your day roster person if unsure of the code.

Website additions

Wanted

If anyone has any dates, workshops, information or photographs they would like added to the website you can email them to: info@ferrypark.org

If you are sending photographs could you reduce the size as a full file is not required for the web.

Yamba Picture Framing

6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba,
Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members

Art Reports

Art Workshop

"Elements of Design"

Fine Artist Pat Jenkins
will conduct 4 workshops
Tuesdays April 28, May 12, May 26 & June 9
at The Old Tea Room Studio,

Maclean Showground
10am to 12.30pm

\$5 LCACA members \$10 non members each
session

Please register with June Alexander
66462191 ASAP

ART

This month the Group enjoyed the Ezy Carve Block and print workshop tutored by artist Malcolm King and working on their 8 x 8 canvases.

Some members will be attending the art tutorials in Grafton and we look forward to their "Show and Tell" next month.

From Tuesday 28th April fine artist Pat Jenkins will conduct 4 workshops one each fortnight on "Elements of design". Basics that all members could find helpful.

Pat and June visited long time member Winifred Gilmore (potter & artist) at the Stroke Rehab Centre in Ballina. Her lovely daughter Sarah is very attentive and Winifred is working well for her recovery.

Past staunch LCACA members Bev Gardiner and Colleen Morgan (Iluka Painters) visited the gallery this month, talked about the past times working for LCACA and Ferry Park, they enjoyed their visit to the gallery.

Monday 20th April we will display and judge the Fine Art for the Maclean Show Society. We would appreciate some help from any members on that day from noon to 2pm.

June Alexander 66462191.

Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond

Please send your dates for inclusion in Arty Facts & website to – info@ferrypark.org

Art Tours

If you are interested in a art trip in either Tasmania (fully accommodated) or Central Australia (camping/accommodated) see the flyers on the notice board.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR 8 X 8 EXHIBITION

Open Section

First: Dianne Lyons. 'My Uncle Crossing the Clarence' (53)

Second: Marion Arent. 'Jabiru' (78)

Third: Honi Reifler. 'Crossing the Clarence'. (91)

Highly Commended: Evol King. 'Sailboats on the Broadwater'. (50)

Highly Commended: Malcolm King. 'Crossing the Clarence'. (51)

Youth Section 4 - 10 Years

First: Jordan Keefe. 'River Fairy' (134)

Second: Jaime Richards. 'Happy Cow'. (141)

Third: Daisy McKenzie. 'Kush Kush - the Fish'. (139)

Youth Section 11 a 16 Years

First: Annabel Green. 'Crossing the Clarence'. (127)

Second: Jensen Li. 'Salt Crab'. (133)

Third: Keira-Lee Gray. 'Ocean Visitor'. (125)

Position Vacant

After many years of co-ordinating the Phyllis Austin awards, Penny Stuart is going to take a breather. We are urgently in need of someone to take over this job. If you can help please contact President Jenny or a Committee person. Thank you, Penny, for the many years you have organized this event.

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

This months changeover for Artist of Month implemented the CLAYWORX group. Thank you to the ladies from this group for their help in setting up the display.

Things have been running smoothly in the gallery.

Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753

Sonia Stanton 6647 7364

Visitor Counter

February 3816 down from 4158 in 2014

March 4898 up from 4027 in 2014

Ferry Park Gallery will feature in a Plunge POP-UP shop on 23rd, 24th & 25th April.

This is in the building next to Spar.

If you wish to display or maybe help with staffing, contact Suz on 66451270.

Publicity Report

Advertising for the exhibition is about to take off with the newspaper advertisements and radio announcements being prepared.

Advertising of the 8x8 miniatures exhibition seemed to be a success, with most of this being done through Plunge.

As I have mentioned before we are now on Trip advisor, I would like to ask if you to take a few minutes to give Ferry Park a review, you can find the link on our facebook page.

Exhibition Raffle

Could all exhibitors please bring a raffle item into the Gallery for the Expo raffle for 2015. Please mark items with their value and leave your items on the marked shelves towards the rear of the spare stock area. Christine Snee.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

8 x 8 Exhibition Opening and Presentation

Friday evening 10th April saw the Gallery space abuzz with old and new friends at the Opening and Presentation of the 8 x 8 Exhibition.

Thanks to Jenny's delicious cocktails, Pam's ever popular punch and delicious food provided by the members, people relaxed and enjoyed the evening, catching up with friends, while viewing and discussing the artwork.

Fleur Yorston, of the 'Island Collective' at Yamba, had a difficult job of choosing the winners with such a diversity of mediums and styles. There were some very excited prize winners on the night!

One of the winners told me that the small canvas gave her 'permission' to try something that she had been thinking about for years!

We will place a suggestion box in the Artspace to gather suggestions for a title for next year's event...everyone agrees the 8 x 8 has been a great success and should become an annual event. It has brought many people to our Gallery and the small works themselves are selling well.

Suz and I would like to thank all those who have given us a hand in putting this event together ...it has been a pleasure.

Penny 6646 4340 Suz 6645 1270

You might be interested

One of our Members Kim Callander had a recent feature in a magazine which included some of her amazing photography. The link is <http://the Arabian Magazine Online.com/issue-printer/december-2013-the-stallion-paris-edition>

Scroll down until you find a feature "Fast Furlongs are achieved by doing the Hard Yards!" by Kimi Windsong. That's our Kim.

Maclean Picture Framing

River Street Maclean

Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members

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.