



## August 2014

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### COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

- ◆ 2 July to 24 August Grafton Regional Gallery— "Celebrating 20 Years of Ferry Park"
- ◆ 17th September : North Coast Quilters Zone day - Yamba Bowls Club

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# ARTY FACTS

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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Photo shows LCACA Patron Ian Tiley with Gallery Director Jude McBean visiting the "Celebrating 20 Years of Ferry Park" with works from the Lower Clarence Community Fine Arts Collection at the Grafton Regional Gallery. The display is from 2 July to 24 August 2014. Why not drop in when you're in Grafton or maybe gather a few people to share a car and see our history displayed at the Regional Gallery.



### President's Report Welcome to our new Community Art Space

At our last meeting on 25 July Kerrie Howland spoke to an ideas paper she had drafted proposing changes to the way we manage the Members' room displays. As a result we made several changes, including renaming the Members' Room our LCACA Community Art Space, and committing to the creation of a new community noticeboard in the Gallery. Among other things, we also agreed in principle to open up new categories of Membership for people exhibiting there.

It was a most constructive and interesting discussion and I was pleased to note how we welcomed new ideas and paid them serious attention. Thanks go to Kerrie for finding time in her busy life to contribute to the continuous improvement of the LCACA and the Gallery and to the attending members who considered the options she proposed.

At the last meeting we also agreed to set up a stall at Maclean McMarkets on the first Saturday in January, consistent with our aim to get more involved and raise our profile in our local community. All our Members should be thinking now about the opportunity to create work for sale and contribute to a busy stall. You don't have to be an Exhibiting Member.

Next year's Art Miniatures Competition will have a judge as well as a voters choice award, and we propose to lower the cost of entries and to have it in shop fronts in Maclean in April, hopefully as part of Council's Plunge Festival. The theme is Crossing the Clarence, interpreted any way you like, open to all local artists, members or not. We are busy on an entry form to be available from September, which will specify the maximum size of works and conditions for entry. Start thinking about your contributions now because April will be upon us faster than a speeding bullet.

My report on the meetings in May and June with members of our Associated Groups is now available and each group leader has been asked to discuss it within their group and report back to the September meeting. Out of it should come some further constructive consideration on how we can continue to strengthen our Groups and our relationships with them.

Jenny Thomas

*Best wishes and Get well soon to Penny Stuart and Roslyn Pardon*

# Craft Reports

## Creative Needlework

There is not much to be said after my report in the Arty Facts after the Exhibition. The feedback I've had has been great & certainly makes not just my efforts worthwhile but also the efforts of my wonderful helpers from various Embroidery groups I'm involved with.

My thanks to Alison for submitting my full report to the Daily Examiner, also positive comments have come direct to me from that report. It certainly makes it all worthwhile, but having said that, I won't be doing it forever. Although I have plans in motion for our big 50th next year, it will also be my last. I am looking for a dedicated Embroiderer to work with me over the next 12 months & get to know the ropes, & be prepared to look after the Embroiderers of the future. Hope to hear from someone soon.

Pam Le Couteur 6645 1766

## Patchwork and Quilters

Last Tuesday was a busy day with a lot of members present. Firstly Wilga gave us her monthly workshop, this time on how to use our new plastic applique templates. We had a bit of fun tracing shapes to make flowers, fountains, butterflies and other pictures. Wilga also gave us some tips on using freezer paper in a number of interesting ways. It looks like the expensive templates will be well used.

Elizabeth brought in the donation quilt after quilting and some volunteers got to work with needle and thread to sew down the binding. It is nice when lots of members have a hand in making a charity quilt. This one will be donated on our Zone Day in September.

We also made some decisions about celebrating our 25th year as a group. A special lunch will be held on 28th October at the Harwood Hotel.

Elizabeth Buzzell

## Clayworx

We loved our workshop with the lovely talented Lyndell DeMarco, which focused on animals.

The group applied themselves enthusiastically, these works are nearly finished.

We hope to have our own Debbie Barnes to conduct a workshop with us later in the year, sharing her technique and style of realism on heads and faces.

Other pieces of work currently being worked on are a 3 figure concept, simple and rewarding, all are unique. Some group members have opted for "New age heads" also interesting.

Our new monthly meeting are proving successful. Catching up on any recent issues that have arisen over the month and discussing the results of the latest firing, whilst enjoying coffee, cake and cackle.

A big thank you to Alanna Essex, who has brought her organizational skills to ClayWorx and put them into practice. Alanna has sold two pieces of her work, well done Alanna.

I am amazed, as I observe the fruits of labour, what comes from the hands of people who have little background in the Arts, so very satisfying.

Thanks to Steven Sessions for his help in readjusting the kiln to run better and more economically.

Tina Best for Debbie Barnes 6645 9053

## Maclean Spinners and Weavers

During the Exhibition we had a lot of interest shown with our display, also the demonstrations throughout the weekend.

Since the Exhibition we have settled back into meeting every Wednesday and welcomed a new member to our group.

Last week we had an enjoyable day, a visiting lady from Cobram gave a workshop on 'broomstick' knitting.

We would like to thank June Alexander for her time and effort in creating a booklet on the history of the spinners and weavers in Maclean. Ann McPherson contributed most of the information, being one of the foundation members, and we thank her also.

Nita Barnsley

6645 3197

(That's not Nita on the broomstick)



# Art Reports

## Junior Art Space

### Members room

Name Change and usage - The Junior Art space becomes the **Community Studio Space**

Exhibitors must be:

- \* A school group
- \* Community group creating artworks not for profit
- \* LCACA affiliated group or member (can book space annually if they are not artist of the month in the same year) e.g. Clay works, Art group, quilters etc.
- \* Individual artist with unique talents creating artworks not for profit.

Works can have a sale price however exhibitors must not be operating a commercial business.

### Shining Stars of the Exhibition

The President, Jenny Thomas, presented twelve of her Shining Star Awards to volunteers who contributed more than thirty hours of their time to last month's Annual Exhibition.



We should all be grateful for the magnificent contributions of Pam Le Couteur, Bobbie Winger, Alison Merrin, Sonia Stanton, Leon Miller, Marcia Rutledge, Karl Rubli, Allan King, Evol King, Suz Monin, Marlene Sheehan and June Alexander. Without them there would simply have been no Exhibition. They stepped in to gaps, took on multiple roles, solved problems as they arose, worked like demons, nothing was too much trouble. They even enjoyed themselves! The three who were new stewards brought new energy and ideas to the roles. The other nine brought their depths of experience and knowledge.

This year's Exhibition shone for the good humour and sense of cooperation that existed between all our workers and translated generally into a happy and constructive atmosphere for visitors. Congratulations to everyone who assisted and gave us what time or skills time they could. We appreciated it.

### Yamba Picture Framing

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

## ART

We have certainly had an inspiring month. Visiting artist and sculptor Lyndall Del Marco asked our talented Heather Prowse to show her some of her early work in printmaking. The result was a fantastic show and tell for the Group, which took most of us well into territory that was previously unexplored and exciting.

Our visit to the Tweed Regional Gallery on 24th July was awe inspiring. Three rooms of the Margaret Olley house in Sydney were so meticulously re-created at the Margaret Olley Arts Centre that when viewed the presence to mind of Margaret painting in her home environment was really a moving experience. The four temporary exhibition spaces with fine art & photography were amazing, especially the collection of wonderful large fine art lino cuts.

Last Saturday we had Fine Artist Pat Jenkins guiding us through a work shop with basic art techniques after we were so inspired by Margaret Olley.

Both Heather and Jenny Thomas have added to our library this month with generous art book donations, Heather's from the estate of the late Dr Nell Irwin, an old friend, and Jenny's in celebration of LCACA's Margaret Olley expedition.

The weekend of August Sat. 16th and Sun.17th Fine Artist Rhondella Hyde will conduct "Inspired to Create" workshop at the Old Tea Room Studio, Maclean Showground. Demonstrations in the use of acrylics, watercolour, pastels, mixed media, collage and drawing will be conducted throughout the weekend. Cost for w/ end is only \$80 for the two days. Booking now is essential. Phone Rhondella 0431735215. BEGINNERS ARE MOST WELCOME AND WILL BE ASSISTED.

The Art Group is now drafting the Fine Art entry form for our 50th Jubilee Exhibition.

June Alexander 6646 2191

### Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ 2nd July - 24th August Grafton Regional Gallery celebrates 20 years of Ferry Park Gallery
- ◆ 19th Sept—5th Oct Sawtell Art Group presents their 27th Art Exhibition at Sawtell Art Gallery. Cnr. Lyons & Bayldon roads, Sawtell. Entry by gold coin.

### Maclean Picture Framing

River Street Maclean  
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# Ferry Park Gallery

## Gallery Coordinators' Report

The month of July featured Roslyn & George Pardon as Artist of the month. We have lost Julie McKenzie and Carol Goodwin as exhibitors due to work commitments. We thank them for their time with us. Sonia is finding it hard to fill a few duty day slots, we're waiting for new members to complete their training to hopefully fill these spaces. This month's display for Artist of the month features Gloria Lee's machine embroidered home ware. We are still finding members are not maintaining their stands i.e. dusting and cleaning. The stands sometimes need a damp cloth wiped over them.

Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753  
Sonia Stanton 6647 7364

We would like to welcome 4 new members, Wendy Smith & Trish Edwards to the pottery group and Lynda & George Kriflik, Lynda will be displaying knitwear and glass craft in the Gallery. We look forward to meeting you all at our next social event

## Artist of the Month

August: Gloria Lee

## Publicity Report

The newspaper reports have slowed now the exhibition is over, with just the artist of the month being published. There are some events coming up though. We will soon be looking at next year's exhibition regarding advertising and promotion and with this being the 50th we need to look at it early. The Website proved to be a useful asset, with enquiries coming via email for entries and advertising the exhibition. Traffic on the website is also increasing. We do need to get more 'likes' on our facebook page to enable us to get more coverage, so just search for 'Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assoc' like the page and share or invite your friends.

Alison Merrin 0411 190 870

## Exhibitor Representatives' Report

The gallery looks fresh with a rearrangement of paintings, prints and photographs. Thank you, Kerry and the Gallery Coordinators. Exhibitors are reminded that new works should be available for display on a regular basis and that personal exhibiting space should be cleaned each month when on duty. This all helps to keep the gallery sparkling and interesting.

The Winter Woolies raffle will be drawn on 18th August. The prizes have been getting a lot of positive comments from visitors to the gallery. We have prizes for the next raffle, but if exhibitors have not donated for 2014, please leave your donation, marked with value and your name, on the shelf in the office. All funds raised go towards funding the exhibition prizes.

We are sorry to lose Julie McKenzie and Carol Goodwin as exhibitors but wish them well in their endeavours.

Penny 6646 4340 Suz 6645 1270

## Tales from the Association

In this space is where I would like members to share their funny tales or experiences during their time as a member of the LCACA. If you have a funny story you would like to share you can email it to me at [info@ferrypark.org](mailto:info@ferrypark.org) or leave a written submission in the publicity box at the gallery.

I will start of this month to get you thinking.

I was in the office one Monday afternoon when Sonia decided that things needed to be cleared from the roof space. She opened the manhole cover to the roof space (I think this is funny because in the UK a 'manhole cover is in the street/road and people go down) Anyway, Sonia climbed the ladder and I carried on with what I was doing, all of a sudden boxes were being dropped from the manhole at a considerable rate. The moral of this story is, don't stand around when Sonia is on a mission, she takes no prisoners'—so be warned!

Alison

## 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.