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- ◆ 17th September - Zone Day, Yamba Bowls Club
- ◆ Nov /Dec - Phyllis Austin details next month
- ◆ 3rd January 2015 Macmarkets
- ◆ 8 x8 Crossing the Clarence exhibition - Easter 2015, details next month

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ARTY FACTS

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Maclean Patchwork & Quilters Group will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary with a lunch at The Harwood Hotel on 28th October. Some of the original members are still attending meeting and Wilga, who started the group, still holding a workshop once a month. This is a very busy time for the group as they are also hosting, along with Yamba Quilt Group, the Annual far North Coast Quilter's Zone Gathering, which will be held at the Yamba Bowls Club on Wednesday 17th September with over 300 ladies attending.



President's Report GENERAL MEETING 12th September 2014

August saw us completing and submitting to Council an acquittal for its grant to our 2014 Exhibition in July. That in turn qualifies us to apply for a grant for next year's Exhibition and it is all ready to go, with substantial help from the Treasurer, Marlene, and our Publicity Officer, Ali. Ali developed a promotions and marketing plan for next year's Exhibition as part of the application for funding and we are already getting in early with the ideas for getting lots of people to enter and visit next year's Exhibition. Entry forms should be available and being distributed from the end of this month.

We are awaiting advice about whether the Council's Plunge festival will go ahead in April 2015. If it does it is likely we will conduct an exhibition and sale of small works in association with it. We will theme the Exhibition "Crossing the Clarence" and it will have a strong viewer's choice component just like its predecessor "Serendipity" did last year.

In the meantime it is time to gear up for our prestigious Phyllis Austin Award competition, held in November/ December. This competition is open to all Members, exhibiting or not, (so long as they have not won in the past). All the arts and crafts we busy ourselves with are eligible. It is an opportunity not only to showcase the excellence of our work but to notice members whose work has developed over the years into new levels of accomplishment. This is an opportunity for you to offer our judge the very loveliest or best work you have done. Entry forms available soon.

Hoping you are enjoying the spring weather and getting lots of beautiful work under-way.

Jenny Thomas

Best wishes and Get well soon to Penny Stuart and Roslyn Pardon who are recovering well and to Suz Monin, who hopefully is resting her knee!

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

Pam is away up in the 'sunshine state' looking after grandchildren and as she has her hands full I just couldn't ask for a report—I don't want to lose a friend.

I did say I would write a few lines to fill the space so here goes.

Tutor, Sue Porter, is back from her European holiday and will be at Ferry Park on Saturday 4th October for her monthly lesson (probably more talking about her adventures in Paris than stitching!) and the 3rd Saturday will be as usual for members to meet and do their own thing.

Pam has given me details of a special section in Creative Needlework for next year's exhibition and hopefully all the entry forms will be available before Christmas.

"Come back soon Pam"

Alison Merrin,

Postcode survey

During the month of September and October we are undertaking a survey asking people for their postcode and if they have been to the gallery before. The purpose of this survey is to ascertain where our visitors are from and therefore will give us some idea of where to target advertising in the future. You would be surprised to know how many local people in Maclean who have never been inside Ferry Park.

postcode	y/n	postcode	y/n
2463	y	3517	n
2450	y	4212	n
4211	n		
2461	y		
2463	n		

Comment from the visitors book

"The best collection of handmade gifts I have seen in 3 states in a gallery, especially when attached to a Tourist information centre."

Patchwork and Quilters

We have had a very busy month doing the last organising for the Far Northern Zone Quilter's Gathering which we are hosting next week in Yamba. This has been a yearlong planning venture and all members have risen to the occasion and pitched in to help. It will be held at the Yamba Bowling Club and they have kindly let us 'gather' in their conference room for free. Proceeds from our monster thirty prize raffle will go the Maclean Hospital Auxiliary and to two disabled children who belong to our extended LCACA family. We also have four quilts from our group to donate to Cranes who house older teenagers who can't live at home.

Our third art quilts were unveiled on the 9th and proved to be exciting in design and technique. The quilts can be seen on our blog which is linked to the Ferry Park website.

A number of our members have been travelling to quilt shows which are a great way to see what other groups and artists are doing. We have visited the Gold Coast Quilters, The Moo Moo Stitchers at Stokers Siding and the "Living Colour" exhibition in Coffs Harbour. This exhibition of art quilts has been acclaimed in many magazines recently.

Elizabeth Buzzell President MP&Q

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

I think Nita has gone away again so I thought I would share a funny joke to make you smile.

Local Police hunting the 'knitting needle nutter', who has stabbed six people in the rear in the last 48 hours, believe the attacker could be following some kind of pattern!

So now you know what happens when you go away and don't leave me strict instructions, I will find a joke to put in instead of a report!

Art Reports

Community Art Space

LCACA member, Rhondella holds youth art classes at Ferry Park Gallery each Wednesday from 3:30—5:00pm & at Grafton Art Club on Tuesdays 3:30—5:00pm

Rhondella's students are well represented at Art Exhibitions on the North Coast, often winning major prizes.

Her next 3 day school holiday workshop will be held in Grafton 29th Sept - 1st Oct.

Rhondella also conducts classes for adults.

Phone 0431 7350215 for further information

Upcoming Events

Phyllis Austin Awards: Start to think about your entry, also to our new members, this is also our Christmas Party get together, so everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend as this is a lovely way to meet other members . Details next month.

Macmarkets - Maclean: We are intending having a stall at the market in January. We will be looking for people to help man the stall and tell people about our organization. It would be nice if we had a representative from each of the groups to talk first hand to people. This will be a fantastic opportunity to 'sell ourselves' and hopefully attract new members as well as having fun.

8 x 8 Exhibition: 'Crossing the Clarence' is an exhibition, along the lines of the Serendipity this year, will hopefully be held over the month of the Plunge festival. This will be covering Grafton as well as the 3 towns in the Lower Clarence. Entrants will pay an admission fee which will include an 8 x 8 canvas. Visitors to the Valley over the long Christmas holidays will be encouraged to enter This sounds a very exciting event, I think as the canvases will be all the same size it will make for a very interesting display.

ART

This month was a more relaxed month with artists concentrating on their own art projects. We have purchased a new hot water Urn which will be handy during workshops etc. Our next painting workshop with art tutor Pat Jenkins will be Tuesday 7 October. All LCACA members are welcome to attend.

Our Group has discussed an idea to invite LCACA members to join us one Saturday morning/afternoon and experience a "paint with us" session. Guidance and materials will be offered by us as well a cuppa. We would like your expression of interest to see which is the more popular time to hold the session. All budding artist are welcome so come along and have some fun

Please contact June, Jenny or Shirley with your positive thoughts. If there is enough interest we will compile more details for you.

June Alexander

Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ 19thSept—5th Oct Sawtell Art Group presents their 27th Art Exhibition at Sawtell Art Gallery. Cnr. Lyons & Bayldon roads, Sawtell. Entry by gold coin.
- ◆ 8x8 'Crossing the Clarence' Exhibition to coincide with the Plunge festival in the month around Easter 2015. Details to follow

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

Wanted

Website additions

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

Maclean Picture Framing

River Street Maclean
Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

Suz Monin's art work, cards and journals are on display for Artist of the Month, do come and have a look.

Sonia and I were fortunate to be in the gallery last Monday when we had a visit from a past President, Mike Gumbly and his wife Jan. This month a new member, Lynda Kriflik now has her work on display, which is knitting and glass work

Please note

If you need to move displays around please contact a coordinator first before doing so.

Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753

Sonia Stanton 6647 7364

Artist of the Month

September: Suz Monin

October: Josie Priddle

Publicity Report

The Artist of the Month articles were sent to the two free papers two weeks, with only the Clarence Valley Review publishing. They are also sending a reporter to the Zone day so we will have a feature in the coming weeks.

Facebook figures this month are very encouraging, mainly from Suz 'sharing' Artist of the Month with her friends. Please do visit our page if you are on face book, this is where you can interact and post things of your own, photos articles in fact anything you feel is appropriate.

I contacted Spotlight, who are opening a new store in Grafton, to see if they were interested in being a sponsor for the exhibition, sadly they said no. If anyone has contacts with companies that they feel might like to sponsor us please contact me.

Alison Merrin 0411 190 870

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Exhibiting members have been leaving their raffle prizes for ongoing raffles- thank you. Each month we try to have 5 or 6 prizes to entice the sales. Please bring the raffle to the attention of customers. Money raised goes to the exhibition. If more tickets are needed they are kept in the locked cupboard in the office.

It is always gratifying to hear glowing and positive comments about the gallery by visitors. So many customers are return purchasers and many have just discovered Ferry Park. This month there is a postcode survey being conducted to ascertain just where our customers are from. This information will help in advertising and marketing.

A special thank you to those members who have been able to fill in on the duty roster at short notice. It is much appreciated.

Good health wishes go to Roslyn and Penny who are both still on leave. We hope to see them back on the till soon.

Penny 6646 4340 Suz 6645 1270

Tales from the Association

The defendant's story

It wuz nuthin to do with me, Yer Honour. I'm a slow driver. Safe. I wuz minding me own business trying to follow the two ladies (who were no doubt speeding), carefully negotiating my way out of Ali's and Phil's driveway, when a huge thump in my car's rear end slowed me up for a moment. Undaunted, I continued but my car seemed to have thrown a leg or something. I didn't swear, I swear. I got out. An absolutely HUGE bloody log lay on the road behind me, whimpering. It had followed my car and bitten it. Or at least that's how it looked to me. I gave the log a kick for good measure and revenge, but Phil swept it up in his arms and patted it. A feral log. And that's the short and the log of it, Yer Honour.

The Log's story

Your Honour, (sob sob) it was a lovely peaceful sunny day, there I was, doing what logs do & minding my our business, when suddenly my whole world was turned upside down. From nowhere came a monster machine, it was rolling towards me making a growling sound from inside. I was very scared indeed, then it happened, I was hit hard at one end and dragged against my will alone with this terrible machine, it stopped once for a very brief moment but then carried on. Eventually my owner, a very nice man, came to my rescue. I am now left with a very bruised ego and will need to be propped up for the rest of my life.

Log owners' story

All I can say your Honour is that some dizzy blonde was driving out of my driveway when she collected up my precious log and drove along with it attached to her car. I'm too distressed to comment further!

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.