



September 2015

Up coming events

- ◆ **Oct 3-31:
Dr. John Jackson
Exhibition of works at
KingStudio Gallery,
Maclean**
- ◆ **Oct 8: Bus Trip.
Needlework Group trip
to Brisbane**
- ◆ **Nov 20. Phyllis Austin
entries are due in**
- ◆ **December 11
Christmas Lunch
& Phyllis Austin
Presentation**
- ◆ **26 March to 26 April 2016:
8 x 8 in conjunction
with Plunge**
- ◆ **From 28 April:
Curated Exhibition at
Grafton Regional Gallery**

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A Conspiracy!
Daffodil Day Quilt
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Marlene Sheehan
Guess the Buttons
won by
Jenny Thomas



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 11 SEPTEMBER 2015

CRUISING LIKE DUCKS... PADDLING FURIOUSLY UNDERNEATH

We are still considering our venue for next year's Exhibition as there is a feeling after this year's strong performance that we may have -sadly -outgrown Gulmarrad School. Members of the Exhibition Committee have had a look at the Showground as another option. If you are interested in becoming involved in next year's Exhibition, this is a good time to come along to a meeting or indicate your area of interest to me or to Alison, who is next year's Exhibition Coordinator with assistance from Leon. Many thanks to Allan for his wonderful leadership in the past. This coming year he has cheerfully swapped the Coordinator role for the Youth Art steward role, where we need a new burst of energy. We are still looking for people to Steward Photography, Fine Needlework and Woodwork and Other Crafts, as Karl and Pam are no longer able to assist and Leon has spread his wings. It doesn't have to be just one person. In the past Fine Art has been Stewarded by the whole Art Group!

Our Patron, Dr. Ian Tiley has offered to help us organise and then drive members and non members of LCACA on four to five scheduled bus trips a year to North Coast art and craft attractions, a wonderful and unexpected offer we have gratefully accepted. Anne White, a new member, has offered to liaise on our behalf with Ian, and June Alexander will support her till she knows the ropes.

Our expression of interest in a grant from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme, via local member Luke Hartsuyker's office, has got through the first stage! It would enable us to make the Old Tea Room in the Showground a year round home for workshops, one off exhibitions, displays and demonstrations. In doing this we have had wonderful support and encouragement from both the Show Society and the Clarence Valley Council. They each have offered to contribute \$1000 to the matching funds required to obtain the grant. The Programme gets under way in February, and we are very hopeful of success. The formal application is to be submitted by 9 October.

Please don't forget the upcoming Phyllis Austin award. There is a perpetual trophy and \$500 to be won. Then there is next April's 8x8 competition and the Grafton Regional Gallery's Jubilee year offer to curate, from end April, an exhibition of the work of our members, called *Landscapes of the Lower Clarence*. All our members are invited to submit works to all of these competition and exhibition opportunities, regardless of their exhibitor status or their craft. In other words there is absolutely no excuse to sit around and do the crossword!

Jenny Thomas

Reports

Art Group

Always quite a lot to share when we meet Tuesday mornings, have a cuppa and 'Show and Tell' artworks, then comparative silence as the walls and put an Art Morning sign outdoors to encourage visitors.

Congrats to Pam Birrell for her Highly Commended Award with her oil painting in the Lilly Pilly annual art exhibition at Coffs Harbour.

This week we were all happy to hear President Jenny Thomas read out a proposal from our Patron Dr Ian Tiley that he will be our 'Bus Captain' to drive all members and non members on day bus trips (11 - 19 passengers) to galleries near our region 4 or 5 times a year. Wonderful social outings for all.

Art Group meet every Tuesday morning at the Old Tea Room Studio Maclean Showground, all welcome.

June Alexander 66462191

Patchwork & Quilters

Our Daffodil Day held on 18th August was a great success. It was a very enjoyable day. Everyone contributed to the day with goods, food and assistance and we raised \$1840 which was donated to the Cancer Council. Well done girls!

The raffle quilt was won by Marlene Sheehan. Our next major event will be our annual Far North Coast Zone Day, which is hosted this year by the Evans Head Patchwork Group. We will travel by bus to Evans Head on Wednesday 16th September. Zone Day is always a great day. The charity for this year's Zone Day is "Quilts for Love". These are small quilts for babies who are stillborn or pass away shortly after birth. We have made 4 quilts to donate to this cause.

We have continued our workshops with Wilga's workshop on 1st September and on 8th September Janet Hall showed us many interesting techniques and tips on English Paper Piecing.

Also on the 8th, the quarterly Art Quilts were on display. These were stunning in design and detail.

Claudette Hough
President

Maclean Spinners & Weavers

This week we farewelled our S.A. visitor who joined our group while on holidays for the past 10 weeks. I'm sure we'll see her again next year.

I have a contact number for Llama fleece suitable for felting. If interested ring me for the phone number.

We are working well with various projects. Anyone interested in joining our group—just come along.

Venue—Every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm at Illarwill Hall.

Nita Barnsley 66453197

SUGGESTION BOX

If anyone has a suggestion on how we can celebrate of Golden Jubilee next year, we would like to hear from you. Just drop your ideas into the Suggestion box

People counter August 2015

4224 up from 4205 in 2014

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

Notices and events

8 x 8 Competition

Next March/April: Plunge into our second 8x8 art and crafts competition. All local and visiting artists and artisans welcome to enter. The entry price buys a canvas to serve as a base for your brilliance.

Theme: *my place*

Entry forms & canvases will be available end November.

Contacts are Penny Stuart 66464340 and Suz Monin 66451270

Slices of Earth, Slices of Time

**Dr. John Jackson Exhibition of works
at KingStudio Gallery, Maclean, Oct 3-31**

Members, in particular patchworkers and artists, are encouraged to attend the opening event on **Sunday 4** October from 3 pm or to visit the Exhibition which will be open to the public from Sat 3 Oct.

We are keen to have an informed discussion as to whether Dr Jackson's work might be suitable as the basis for a Jubilee quilt, made by our Patchworkers and Quilters in 2016, which not only celebrates our landscapes and our Association but honours our craftspeople.

Jubilee year 2016! Early events

2016 is our Jubilee Year and April was the month. We are celebrating, with high tea for old timer and pioneer Members in April, a cocktail party for the 8x8 opening night, also in April, and, of course, throughout the year.

Attention Exhibitors

Exhibiting members are asked to make sure the tickets on your items for sale are clearly marked.

Recently there have been items sold for the incorrect price as the tickets were not clearly marked. Only for the honesty of one buyer, who returned and asked for the price to be rechecked, a seller would have been greatly out of pocket.

Also if you wish to change the price on an item, you need to use a **new ticket**. Remember a buyer could easily cross the price out & replace with a lower price.

Landscapes of the Lower Clarence: GRG Jubilee Display

24-28 April: enter a work in the Grafton Regional Gallery's curated exhibition, *Artists of the Lower Clarence*, which is open to all arts and crafts, on the theme of *Landscapes of the Lower Clarence*.

Contact : Mal King 66452042

Welcome to New Members

A very warm welcome to our new members Jane Bowly, Maxine Davidson, Helen Granlees, Veronica McCartin, Trudy Mullaly, Micah & Jaimie Richards, Virginia Bieneman, Bernard Hides and also Gail Flack.

We hope you have fun.

Your enthusiasm and new ideas will always be appreciated.

Phyllis Austin

Phyllis Austin coming up in November, the "all Members Excellence Award". \$500 to be won plus the Perpetual Trophy and your name in lights. See included flyer for dates and details.

Contact: Julie McKenzie on 66452042

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

Kim McKenna has come up with some new and innovative ideas with her leather work for her display as Artist of the Month for September. The gallery has settled in well since the change around with lots of pleasing comments.

Sonia and I have taken over the running of the gallery exhibition raffle. All raffle items donated by members can be left in the gallery.

Thank you
Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753
Sonia Stanton 6647 7364

Magical Mystery Art Tours (MMAT)

LCACA Patron, Dr. Ian Tiley, has offered to help us create regular day trips for our members and interested locals on four or five occasions a year to various art /craft destinations in the region. He will pick up and drive the bus, all we have to do is sign up and pay! He estimates most trips will cost about \$25 a head, although we are obliged to charge non-members five dollars extra to cover insurances. Buses *will be cancelled* if paid up numbers are not sufficient the week before.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

Have you donated your 2015 item for the monthly raffle yet? If not, now is the time to do so. Items badly needed for the next raffle. Leave item on shelf in storeroom and mark your item with the valued price.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

The 8x8 Exhibition is again being organised for next year.

26th March – 26th April 2016!

The theme: *my place*

Entry forms and canvases will be ready for you to collect and distribute by the end of November. Start thinking and watch this space for further details!

In conjunction with the Jubilee Year Celebrations and the 8 x 8, a **High Tea** will be held on **6th April**, to honour all our old time members, and other interested parties. Let Suz or I know if you can pick up and return home one or more of our guests, or have someone for the list.

The Phyllis Austin Award entry forms are now available and are due in 20th November. Work is to be delivered by 27th November and details are being finalised for the Opening, Presentation and Lunch. The award is a great showcase for our artists and the Association and we would urge all members, not just exhibitors, to participate.

Kim McKenna has put up a beautiful feature display of her leatherwork for October's Artist of the Month and is to be congratulated.
Penny and Suz

First MMAT: Riches of the Richmond

Date: Thursday 29 October

Visiting galleries in Lismore, Bangalow and Ballina.

Leaving Ferry Park 8.45 am, home by 3.45 pm.

Cost: members \$25, non members \$30. Bring a picnic lunch.

Sign up and pay in the Office at the Gallery **by 22 October.**

Contacts: June Alexander (66462191) or Anne White (66453608)

LCACA Christmas Lunch in association with Phyllis Austin Presentation, Friday 11 December

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.