



Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,  
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SHOW US YOUR INK, GIRLS: Shirley W, Ali M, Jenny T and Irene K looking suspiciously clean at Heather Prowse's tutorial on silk screen printing for the Art Group last Tuesday.

## COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

20 Aug 9.30 am	Patchworkers' Daffodil Day am tea
6-29 Sept	Woolgoolga Lillipilli Art and Craft Exhibition 2013
22 Sept 1.30pm	1st meeting to plan Exhibition 2014.
8 October	Entries close –Open and Youth-Jacaranda Art Exhibition
26 Oct- 2 Nov	45 <sup>th</sup> Jacaranda Art Exhibition
9 Nov 10am	Fabric Sculpture Class Yvonne Pickens at Grafton Art Club
22Nov	Phyllis Austin Entry Form and fee due
29Nov	Phyllis Austin Work delivered with artist statement
13 Dec	Phyllis Austin Award night

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great regret that the Committee has accepted the resignation from December of our excellent Secretary, **John Le Couteur**. He has been a backbone to the Association for many years. Typically of John, he has given us plenty of notice so he can hand over smoothly to those foolish and brave enough to try to step into his shoes.

Many thanks to those who attended the Special Exhibitors meetings on 31 July and also our discussion on the 4<sup>th</sup> August about planning for a vibrant future for the Association.

We have a plan. Now it is a matter of gradually putting in place the changes needed so we can continue to provide high quality services to all our members well into the future. Copies of the plan are readily available from **Suz Monin** or **Jenny Thomas** if you wish to become involved.

The Special Exhibitors meeting has helped us to continue to provide high quality services in the Gallery itself. The Gallery's sales depend on its reputation- and our reputation is only as good as the skills and enthusiasm of the people who sell and contribute the goods. If you are an Exhibiting Member and were unable to attend this one, please keep an eye out for other training opportunities in the future – we need to all be singing from the same songbook.

I am also pleased to report we have decided to join the Maclean Chamber of Commerce as we believe there are many mutual benefits. More on that later.

**Allan King**

**Patchworkers' Daffodil Day Morning Tea Tuesday 20 August 9.30am-12.30, Uniting Church Hall Maclean**

All welcome. \$5 Entry includes morning tea. Lots of entertainment. All proceeds to Cancer Council NSW.

## 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.

# Craft Reports

## Creative Needlework

The ladies are all well into their masterpieces and they are starting to take shape, looking fantastic. Many works have been in progress for six to eight months, and some will take 12 to 18 months or even two years to complete. These are labours of love by dedicated embroiderers. Most of us have a number of projects on the go at once, so time has to be spread over all. Tutor **Sue** is with us the first Saturday of the month at Ferry Park. Her knowledge is amazing and we are very lucky to have her. The group also meets without **Sue** on the third Saturday of the month.

Other embroidery groups available to the public, which also have members from LCACA, are Sue's Monday afternoon group and **Pam's** Silk Ribbon group on Tuesday afternoons, both of which meet at Sew Excited. There is also the Maclean branch of the Embroiderers Guild which meets at Sew Excited on the second Wednesday morning of the month at 9.00am. **Norma Dunne** is the convenor and can be contacted on 0402 947 399 for more information.

Starting next school term, **Norma** is hoping to start Beading and jewellery making classes. The beading will also include Japanese beading which is an art in itself. More in future editions of Arty Facts. **Pam Le Couteur**

## We star in Patchwork and Stitching Magazine

Wow! Our patchworkers had a double page spread with lots of pics in Vol 14 No 6, out now!

## Clayworx

So far this month we have had poor attendances due to people being away or unwell. However, looking around me, I can see some good work in progress and feel confident we will be a good look at our next showing.

**Deb** is still away and we miss her. We also really appreciate how much work she puts in to keep our little group going. We often hear of new people wanting to join, but so far not much has come to fruition, probably the time of year.

We are still chuffed about our awards from the Exhibition at Gulmarrad. Photos of our works can be viewed on our website page at Clayworx. Happy Arting, everyone.

**Tina Best**

## Patchwork and Quilters –

We have all been enjoying the lovely sunny days and getting time to do other things. With Daffodil Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> we have also been busy making items for the trading table. Everyone is working hard to make this event successful.

Tickets in the Scotty Dog raffle quilt are available at Ferry Park.

**Wilga** has shown us how to draft an eight point and six point star block using our circular ruler. **Wilga's** birthday was a lovely happy day for us all. We have another 80<sup>th</sup> for **Nancy Towell** this month.

We have to take a star block to the Zone Gathering in September. **Janet** has hired a bus for the trip as the Gathering is to be held at Tweed Heads this year. **Linda Hollis** is putting together a quilt for us to donate. We have another bus trip organized to the Brisbane Quilt Show. Our trip last year was so well organized that all the ladies want us to do it again.

This month our Art Quilt in a Box challenge has been 'Seaside' or 'Butterfly' and the design element is 'Colour'. I'm sure there will be some creative mini quilts next Tuesday. We have also chosen a pattern and colours for next year's Exhibition raffle quilt. **Colleen Brighton** is leading that project.

**Elizabeth Buzzell**

## Maclean Spinners and Weavers

During the Exhibition our spinning demonstration created great interest, with several ladies interested in coming along to learn. One person has already attended our meetings. We are still meeting on Fridays and looking forward to returning to Wednesdays when work on the bridge is finally completed. **Nita Barnsley**

## Corindelo Arts & Crafts (Yamba) Pottery Classes

**Hand building pottery** -Thursday evenings 5.30-7pm;  
**Kids After School pottery** classes Thurs 3.30 -5pm.  
(Ph Nicole 66468338)

# Art Reports

## Looking for a Home for Art on the Lower Clarence

June and I were disappointed that our recent negotiations to lease the Chatsworth Island Hall as a home on the Lower Clarence for Art and Artists has not been successful. However we have not given up. We are looking at at least two other potential venues and will keep you posted. If you know of vacant or severely underutilised spaces which might be suitable for workshops, private art spaces, storage and display of books, art and equipment and for get-togethers of arts and crafts people, do let us know.

Jenny Thomas

## DON'T FORGET TO VISIT OUR EXTENDED DISPLAY

**Grafton Regional Gallery display of exemplary LCACA Art and Craft, now from 3 July to 25 August.**

The display is currently on view in the Studio, showing 12 pieces of our framed work and a further 10 pieces from the patchworkers and quilters.

## FOODIE ART PRIZE \$1000 in conjunction with GATE to PLATE

See details in Ferry Park Office. Open to all local people. 2 September delivery of works to Grafton Gallery, 7 September judging.

## KING STUDIO MACLEAN SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOPS

Contact Mal: 66452042 or 0432 719 402

## King Studios Opens its Earth Timber and Fire Exhibition.

This is a great exhibition of woodfired stoneware by **Stephen Sessions**, and bush furniture by **Jeff Keyes** who has also launched his book, **The Kodama Ironbark Project**, in the wonderful setting of Malcolm King's and Julie McKenzie's Gallery at 105 River St Maclean. Two amazing local talents. The Exhibition runs until 7 Sept.

## ART GROUP

Since the annual Exhibition, we have concentrated on basic screen printing. Over three weeks **Heather Prowse** has led us through the techniques of screen printing and our own experiences in making a design, transferring it to stencil paper and cutting out the design. Then the exciting moment of actually printing our design onto T-shirts etc. **Heather** was able to give us all a good basic understanding of this printing technique and we enjoyed ourselves enormously. Heather also donated to us several screens for future attempts. Thank you, **Heather**.

We have ink and stencil paper for further experiments and we invite any member to come along and give it a try.

**Christine Snee** will demonstrate and help us through a paper making session at the Showground Fine Art building on 20 August at 9.30am. Any member wishing to take part, please register with **Christine** on 66455197.

We will now concentrate on our Artist of the Month display for September. It's a promotional display designed to encourage new Arts members. On display will be our original artworks, Old Master inspirations (Monet, Lautrec, Modigliani, Reynolds etc) and samples of work from recent workshops.

June Alexander

Entry forms for **Grafton Art Club's 45<sup>th</sup> Jacaranda Art Exhibition (26 October -2 November)** are available in the Office at Ferry Park. Entries close 8 October.

## Junior Art Space:

The students of Gulmarrad Public School are the Ferry Park Junior Artist of the month. They have depicted a variety of styles from Indigenous Australian styles to modern pop art, using a variety of art medium including pencil sketching, dot painting and blended colours using coloured pencils, crayons, texta pens and a variety of paints. This is a vibrant display and well worth a trip to view the exhibition of the children's work.

The Junior Art space is always looking for Schools interested in displaying creative art works by their students. The art space is designed to hang works on paper so no framing is required. Contact Kerrie Howland Junior Art Coordinator on 66459088.

Yamba Picture Framing

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

## Gallery Coordinators' Report

This month the Patchwork and Quilters Group filled up the Artist of the Month slot with a very colourful display.

During the month we have welcomed two new members, Bobbie Winger (jewellery) and Leon Miller (photography). Since joining Leon has built two new rotating stands to house small framed items, one for his photos and the other for Gallery use at cost price to us for his materials.

Also, Sonia has organised new lighting for the jewellery cabinets.

**Marcia Rutledge**

**Sonia Stanton**

## Exhibitor Representatives' Report

The training sessions held on 31<sup>st</sup> July were attended by about half of the exhibiting members. The purpose of the meeting was to bring all exhibitors up to date with Gallery procedures and responsibilities as an exhibitor. Those who attended expressed their appreciation of being brought up to date, especially on the till procedures and where to find things. For those who did not attend, there is a package for you on the sign on desk.

The Winter Woollies raffle, raising funds to offset costs of the exhibition, is going well. Items in this raffle were donated by **Gwen Cheetham, Evol King, Chris Lokes, Nita Barnsley** as well as The Spinners & Weavers Group. Thank you everyone. The raffle will be drawn on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

If you are still to donate to the raffle, please leave your item/s on the receivals shelf, marked "Raffle" and the value.

Grafton Regional Gallery asked LCACA to exhibit for a further month, so you can still catch the exhibition in the Studio Gallery at GRG until 25<sup>th</sup> August.

Penny and Suz will both be away at different times during the next 8 weeks.

**Suz Monin and Penny Stuart**

## Phyllis Austin Time Again

Each year LCACA holds this award of excellence for all members of LCACA in memory of LCACA stalwart **Phyllis Austin**. Members are asked to present one work of excellence in a competitive exhibition. Significant dates for the Award are:

- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov Entry form and fee due
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Works to be delivered to FPG (along with artist statement about the work)
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Presentation of PA Award at an evening function.

## Lunch time Exhibition Debrief

**A good turn up, maybe twenty people agreed that in general the Exhibition had been run well, and contributed ideas to its improvement next year.**

**The main concern is to get things going much earlier for 2014, so the first meeting to plan for next year will be on September 22 at 1.30pm. Come along if you can.**

## Futures Plan

- Gloria Lee** has taken on new duties as membership secretary and we will explore further how to provide better services to all members.
- December will be the twentieth anniversary of the Gallery. To celebrate and to encourage new members there will be a double page spread about the Association in the local press.
- We are creating an events coordinator position.
- We are connecting with the wider community more by joining the Chamber of Commerce and extending the distribution of Arty Facts to more local interested people.
- Associated groups have been asked to spend time looking at the futures plan and discussing its implications for them.
- The recent Exhibitors' support meetings were to help improve our day to day customer service by looking to create a consistent approach to gallery services no matter who is on duty.

## Publicity Report

I have met with Malcolm King to work on the flyer and we have come up with some good ideas. We will have a draft soon. We need to get this ready for the summer holiday trade. I will also be meeting with Hugh Bain soon to make alterations to the website.

Advertising in the press has been good with everything I have submitted being published.

**Alison Merrin** 0411190870

### LCACA OFFICE BEARERS AND CONTACTS

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