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ARTY FACTS

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*Best wishes to you all
From everyone on the
committee*

This has been a month for achieving things, when we have been able to see the results coming together from previous decisions and work.

I think Vice President Penny has been just about the busiest person in the Association. She has managed the Phyllis Austin Prize, organizing the entries, displaying them, finding and assisting the judge, Frances Belle Parker, and organizing the presentation. She has worked with Mal, Suz and Ali to kick start the 8x8 competition and display. There is now a neat little mountain of entry canvases sitting on the front desk, and some of them are not walking but running out the door. And last but not least she and Suz have been working to update the Exhibitors' contracts and rules to incorporate up to date fee structures and our new disability policy.

No flies on Vice President Mal either. Please have a look –if you haven't already – at the front desk area where the wall has been repainted and hung with some lovely art. Ken Done has removed himself onto the facing wall in the Office, which has also been cleaned up, reorganised and repainted. The entry area is starting to look pretty good. Thanks not only to Mal but to Leon Miller who has helped him do a great job. We have also ordered two new ergonomically sensible chairs for our volunteers at the desk and – watch this space- other improvements to the Gallery are underway.

Council has advised us this week it has approved a \$3500 grant for next year's Jubilee Exhibition in July.

Marlene and Ali and I visited with the Roads and Maritime people in Grafton to find out about their plans to authorise a Highway Service Centre at the southern entrance to Maclean when the Highway is upgraded here in about five years time. I have also been in contact with Council General Manager Scott Greensill's office to organise a meeting with his staff in the New Year to explore Council's position on this - and to talk about how Ferry Park might fit into future planning for the highway entrance to Maclean. And Marlene and I went along to the consultation at the Maclean Civic Centre on 3 December to satisfy ourselves that Ferry Park would not be at greater risk of flooding because of changes to the new highway.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas.

Jenny Thomas

*Best wishes and Get well soon to June Alexander who has recently
been in hospital*

Creative Needlework

The Embroidery group has been well attended over the past year, with everyone working on their own beautiful creation. Some being long time projects but that's what it's all about, achieving perfection stitch by stitch always takes time.

Last Saturday saw our last meeting for the year followed by a Christmas luncheon at the F/P Restaurant. We passed on our thanks to Susan & presented her with a flower arrangement.

We recommence with Sue on the first Saturday in February which is the 7th. Some ladies may like to come in on the third Saturday of January. We also welcome any new embroiderers who may be interested.

A reminder to all Embroiderers.....I'm asking for your assistance & to also learn the ropes of what's involved in running the Creative Needlework section of the Exhibition. While I'm able to do the 2015 show, I will not be able to carry on after that, so it's imperative I have someone who recognises all forms of Embroidery. If you are interested please contact me & find out what's involved. It's an extremely rewarding experience.

Pam Le Couteur

***** Please Note*****

If you are on duty at the gallery please make sure you park in the designated parking spots in the second car park, as the ranger is now patrolling the two hour spaces at the front of the gallery.

2015 Subscriptions due

Your renewal forms are attached to this Arty Facts. Remember you cannot vote at the AGM unless you are a financial member

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

We have been given two sacks of alpaca fleece, one of which is quite short so this will need to be carded before we can spin it.

We wished everyone a Merry Christmas and we will be having our Christmas get together next Wednesday 17th December. Nita



ClayWorx

I would like to thank Karen Von Ahldfeld for writing the monthly reports, also to the girls that attended the general meeting during my absences.

ClayWorx has been very busy this year, we have had 7 bisque and 7 glaze firings which were all good. The workshop, creating a sculpture of a canine of choice, run by Lyndel Del Marco was quite a challenge to some of our members. All turned out well.

Unfortunately I was away for the workshop that Steven Sessions ran, but feedback from the members was that they all seemed to enjoy what he was teaching. This workshop is ongoing and will be rescheduled in the new year at Steven's convenience. Last week we held out Christmas party which was attended by all our members. ClayWorx are very inspired with the idea of the 8x8 competition and are keen to create new and interesting pieces for Artist of the Month in April.

I have been talking to a gentleman who is interesting in joining Clayworx when he moves from Tamworth to the Clarence Valley. He has a certificate 4 in art and a diploma in ceramics, he is keen to join our group in January.

Debbie Barnes

Maclean, MacMarkets

We are having a stall at the McMarkets on Saturday 3rd January. This is where we can 'sell' the Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Association and tell people about the groups within the LCACA. We need some volunteers to help man the stall and talk to people about the groups & the gallery.

If you volunteer on the day you will be able to sell items with no commission payable as a one off.

Please contact Alison on 0411190870 if you would like to help.

Maclean Picture Framing. River Street Maclean.
Annual Exhibition Sponsor,
Offers discount framing to all LCACA members

Community Art Space

Presently on display in the Studio are the Phyllis Austin entries. This year's winner is Ron Moore with his bandsaw box. Congratulations



Publicity Report

It is good to see our Facebook page being visited with a good interaction going on. Don't forget you can always post your own things there too, so if you have finished a piece of work and would like to share it just upload a photo.

The Artist of the month was published in both the free papers this week.

We now have our business cards on the counter and we are now having DL flyers printed which will be distributed far and wide, so hopefully this will bring more visitors to the Gallery.

Alison Merrin

8x8 Miniatures Competition

"CROSSING THE CLARENCE"

26TH MARCH – 26TH April 2015

Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean

An 8 x 8 inch (20 x 20 cm) stretch canvas will be provided on receipt of the \$8 entry fee (\$5 for youth) at Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean. This can be used to paint on, to draw on, to print on, to use as a frame, or as a window box. All mediums acceptable as long as it is on the 8 x 8 stretcher provided and stays within that size.

Prizes:

Open: 1st \$300, 2nd 200, 3rd \$100

Youth: (4- 10 years) 1st \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10
(11-16 years) 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20

Entries close and all works to be received at Ferry Park Gallery on or before Friday 20th March 2015.

All works must be labelled with artist name and details. All works will have the title "Crossing the Clarence" however, a secondary title is allowed.

ALL WORKS MUST BE FOR SALE WITH A
MAXIMUM PRICE OF \$200.

(25% commission will be charged).

Art Exhibitions & classes around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ 2016: 11th May - 3rd July Celebrating 50 years of LCACA to be held at The Grafton Regional Gallery. Details to follow.
- ◆ April 2015: Fay Boyd art classes at Grafton High School– Details to follow
- ◆ Rhondella Hyde –Art classes: Feb 2nd to March 23rd
Grafton Art Club: Mondays & Tuesdays Adults 1— 3:30 Youth 3:30 to 4:30
Maclean, Ferry Park Wednesdays Adults 9:30 to 12:30 Youth 3:30 to 4:30.
Contact Rhondella on 0431 735 215 for bookings.
See website for more information.
www.ferrypark.org

Sunday Roster 2015

Good news! We almost have a full Sunday Roster!
But there is one slot that is not filled at this stage.
So, those people that did not do a Sunday last year will be rostered on to fill the gap.

If you cannot do a Sunday, a Saturday is possible.
Contact Suz 0434430754 or 66451270(ah)

Suz

Yamba Picture Framing

6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba,
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Offers discount framing to all LCACA Members

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

The Christmas display came up well with an overall pleasing result.

Due to Christmas day falling on the last Thursday in December, the January display will be put up on the 1st January.

Sonia and I wish everybody a Very Happy Christmas & looking forward to seeing you all in the new year with bigger and better things.

Sonia Stanton & Marcia Rutledge

Working bee

Helpers needed for the working bee on Monday 2nd February at 2pm to rearrange the painting in the gallery. This is a large undertaking and Sonia and Marcia need all the help they can get. If you are able to lend a hand please contact Sonia on 6647 7364

Artist of the Month

December: Christmas display

Dates for your diary:

3rd January: MacMarkets

2nd February: Working Bee to help with changeover of Hanging Works.

Visitor numbers for November

4553 (2014) 4791 (2013)

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

We have been busy getting the 8 x 8 Small Works Exhibition up to entry form status. With help from Mal King, the entry form and canvases are ready for distribution and sale at FPG. Most of our associated groups now have entry packs and canvases for distribution.

Suz has been along to some of the U3a art groups where members embraced the idea of the exhibition and the concept of using a defined space for a variety of media.

Entries are due in March but MUST be on the canvas provided with the entry form which will cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for students 16 years and under.

The 8 x8 theme is 'Crossing the Clarence' which gives wide scope for interpretation. And what a fantastic creative project it could be for the summer when classes are in recess!

Contact Penny for any enquiries on the 8 x 8 Exhibition.

Mal and Leon have done a great job painting and rehanging the area behind the counter and reorganising the office. The Ken Done prints look great in their new spot. Thank you!

The exhibiting membership contracts have been amended...please take time to have a read when renewing your membership.

Penny and Suz

We are always looking for people to help with small jobs around the Gallery. Let us know if you can help

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.

Next general meeting: Friday 13th February