



ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association, Ferry Park Gallery, Maclean NSW; PO Box 194, Maclean, 2463. Email: ferryparkgallery@westnet.com.au
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20 years at Ferry Park – Irene cuts the cake



COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

22 Feb?	Double Page spread in Daily Examiner to mark 20 years for Ferry Park Gallery
28 Feb 2014	Next Exhibition meeting.
7 March 2014	Nominations close AGM
14 March	General meeting 9.30am
21 March	AGM 10am Maclean Services Club
1 April	Submission to CVC for 2015 Expo funds due
12-13 April	Antiques and Collectibles Fair Yamba Bowling Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Where to for LCACA in the Future?

We are getting to a stage where we are thinking we may have to rein in some of our activities because of a shortage of new volunteers and a plethora of burnt out old ones. I'm thinking of Phyllis Austin for example which Penny Stuart has ably run for the past four to five years. Although we had a lovely range of high quality entries this year very few people bothered to come to the presentation night, displaying a low level of general interest in this event.

The 2014 Exhibition is another concern, with only four people showing for a meeting this month. Four people can't run the Exhibition. Among other things, we are short stewards for both photography and wearable art and jewellery at the moment. If every person volunteered to take on just one job for the Exhibition we would all enjoy our involvement and the pressure on the few would be alleviated.

2015 will be our fiftieth Annual Exhibition. This is an amazing achievement. We have been hoping to make it a humdinger with extra activities and festive atmosphere. At the moment we are looking for ideas and needing someone to put together a request to Council for funding sponsorship and assistance.

Please think about what contribution you might make or ask me what we need. Without you there will be no 49th or 50th Exhibitions. We would be so pleased if you were to leave a note at the Gallery or ring anyone in the Executive. The AGM is coming up too. While all positions are open, we particularly need nominees for both President and Secretary as John has stepped down and I intend to. Please help us make a difference.

Allan King

2014 MEMBER CONTRACTS AND FEES OVERDUE –you can't vote at AGM if not up to date.

GREAT NEWS!

Council renovations start at Ferry Park on Feb 17

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

Focusing on the Exhibition

Ladies in all groups have knuckled down to their projects with the aim of having them available for display at the Exhibition.

I have started the ball rolling regarding that "something extra" for the Creative Needlework Room at Gulmarrad School. The theme will be Period and Vintage clothing, hats, shoes and bags. If you are able to add to the several promised items I have already procured, I would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

There will be an insert in the Creative Needlework entry form to remind you. Please help me make this display as popular as last year's, which was a huge hit with all our visitors.

In June the Artist of the Month will be LCACA members from various embroidery groups around the area. With the variety of styles, methods and mediums used, this promises to be something worth seeing. So keep on stitching, girls.

Pam Le Couteur

Marcia deciding whether she's Shiva or Ganesh



Patchwork and Quilters

Busy Busy Busy

After a short break we are back in the stitch of things. Wilga has had her first workshop showing us five ways to finish cushions. This year we are going to make an item using a technique for show and tell the next month.

The art quilters are off and running. This year we will be doing four art quilts and the first is due in March. Marcia has shown us some techniques for using Shiva Paint Sticks. We hope to continue these pop-up demonstrations throughout the year.

A working party has been established to organize the Quilters Zone Day. This will be a big event on our calendar in September.

This year's raffle quilt is almost ready to go on ticket sale with only the binding to do now. Colleen has done a wonderful job co-ordinating the making of this quilt.

We are having a workshop with Liz Scobie at the end of February and the two days will be jam packed with ideas and techniques. It is great to see so many members taking the opportunity to learn from a well-known quilter.

Elizabeth Buzzell President MP &Q

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.

Art Report

ART GROUP

Our first art day this week in the Old Tea Room Studio, Maclean Showground and we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the opening of Ferry Park. We still have three active members in the group who were original fundraisers for our home at Ferry Park.

The artists are gradually making the Old Tea Room into a functional studio, where we hope we will encourage more new members and tutors to share with us. We thank LCACA for our new work tables, which are a great asset to our setting up. As the weather cools, we hope to have a working bee and tidy up the old pavilion, sort out what equipment we have and purchase what we need to get our activities underway. We plan to advertise and create a diary of our activities to welcome interest local and afar

The Arts Group meets every Tuesday morning at the studio from 10am and all are welcome.

June Alexander

Grafton Regional Gallery exhibitions currently include the Creative Council display and an exhibition of work from The Three Amigos- James Willebrant, Graham Mackie, and Sorren Carlbergg.

Yamba Picture Framing 6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba, Our Annual Exhibition Sponsor, offers discount framing to all LCACA Members. Phone Jane on 66463477

KING STUDIO MACLEAN
Contact Mal: 66452042 or 0432 719 402

Event News

Plunge Festival Roadshow in Maclean

Arts Northern Rivers and Clarence Valley Council are inviting participation from local creative people to exhibit and contribute to a pop up creative arts space and roadshow in Maclean in April as part of their Annual Plunge Festival. Contact surveymonkey.com under the heading NRC Roadshow EOI if you want to participate.

Don't forget the Antiques and Collectibles Fair in Yamba in April. Contact Suz Monin on 0434 430 754 or by email smonin33@gmail.com

JULY 2014 EXHIBITION

SERENDIPITY SMALL WORKS EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

**IS THE NAME AND THEME OF THE
MINIATURES COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN
CONJUNCTION WITH THIS YEAR'S
EXHIBITION. ENTRIES FROM ALL ARTS AND
CRAFTS ARE WELCOME, TO BE SUBMITTED
TO FERRY PARK GALLERY BY 16 JUNE.
NOTE THE EARLY DATE. THESE WORKS
WILL BE EXHIBITED BEFORE THE
EXHIBITION ITSELF.**

CONTACT AND STEWARD WILL BE PENNY

Gallery Coordinators

To start the New Year Julie and Malcolm King stepped in to fill the Artists of the Month spots for January and February. Both their displays have been very eye-catching.

Maclean Patchwork and Quilters display: "Art Quilts in a Box" has been put in the members' room during February and it looks wonderful. If you have the chance, encourage people to put their heads around the corner to have a look.

Sonia Stanton and Marcia

New Members

Congratulations and welcome to

- Ruth Toyer (quilts)
- Pamela Morgan (handcrafted baby items)

Publicity Report

1. Our twentieth birthday. We have a meeting with the Daily Examiner on Wednesday next week, 19th February, to hopefully finalise the content of a double page spread to celebrate our 20th anniversary at Ferry Park. They have been contacting potential advertisers. We should have an update at the meeting. There was a date set for publication of Saturday 22nd February, but it was pointed out that this would have been quite expensive with the following Tuesday 25th as a possible date, this will depend on the amount of advertising.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Phyllis Austin Award. It made for an interesting exhibition within the Gallery over the holiday period. The judge's comments were frequently discussed and disputed and the 'Viewers Choice' drew almost 600 votes.

The general public chose the bandsaw box, 'From the Forest Floor' as its favourite. Congratulations Ron Moore Pam Birrell's 'Apple Blossom' drew a high number of votes as well.

The Patchwork and Quilters Group have a display in the Members' Room and we look forward to more of the school displays.

Don't forget to renew your annual subs and Exhibitors' Contract. There are some changes in the Exhibitors' Contract, so please take the time to read it through, to remind yourselves of your obligations. It all helps with the smooth running of the Gallery.

Just a reminder to change the gallery roster and to let your roster officer know if you have to swap duty with anyone.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

2. The website. The Exhibition entry forms are now available from Ferry Park Gallery or to download from our website www.ferrypark.org -where you will also find other information - so well worth a look. The Patchwork & Quilters blog is now linked to our website and can be found on the Patchwork page under Groups.

3. Local coverage .We have had good coverage in the free papers re Artist of the Month and the Phyllis Austin Award.

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