



## June 2014

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### COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

- ◆ Saturday 21st—28th July Serendipity Miniatures Exhibition.
- ◆ 4th—6th July Exhibition
- ◆ 24th July: Bus trip to Tweed Regional Gallery.
- ◆ Saturday 26 July- Pat Jenkins is hosting a one day workshop.
- ◆ 16-17 August - mixed media workshop by Rhondella Hyde.

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# ARTY FACTS

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Some beautiful  
creations  
from  
ClayWorx



### President's Report

This is our busiest time of the year as we hurtle towards the Exhibition in the first week of July. The very last preparation meeting of the Exhibition Committee is on 24 June and we are down to sharing out the jobs of setting up the displays and running the Opening night and the Exhibition itself. It's looking good...there will be buskers and market stalls, craft demonstrations, voters choices in each Section, quilt turnings and a wider range of food on sale including a BBQ.

The Exhibition effort this year is preceded by an unprecedented effort by a few people to get the Serendipity Miniatures Exhibition off the ground in businesses in Maclean and Yamba in the week of 21-28 June...VERY soon! We still need help especially on the Saturday the 21st as we will have to set up displays in eleven businesses on that day, sometimes in quite tight timeframes. So if you have any capacity at all on that day....particularly if you have access to a strong chap with a step-ladder...we'll even supply the stepladder...we want to hear from you. We also welcome members of the Association talking to their friends and neighbours about both events and talking them into coming along.

At the same time we have put a bid in to Clarence Valley Council's budget processes to see if they will give us \$3400 towards an internal brightening up and repainting and refurbishing of the Gallery. We have offered to make a contribution as well and we have sought support from individual Councillors for our bid. We'll know the result after the Council meeting on 24 June.

I have been visiting our Associated Groups to talk to them about how we can strengthen them and the Association's links with them. Our long term aim is to make ordinary membership of the LCACA more attractive to people who for various reasons can't exhibit in the Gallery but want some skill development and mutual support in their chosen field. In that way we will also strengthen our links with the local community and encourage more members.

Jenny Thomas

Welcome to new exhibiting member, Joanne Enslow whose craft is cross-stitching and lives in Yamba. We look forward to seeing her beautiful creations in the Gallery.

*Best wishes and Get well soon to Robyn Devine who is in hospital at the moment and Allan King who is recovering very well from a hip replacement.*

# Craft Reports

## **Creative Needlework**

There are a number of embroideries presently "works in progress" which unfortunately won't be finished this year but hopefully will be part of our 2015 show.....the big 50th. Exhibition. But there are some magnificent works completed which will be on show this year.

Many of our Embroideries take up to 2yrs to complete. They are true works of art in our eyes because we look at them critically after hours of stitching, if there is something just not right or we feel the wrong shade of thread colour was used, then it's re-done. Mind you, most of the time we endeavour to be right the first time. Saves lots of time & frustration !

Entries are very slow coming in this year for the Creative Needlework section so don't forget to get entries in ASAP as there is always a mad rush towards closing date. As steward for C/N, I'm happy to accept entries during the last week prior to show, please let me know if you have a problem & need this extra time.

A visit from President Jenny Thomas to our group last Saturday morning was well received by all & questions put forth by Jenny to our group were discussed & hopefully our input will assist in planning of future activities. Thank you Jenny, from the ladies.

Pam LeCouteur. 66451766 Mob. 0408112190

## **Patchwork and Quilters**

The Patchwork & Quilters are very busy finishing off entries for the exhibition and also preparing for Zone day, to be held at the Yamba Bowls Club on the 17th September. This is a mammoth task which takes a great deal of organization and preparation, this is being done in conjunction with the Yamba Quilt group. The members are now busy gifts to give out to everyone who attends, so only around 300!

We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Beth Keen whose husband, Brian, sadly passed away on 12th June after a long illness.

Alison Merrin

## **ClayWorx**

ClayWorx has a make-over

During the recent temporary closing down of ClayWorx during the Maclean Show , ClayWorx members were very proactive getting organised for when we opened again.

The group decided to continue meeting each week for 'official meetings of creative minds' to brainstorm how we can make ClayWorx members work smarter and more efficiently in the future.

ClayWorx members agreed that now we have a strong membership base, it is time we all do more towards sharing the load. Members all agreed to take turns assisting to load the kiln for firing, helping with administration of the group and of the ClayWorx Face book page including pictures of member's ever increasingly improving works of art.

Much sorting and clearing out of the Hall has been done and an added noticeboard to keep members in the loop is already showing to be of great use along with other WHS issues that have been dealt with.

We are so enjoying our time at ClayWorx that we now have started to work longer into the day staying on to three o'clock in the afternoon!

ClayWorx has been so creative we had one firing last weekend and already have another one planned for this weekend. We hope to keep this momentum up and grow from strength to strength.

ClayWorx members welcomed Jenny Thomas into our humble hall during her recent visit; we all wish to thank Jenny for her interest in our group and any problems or concerns we may have.

## **Maclean Spinners and Weavers**

We are busy spinning, weaving and making articles for display at the exhibition. The group will be at the exhibition doing demonstration everyday, we also have a raffle for a basket of wool, so make sure you pop in and see us at work. The woodwork and craft will be sharing the room with us this year so I think it will be a busy place.

The group still meet on a Wednesday between 10am and 1pm at Illarwill Hall

Nita Barnsley

# Art Reports

## Junior Art Space

11 year old Ethan attends Iluka Public School where he spends a large amount of his lunch time drawing. His love of drawing began just before his 6th birthday and in the follow 6 years he has been prolific. Ethan likes to draw imaginary creatures, robots and space stations. Often the individual subjects in his drawings are labelled with his classmate's names or the whole drawing takes form whilst chatting and brainstorming with friends over lunch.

Ethan's interests include evolution, animals (mostly sea life, reptiles and insects), robots, space stations and playing the computer. Ethan has lots of computer games based on evolution and space craft engineering.

Ethan says "When I draw anything I try and make it so that it would work in the real world". He applies this not only to the space scenes he creates but also to his evolving creatures. All of their features must have a purpose and be functional. Ethan uses only led pencil and paper. This simple approach allows him to focus on the form and detail of his subject.

Kerrie Howland

## ART GROUP

Our happy little group are enjoying the space of the Old Tea Room Studio and now are planning towards a program of weekend workshops and tutorials that may create interest for other artists in the community to join us.

June Alexender

### Get Ready to Vote for "Serendipity"

Serendipity means "happy chance". And this year by happy chance eleven Lower River businesses will be offering their shopfronts as display cases for a unique miniatures competition, run by the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association.

The theme of the miniatures competition is "Serendipity" and artists and artisans all over the Lower Clarence have been busy with their entries.

The competition is open to all arts and crafts in any medium, so long as it is no bigger, framed, or on a stand no bigger than an A4 piece of paper.

And the judges of the competition will be the people of the Lower River. There is a \$250 prize for the most popular work, donated by Botero in Maclean. Everyone is welcome to come into the businesses which have the art and crafts entries on display to look around and to vote for their favourite.

All works will also be for sale so you may be able to snap up something beautiful that doesn't take up your entire lounge room.

The eleven businesses that are participating include: Stanford's Pharmacy, Eklektika, Sew Excited, Westpac Bank and Botero, all in River Street Maclean; and, in Yamba, Simply Crafts and Bean Scene Café in Yamba Street, The Shack, Leché and Irons and Craig in Coldstream Street, and Latitude 29 on the corner of Coldstream and Yamba Streets. Try to visit them all!

The works will be on display in the local shopfronts for a full week from Saturday 21 June until Saturday 28 June 2014 and voting will be open for that period.

The winner will be announced at the Opening Night of Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts' Annual Competitive Open Arts and Crafts Exhibition, from 6pm on Thursday 3 June at Gulmarrad Public School, via Maclean.

This year is the 49th consecutive Open Annual Competitive Arts and Crafts Exhibition. It will be open over three days from Friday 4 to Sunday 6 July at Gulmarrad School this year, and will be well worth your visit. There will be market stalls, food and music, demonstrations of art and craft, and a wonderful display of the talents of the Clarence Valley. Tell your rellies and bring your friends! Entry fee \$5.

### Art Exhibitions & more around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ July 24th—Bus trip to Tweed River Regional Gallery. See list at gallery. Bus cost \$25 (non refundable) Entry by gold coin. Leaves Maclean aprox: 9am **Still a few seats left Please ring Alison 0411 190 870**
- ◆ Saturday 26 July- Pat Jenkins is hosting a one day workshop at the Old Tea Room in the Maclean Showground as a follow up to the 24 July bus trip to the Margaret Olley exhibition in Murwillumbah. Details next month
- ◆ 16-17 August - mixed media workshop by Rhondella Hyde, at the Old Tea Room in the Maclean Showground. Beginners most welcome. Details next month.

### Displays in the Members' Room

Could people on duty in the Gallery please remember to make the Members' room displays part of a welcoming space? Please switch on the lights, open the doors, open the blinds and guide visitors there to have a look.

And -If you have a meeting there, could you please try to leave the room tidy, so nothing detracts from the stars on the walls?

### Yamba Picture Framing

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

# Ferry Park Gallery

**Visitor Numbers:** April 2014: 4846 ( April 2013: 6098 ) May 2014: 3536 (May 2013: 5020)

## **Gallery Coordinators' Report**

The Embroidery group is the Artist of the month with an impressive display. An application has been submitted to Clarence Valley Council to assist with funding for alterations to the inside of the gallery. These works include minor electrical work to move switches and controls from the wall behind the counter to inside the office, painting the inside of the gallery along with the display stands.

Marcia Rutledge & Sonia Stanton

## **Junior Art –some new ideas**

We are glad to welcome back Kerrie Howland, who has returned as our Junior Art coordinator after a couple of months "off duty."

She has prompted LCACA to consider using the display space in the Members' room as a wider community art space. It would still include children's and young people's work and we would advertise more widely in the community and the schools to bring the work to wider notice. But we would also open it to other groups and individuals who might have difficulty obtaining public display space...people with disabilities perhaps, or Indigenous artists and artisans, or just individuals in the community with a unique talent.

## **Publicity Report**

It has been a very busy month as you can imagine with the upcoming exhibition, I hope you have noticed the publicity.

### **Gallery Visitor Survey**

We would like to take a snapshot of where our visitors come from, so during the month of September we are asking duty members to assist us by asking visitors to add their postcode to the survey, which will be on the counter. The results of this will help us in targeting our advertising.

Alison Merrin

## **Exhibitor Representatives' Report**

Penny and I have both been extra busy over the past month with our exhibition in Maitland- a great experience in planning and curating. We had the opportunity to plan the whole exhibition from which types of work we would exhibit, designing the flyers, contacting people to attend, establishing the areas for each artist, helping to hang the works, and assisting with catering.

The opening was an exciting time, especially seeing our works sell and catching up on friends from the Clarence who now live in Newcastle. The support of LCACA Patron, Ian Tiley was most appreciated.

On a recent trip to FPG I saw Marlene Sheehan and Gloria Lee hard at work sending out the cheques for the month- and as they do every month. It reminded me that behind the façade of the wonderful gallery, there is a team of volunteers that ensure the running of the organisation is well at hand.

So THANK YOU to those who get the jobs done!

A reminder that if you want to swap your duty, it is your responsibility to find someone who will swap with you (even from another day), ensure that they can do it (leaving messages does not always work), change the roster sheet/s at the gallery and let your roster officer know.

Suz Monin and Penny Stuart

## **Artist of the Month**

**June:** The Embroiderer's Group

**July :** Roslyn & George Pardon



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Press**

### **Exhibition helpers**

Please find attached the roster for the exhibition.  
I have accommodated the people who rang me.

**If you cannot do your day it is up to you to swap**

This Exhibition duty is the 15th duty day as per your exhibitors contract.

### **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.