

## President's report LCACA General meeting May 2017

April has been a very busy month.

We have closed the 8x8 competition, *Messages*, which was again a wonderful success with record entries and a high standard of work. More than sixty people attended its Opening Night and over twenty of the works were sold over the month. Many thanks to Suz and Penny, who are presently whooping it up in Japan.

June Alexander rose from her sick bed to lead the Art group in providing its usual annual support for the Art Competition at the Maclean Show.

The Ferry Park café has been leased to a new operator, Oliver's, which opened last week. We welcome them and wish them well.

The Exhibition/Festival committee is ramping up its effort as we enter the last six weeks before the 2017 Arts and Crafts Festival. Requests have gone out to exhibitors to sign up for the rosters which enable us to staff the setup, running and dismantling of the Festival and its Opening Night between 6 and 9 July. If you are a non-exhibiting Member, we would also welcome any support you can offer, as the event is very labour intensive. For example, we need people to man the gates and hang work.

We are also organising a working bee to clean up the Show Ground pavilions on Sunday 25th June from 10am. Please contact Alison if you can help.

Fay Boyd, who runs her nationally respected art school in Grafton each April, has offered a very valuable scholarship to one of her workshops in 2018 for the most outstanding still life in the Fine Art Section at the Festival. The Scholarship is valued at over \$600. We would encourage local and member artists to consider creating and entering a still life as a means of supporting this new Award.

We have lost some old stalwarts this month, Roslyn and George Pardon, who have made the trip from Broadwater every month for fifteen years to give us their duty day and participated in multiple Exhibitions over the years with demonstrations and workshops. We farewelled them and thanked them at a morning tea on Monday 8 May. We will miss them, as well as George's lovely art and Roslyn's delicate porcelain painting.

Your new Committee has also been busy, meeting this week to respond to the meeting of Exhibitors held on 5 May, which asked among other things for consideration of whether Gallery training arrangements should be streamlined and how gallery displays could be improved.

And last but not least, congratulations to Jan Armstrong who has been appointed as a Gallery Coordinator after a mix up at the AGM necessitated a second vote for the position.

Jenny Thomas

### Artist of the Month

Jacky Normand

Exhibition closes  
Weds 24th May



## Office Bearers

### President

Jenny Thomas

### Vice Presidents

Ainslie Langshaw

Allan King

### Secretary

Gloria Lee

### Treasurer

Marlene Sheehan

### Assistant Treasurer

Gloria Lee

### Gallery Coordinator

Sonia Stanton

Jan Armstrong

### Exhibitors' Reps'

Suz Monin

Penny Stuart

### Festival Coordinator

Alison Merrin

### Publicity Officer

Bec Davies

### Arty Facts Editor

Bec Davies

## Arts Festival

The roster is up in the office at Ferry Park for people to put their names down to help.

ALL EXHIBITING MEMBERS are reminded that it is part of your exhibiting contract that you do a day at the festival. This is a big event and the more people we have help lessens the work load for the few tireless volunteers that attend every meeting and spend many hours and days working to make this a success.

Things are now coming together as the event nears. If you need any information on the festival please feel free to contact me.

Our next meeting will be at the show ground this coming Friday 19th May at 1.30pm followed by a meeting at Ferry Park.

*Alison Merrin. Festival Coordinator*

## People Counter

April 2016 - 4855

April 2017 - 3526\*

\* Cafe was closed for all of April

## Working Bee

Maclean Show Ground  
Sunday 25th June from 10am

## Publicity

There has been a great response to the new interview format of the Artist of the Month article. Jacky's interview was published in both papers.

I hope to get a good start on the website this month after a slow April due to work commitments and family sickness.

*Bec Davies*

Publicity Officer/Arty Facts Editor

## Gallery Coordinator

Jackie Normand has a delightful display of her china for August Artist of the Month. This is a first time for Jackie as Artist of the month. We hope she has some good sales.

This month has been extremely busy, erecting new cube shelving in the rear of the gallery, the displays are looking great. We are still having problems with dust from the roadworks plus insects, so please clean your display area when on duty.

Sonia & Jan.



**CLARENCE RIVER  
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MACLEAN SHOWGROUND NSW AUSTRALIA

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>, Sat 8<sup>th</sup> & Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July

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of \$2000

Open to entries in art quilts,  
photography and all sections  
of fine art.

Entry Forms are available at Ferry Park Gallery  
or [www.clarenceriverartsfestival.com.au](http://www.clarenceriverartsfestival.com.au)

## Exhibitors' Reps'

8 x 8 was an outstanding success with 20 Open works sold and 3 of the Juniors. Even though numbers were down in the gallery over April, there were so many positive remarks and compliments. Roll on 2018. People are already asking us for the theme!

The Exhibitors' meeting was held last week. Although only 21 of our exhibitors attended those who did came with lots of ideas, comments and suggestions. Those present received the updated Quality document-a copy of which can be found in the office, or if they are all gone, in the Master File for copying (PLEASE RETURN THE MASTER). This document sets out the standards for our gallery and each exhibitor should read the first 2 pages and then the sections about their particular art or craft.

Also presented was the LCACA Code of Conduct document which, again, all members should have and be familiar with. It is also available in the office or in the master file.

Please let your Day Roster Officer know asap when you are available to work at the Festival in July. Remember this is a contractual requirement.

The gallery is looking pretty schmick at the moment. Thanks must go to the Gallery Coordinators and helpers.

Suz and Penny.

## Thank You

Steve Verran at Yamba Trophies  
for 8 x 8 Ribbons and Rosettes



George and Josie Priddle  
for erecting display boxes



Jayc and Bec Davies  
for delivery of new display boxes

## Congratulations to the 8x8 Winners

### Open

- 1st Robyn Tychsen *'Messages Received'*
- 2nd Elizabeth Buzzell *'Vintage Messages'*
- 3rd Gaye Sprenglewski *'Reading the P.Mail'*

### Highly Commended

- Chris Finch *'Happy Messages'*
- Karl Rubli *'Moonlight Message'*
- Thomas Stuart *'Studio Debris'*

### 4-7 Year Olds

- 1st Isla Stuart *'The Message Tree'*
- 2nd Zeke Reifler *'I love Messages from my family'*
- 3rd Sophia Sullivan *'Messages'*

### Highly Commended

- Alex Stuart *'Messages in a Bottle'*
- Eden Weatherburn *'Love my Chickens'*

### 8-11 Year Olds

- 1st Solaman Reifler *'Media Messages'*
- 2nd Marlo Mayo *'Read between the lines'*
- 3rd Katelyn Medina-Prenol *'In Between'*

### Highly Commended

- Shayni Reifler *'Keeping in Touch'*
- Sean Sowell *'Stop Ivory Poaching'*
- Millie Spears *'Read Me'*

### 12-16 Year Olds

- 1st Mya Smith *'I can see you'*
- 2nd Richard *'Bounding Free'*
- 3rd Lilith Stark *'The Edge of the Sea'*

### Viewer Choice

- Open \$50 Voucher  
Gaye Sprenglewski *'Reading the P Mail'*
- Junior \$20 Voucher  
Millie Spears *'Read Me'*

## Patchwork & Quilters

This year, we have become affiliated with Queensland Quilters Inc, who held their inaugural Quilt Connect late in April. We were invited to exhibit 5 of our best quilts. Several of our members travelled to Mount Gravatt this year to view the show, general consensus was that it was a very worthwhile and inspiring.

Back at home, Wilga Bolton's demonstration of a old pattern "Hidden Wells" was well received by members, with a few starting projects using the design.

Our May in house workshop which was inspired by the work of Sue Spargo and Wendy Williams and involved Felt appliqué with bold embroidery, was run by Mary Williams. There was an enthusiastic response from such a large number of our ladies, everyone loved it.

The Art Quilt group held a mentoring session with the aim of sharing ideas and helping out some of the "new to Art Quilting" members of the group. We celebrated Mothers Day, by treating ourselves to a special Morning tea

## Art Group

We are all grateful for our artists Jenny Thomas (President) and Ainslie Langshaw (Vice President) for accepting roles for Executive Committee 2017.

In April the Maclean Anglican Church asked us for help with display stands for a special Easter art display in the church. Most members offered artwork for the display. A few members enjoyed art classes at Grafton with the Art Fest. Members donated art works to the Yamba Museum for its fundraising Art Auction at Easter.

On May 1st members set up, displayed, judged and donated the major prize for the Maclean Show.

LC Art Group are committed to Steward the Art Sections for the Annual Festival again this year, our 52nd year. We are few in number and we welcome any help you could offer us, so we can continue this unique arts & crafts exhibition in this district.

June Alexander

### Maclean Picture Framing & Art Supplies

1/249 River St. Maclean. (near Travel agents)

**Stockists of Sennelier art supplies**

Annual Exhibition Sponsor.

**Discount framing to all LCACA members**

## Spinners & Weavers

At present we are busy spinning our raffle wool for the Exhibition, in between spinning for ourselves for our display in July.

Yamba Museum is having an exhibition starting on June 17th and we've been asked to demonstrate on opening day, hope the weather's kind.

We are expecting our visitors from South Australia and Victoria soon, it's interesting swapping ideas and techniques with them.

Nita

## Clayworx

Well here we are back after the SHOW! Positive work going on with three members producing beautiful and interesting heads. We are feeling creatively empowered. Clay is a great equaliser, many people who think they are not artists surprise themselves. This is wonderful therapy.

We have some tubs of powders for making your own glazes for sale. If there is anyone interested please visit us on Wednesday mornings, money goes to Ferry Park! Happy creating.

Tina Best and Michelle Setttee



## 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 are required to attend at least three meetings a year.

Festival meetings: Friday 19 May 1.30pm and Friday 2 June 9:30am