



ARTY FACTS

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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Members of the Art Group with honorary member, Ray Birrell, taken after they had spent over 4 hours hanging art works for the Maclean Show earlier this month. They do look pleased with themselves, great work.

President's Report

A quiet second month for me, although I have been involved in some meetings with Council about our future, and have negotiated final details for a bus trip to the Margaret Olley Exhibition at Tweed River Gallery in July.

We have had lots of problems with our internet connection during the month, sixteen days without access to wifi -now fixed -thanks to a hearty exchange between Ali Merrin and Westnet -which scored us a refund.

We sadly lost our new Arty Facts editor, but today's meeting sorted out a replacement arrangement, which has Alison Merrin and Gloria Lee sharing the task until someone long term can be found. If you have an interest in editing and distributing Arty Facts we would love to hear from you.

This coming week is National Volunteering week, so I think it is appropriate for us again to reflect on our continuing achievement in running and staffing Ferry Park Gallery totally with volunteers for over twenty years. Not to mention our other activities with the Exhibition over nearly fifty years, continuing wonderful artist of the Month displays, Phyllis Austin award, our raffles and our associated groups and their activities. We also have a healthy financial situation, and our work continues to be of a very high standard.

Our task is to continue to muster the enthusiasm and sense of purpose that has served us so well, to ensure the future is as good as the past. So thank you to everyone who attends our meetings for continuing to give your time and talents; and thank you to everyone who reads Arty Facts and contributes in some way to the health of Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts,

Jenny Thomas

*Best wishes and Get well soon
to Robyn Devine who is poorly*

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

It has been a quiet month on the Embroidery front with our usual Saturday morning group meetings. Hopefully some time spent for Artist of the Month in June, Serendipity Display & the Exhibition in early July. The Embroidery Raffle is now set up at the gallery & I urge you to sell tickets, as I'm rather late setting it up. 1st Prize is a Silk Ribbon Embroidery called "Ballerina Bear", 2nd Prize a Candlewick Cushion.

I'm extending the closing date for Creative Needlework entries at the Exhibition until June 28th. Anyone with any queries can contact me at any time. Details on entry form.

Congratulations to Marlene Sheehan on her wins at the Maclean show with her Candlewick cushions.....one of which is in the above raffle ! She also picked up the Champion Sash for Best Embroidery for her Stumpwork of "Winter Roses"

Pam Le Couteur

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

Nita is away so no report this month, but we did have an enquiry from a lady who had seen the group on the www.ferrypark.org website, she sent an email asking for more details. It's very important for the groups to get all their information on the website to attract new members. Send information to info@ferrypark.org

Editor

Patchwork and Quilters

There isn't a report as such from the quilters this month as Elizabeth Buzzell is away, but I do know they are busy making a quilt to take to Zone Day. This is a very special quilt which will be given to a teenager, more about this and Zone Day later.

The beautiful hand appliqued quilt for our raffle is on display at the Gallery with tickets at \$2 each. Tickets are also on sale at Sew Excited in Maclean, Grafton Textiles, South Grafton with two days in Shopping world (Fridays 6th & 20th June) and 3 days in Yamba (Thursdays 12th & 26th & Friday 27th June)

Alison Merrin

Clayworx

Clayworx members are eager to resume their sculpting works after the Easter break. Excellent results were achieved from the last firing as the members gain skills and confidence with what we all know to be the exciting yet fickle area of ceramic glazes.

Debbie is increasingly delivering consistently good results from the gas firing kiln, allowing members to fire and glaze works produced on the premises for a fraction of commercial costs, reducing members cost of creativity while not only covering costs but investing in the kiln furniture and exciting new glazes for members' use.

Membership is continuing to increase with 12 members attending regularly and more than 85 people following our work on Clayworx facebook page. This website has been a great opportunity to connect with fellow potters and sculptors from around the world and exchange information and experience.

We are getting ready for the upcoming expo with a beautiful 'choir of angels' and our best-selling Australian wildlife range will soon be supplemented with some brighter, cheerful colours.

Philip Barnes

Art Reports

Junior Art Space

Iluka Public School Artists display their creative skills

Students from Iluka public school are a talented and creative bunch, with their teachers and parents they have been exploring a great variety of ideas, materials and subject matter. Iluka's Yr. 5/6 class and teacher Di Howard enjoy Visual Arts; their artwork on display is a beautifully detailed series of sketches in lead pencil capturing the unique Peregrine falcon.

The Yr. 2/3 class focused on their own faces and identity displaying mix media works full of character. Budding artists Reef Speirs, Ethan Starkey, Reminy Holmes, Cassi Wesener, Ember Edie, Paige Schembri and Mila Knopki completed individual works which demonstrate strong creative interest and exploration.

Iluka Public School artworks are currently on display at Ferry park gallery until May 15th. Don't forget to drop into the gallery and take a look at the wonderful creative talents of our local youth.

Kerrie Howland

ART GROUP

Heather Prowse continued to help some members with our own serendipitous art by encouraging randomness.

Other members are working toward the "Serendipity" and entries for the 49th Exhibition. This week Pam & Ray Birrell, Babs Willsdon, Paula Braund and June Alexander worked many hours organising, hanging and judging the Fine Arts Section for the Maclean Show Society. The LC Arts Group donated the prize money for the Overall Art Champion of the Show Art Section. Our Tea Room Studio was closed to us for the Show to use the room.

Our Roster for duty at the art section at the Annual Exhibition at Gulmarrad School is in Ferry Park office, please enter your name to help the team on dates and duties to suit you.

June Alexander

Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ June 1st—Art in the Paddock will be held at Nettle Creek. Contact Grafton Regional Gallery for more information
- ◆ June 26th—29th Frost over Barraba: www.frostoverbarraba.org.au
- ◆ May 17th—June 8th Sisters & Friends. Jenni Gander, Suzanne Monin and Penny Stuart are presenting their work in an exhibition at Hunter Valley Gallery, 239 High Street, Maitland. Enquiries: (02) 4934 5007—0439 028 996
- ◆ July 24th—Bus trip to Tweed River Regional Gallery. See list at gallery. Bus cost \$25 (non refundable) First 10 places are reserved for the Art group. Entry by gold coin.
- ◆ 19th Sept—5th Oct Sawtell Art Group presents their 27th Art Exhibition at Sawtell Art Gallery. Cnr. Lyons & Bayldon roads, Sawtell. Entry by gold coin.



Wanted

Website additions

If anyone has any dates, workshops, information or photographs they would like added to the website you can email them to: info@ferrypark.org

If you are sending photographs could you reduce the size as a full file is not required for the web.

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

down 1252 on April 2013: 6098 This may be due to renovations to the Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

We are running out of space to display exhibitors work, this is most evident on change over day.

Maintenance tenders are being sort for painting the Gallery, some minor electrical work and minor alterations. This work will be carried out in order of priority, it is also reliant of securing funding from Clarence Valley Council.

Marcia Rutledge

Sonia Stanton

Please note, if exhibiting members wish to bring in display equipment or to exhibit a new item which has not previously been displayed they must go to the Gallery Coordinators for approval before these can be placed in the Gallery.

Publicity Report

With the Easter holidays the publishing of articles in the newspapers has been delayed or missed, there has been quite a few events going on in the area which have taken priority.

Advertising for the exhibition is well under way with the radio ads already started. The Clarence Valley Review ad proof has been approved and I am awaiting a proof from Coastal Views.

Traffic on the website is ever increasing with new visitor number up every week.

Website Statistics

from April 21 to April 27

40 total visitors +21%

30 new visitors (75.0% of total) +25%

94 pages viewed +59%

The average visitor spent 3 minutes and 40 seconds on the site +166%

top referrer is 'Google' with 122 clicks.

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Congratulations to exhibitors Suz Monin, Leon Miller, Bobbie Winger and June Alexander who had their works purchased for the Exhibition General Raffle. And thank you to those who have donated works towards the ongoing raffles that fund the exhibition. Please bring **all 3 raffles** to the attention of customers at the gallery.

Any member who wishes to sell tickets to family or friends can collect a book from the tin at the gallery- please write the book number and your name on paper and leave in the tin.

Looking forward to seeing the exhibitors' work in the exhibition...hope everyone is busy!

A reminder that "Serendipity" entry forms AND works are due at the Gallery by Monday 16th June. It would be helpful if the entry forms came in earlier, to give an indication of the number of entries we are going to receive.

Suz and Penny

Artist of the Month

May: Ann Verran

June: The Embroiderer's Group



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Press**

Exhibition helpers

I am about to draw up the roster for the exhibiting members to cover their compulsory day as per their contract. I would like to fit in with people's commitments so if there are any days/times that you **can't** make, can you let me know by Friday 13th May. If I haven't heard by then I will **assume** you are available over the whole exhibition. For non exhibiting members who wish to help you can also contact me via email: info@ferrypark.org or telephone: 0411 190 870.

There will be a list of jobs put up at the gallery where you can add your name for extra work in addition to the duty day. Help is also needed to displayed the Serendipity entries, if you can help please contact Penny.

Alison Merrin