



## November 2014

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# ARTY FACTS

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On Friday 14th November our Patron, Dr Ian Tiley, officially opened the newly named 'Community Space Studio' He is pictured here with Pat Jenkins who currently has a Retrospective of her work on display until the end of November. So why not pop into the Gallery as this is well worth a visit, you never know you may even find that elusive present for that someone special.



#### President's Report GENERAL MEETING 14th November 2014

As the weather hots up so does the level of activity around Ferry Park.

The Art Group took the initiative with support from Kerrie Howland to open the Community Art Space at the Gallery with a retrospective exhibition of some fine works by Pat Jenkins. Our Patron, Ian Tiley, did the honours at 5.30 pm on Friday 14 November. We hope as many people as possible will join us for the Opening. We hope as many people as possible took up the opportunity to join us for the Opening. It was an opportunity to enjoy our Gallery and share a social event with other Members in a relaxed atmosphere. Thanks in particular go to Alison Merrin, June Alexander and Pat herself for some speedy arranging.

Mal King has commenced work with an electrician and carpenter to clean up and modernise the entrance area to the Gallery, moving power points and fixing the pegboard in the Artist of the Month area. Thanks to Clarence Valley Council for the \$\$\$ assistance. On the agenda still is a repaint of the Gallery and the shelving, a review of lighting and shelf space and some reorganising of the office space.

We are currently discussing with the Roads and Maritime people in Grafton their plans for the Ferry Park area when the highway is duplicated and upgraded, and hope to involve Council in these discussions in due course.

Your entry for the Phyllis Austin Award is probably well under way by now....Thanks to Penny for organizing it. Don't forget the LCACA Christmas "do" and the Award announcement both happen on 12 December at lunchtime. We are hoping as many Members as possible are able to squeeze it into their diaries.

Don't forget our table at the Maclean MacMarkets in January. Alison can give you details.

And last but not least, we are going ahead with our 8x8 Small Works Competition, Sale and Exhibition next April, as our contribution to the Council's Plunge festival in that month. The theme will still be Crossing the Clarence. It is being organised again by Penny with help from a small sub committee and is open to all arts and crafts so long as the starting point for the creation is the 8x8 canvas with which each entrant will be provided. Another reason not to be feeling bored over Christmas.... Jenny Thomas

*Best wishes and Get well soon to Liz Slater who has recently been in hospital*

# Craft Reports

## **Creative Needlework**

Although I don't have anything to report re our group, I do want to remind all Embroiderers regardless of what medium you work with, to remember it's time to begin your masterpieces for our big 50th Anniversary if you haven't started already. Of course I'm talking about the LCACA Exhibition in July 2015.

There is also a one off section to be provided for our Golden Anniversary in the Creative Needlework room, called " The Golden Years" The information sheet about this section is included on a separate information sheet stapled inside the Entry form for C/N. As it's a special section, I'm hoping for as many entries as possible. Check the sheet for necessary requirements for this Section. Thanks,

## **Maclean Spinners and Weavers**

Members that took part in this years scarf exchange have received their finished scarves back and are very pleased with the results. Next years exchange will be organized in Western Australia.

We will finish our year with a Christmas Party to be held on 17th December, then have a few weeks off before commencing back in 2015.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas

Nita

## **ClayWorx**

The ClayWorx members have been having loads of fun creating an assortment of heads and ethnic women donning turbans, glazing and firing them with great results, no two works are the same and they have been well received by family and friends.

With the Showgrounds now being open to overnight campers, we have had a few visitors pop in to see what we are up to and they have been pleasantly surprised with amount and quality of our works.

## **Patchwork and Quilters**

On the 28th of October we celebrated our 25th anniversary with a lunch date at the Harwood Hotel beside the mighty Clarence River. In 1989 Wilga Bolton put an advertisement in the local paper looking for anyone interested in forming a patchwork and quilting group. Twenty-five years later the group is still going strong with about forty members including Wilga , Carol and Nancy who were there on the first day. They have built a group based on friendship and learning all things patchwork and quilting. We spoke about some of the events from 1989 such as the Berlin Wall coming down and two dreadful bus crashes on the Pacific Highway. We had some lucky door prizes and we each received a quilt block on which we will sign our names and decorate with motifs, techniques and colours we love. These blocks will become our anniversary quilt.

Wilga and Fay gave us a 'Blast from the Past' with a parade in their twenty year old outfits made using every technique you could imagine.

Everyone dressed up for the occasion wearing lots of bling as requested. Joan won the bling contest with an amazing necklace. It was wonderful to see the members so relaxed after what has been a very busy year.

Tuesday was the last day for our art quilts 2014. The work is truly amazing and the explanations so interesting that we sat for quite a time. We also chatted about next year and made a few decisions. Most ladies like the three month time frame and free choice of topics. You can see our latest artworks on the Art Quilts page of our blog.

We have also had another wonderful workshop by Wilga showing us the Half Hexagon Braid technique that is 'Quilt As You Go'. This technique is tricky to start but you can soon get skilled and the concept can be scrappy or modern. This was Wilga's last workshop for 2014 and we wish to thank her for her patience and skill sharing. We look forward to more goodies next year.

Marcia and Colleen and friends are looking at some possibilities for the design of our next raffle quilt. It is to be Asian flavoured and some interesting panels and blocks have been collected. This is quite a big undertaking each year but the quilt always looks amazing when finished.

Elizabeth Buzzell

**Maclean Picture Framing.** River Street Maclean.  
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# Art Reports

## Community Studio Space

On Friday 14th November the newly named "Community Studio Space" was officially opened by our patron Dr. Ian Tiley. The event was well attended with visitors having an opportunity to listen to Pat talking about her paintings.

To commemorate the 20th year since the official opening, there will be a small display of Pat's works in the meeting room. These are all works that usually sit on the walls in her house. Pat has recently moved back to Maclean to be near family, and most of her work is in storage, however they range from 1976 to 2013 – visitors will recognise some of them.

The exhibition will be on display until the end of November and although only a small sample of Pat's work it is well worth popping into the Gallery to see the display.

## ART

The past two weeks the Art group have happily shared our time working on our own art projects.

We made a request to our new "Community Art Studio" Coordinator, Kerrie Howland that we organise a display of LCACA Life Member and fine artist Pat Jenkins artwork in the 'Studio'. An inaugural Studio display recognising her artworks and her work towards establishing our home at Ferry Park 20 years ago.

The display Opening will be from 4pm to 7pm with a "Meet the Artist" event and our Patron Dr. Ian Tiley officially opening the display at 5.30pm. The works will be on show from the 4th to the 20th November.

June Alexander

## Publicity Report

I have been collating the results of the postcode survey carried out over the months of September and October, I would like to thank the exhibiting members for their help in gathering this information.

The brief results are that the greatest numbers come from Sydney and Brisbane with local areas that have poor visitor numbers over the two months were Iluka 11, Yamba 26 with Maclean 73. This will help us with future advertising is targeted.

We are now registered on TripAdvisor so if you could add a review to boost our profile that would help immensely.

## 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.
- ◆ 17 October to 7 December 2014: JADA will be on exhibition from at the Grafton Regional Gallery.
- ◆ April 2015: Fay Boyd art classes at Grafton High School– Details to follow

### Yamba Picture Framing

6/6 Angourie Road, Yamba,  
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# Ferry Park Gallery

## Gallery Coordinators' Report

This month gave us the opportunity to display the work of members who would never normally have a chance to be Artists of the Month. As a result it has turned out quite a pleasing mixed display. At the moment due to the overload of equipment, Sonia and I need to reorganise and clear out the storage room. Due to the number of exhibitors the amount of space allocated to each display may need to be reduced.

Marcia Rutledge 6645 2753

## Artist of the Month

November: Selection of work from Exhibiting members

### Dates for your diary:

21st November: Entries for the Phyllis Austin Award to be returned.

28th November: Artworks, with Artist's statement to be at Ferry Park Gallery.

**12th December: 12:00 noon**

**Presentation of Phyllis Austin award, followed by our "end of year" lunch at Ferry Park Restaurant**

**Lunch of finger foods will be \$10 and we need to know numbers. Please add your name to the sheet on the office desk to if you are attending. RSVP by 21st November; payment by 5th December**

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

## Exhibitor Representatives' Report

We have been looking at ways to reinvent the small works competition that was 'Serendipity' this year and are keen to run it in conjunction with Council's Plunge Festival, promoting the arts in the Valley over the Easter school holiday time in 2015. To that end, we will hold the 8 x 8 inch (20 x 20 cm) Small Works Exhibition in the Community Studio Space at Ferry Park Gallery from 26th March – 26th April 2015.

The entry fee will be \$8 and on payment, you will receive an 8" x 8" canvas to paint or draw on, use as a frame, or a window box to contain a small sculptural piece...possibilities! Entry forms will be available at Ferry Park Gallery soon.

There are 3 sections: Open, 4-10 years, 11-16 years with prizes in each section.

Theme is 'Crossing the Clarence' and entries will be available in the office, for the March competition.

In other Gallery news, to help Gallery Coordinators to hang new works, a working bee to change over hanging works will be held on Monday 2nd February from 2pm. Exhibitors are asked to bring new works in ready to be hung on that date.

Suz and I would like to acknowledge and thank our roster teams and individual exhibitors for their support and assistance while we were unable to do our duties. Roster friends just volunteered to fill the gaps, without fuss, worked together in a way that makes it a pleasure to be part of those teams.

Thank you. Penny and Suz

Penny 6646 4340 Suz 6645 1270

***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 12th December**