



ARTY FACTS

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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COMING EVENTS AND

DATE CLAIMERS:

- ◆ **October 28th to December 10th**
JADA - Grafton Regional Gallery
- ◆ **9th December**
2016 Phyllis Austin Award & Christmas Party
- ◆ **24th March - 28th April**
8 x 8 miniatures Competition
- ◆ **7th - 9th July**
52nd Clarence River Arts & Crafts Festival - Maclean Showground

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Thank you Shirley,

Recently President Jenny Thomas & Exhibitors' Representative Suz Monin presented dedicated member Shirley Webster with flowers after her decision to step down from Gallery duty. Shirley has been a supporter of LCACA since before Ferry Park Gallery was built and has been doing duty at the Gallery since it opened. In her usual gracious way, Shirley accepted the flowers and spoke of her enjoyment of being a member of the Art Group, the gallery and LCACA.



President's Report

This month the date of next year's Exhibition/Festival was set for 7-9 July 2017 with the Opening Night on Thursday 6 July at the Maclean Showground. Alison has already made the bookings and is getting valuable help from our new volunteer, Julie King. Arrangements are currently being made to confirm the Stewards for each Section and then to finalise entry forms and possible sponsorship lists. We have prepared a lovely thank you certificate for the 2016 sponsors with help from one of our talented new members, Bec Davies.

I am currently drafting our application for funding assistance for the event under Council's Community Initiatives Program on advice from Council staff. In previous years we have received our funding from Council under its Events Funding program but recently the grants have reduced as the funding criteria for that Program have increasingly focused on the number of overnight visitors we have been able to attract. The Community Initiatives Program focuses more on cultural activities and less on economic gain, so it seems more appropriate.

The Gallery Coordinators and Exhibitors Reps have recently added new jewellery cabinets to the Gallery display and revitalised Gallery arrangements for jewellery. It is a work in progress. You are welcome to check it out!

Congratulations to our Member Elizabeth Slater for being selected as part of a very short list from many artists nationally as a finalist in the Jacaranda Acquisitive Drawing Award. We are proud of you, Liz.

Don't forget that the Phyllis Austin Trophy competition is on in November/December. This is available to all our members, exhibitors and non-exhibitors and is an independently judged excellence award across all our creative activities, both craft and art. Julie McKenzie is the go-to person.

Jenny Thomas

Creative Needlework

On Thursday 6th October, a bus load of ladies journeyed to Brisbane to the annual Craft & Quilt Show. Ladies from Grafton, Maclean & Woombah boarded the Grafton bus as it passed through their area. Much fun & frivolity was had by all, travelling both to & from Brisbane. Everyone received a lucky number prize just as a small token of appreciation for partaking in the day. 35 ladies can make lots of noise & laughter, so a good time was had by all. Our sincere thanks went to Stewart, our owner/driver who delivered us home safely.

Anyone interested in going to next years show, let me know sometime so I can contact you when I start organising next years trip.

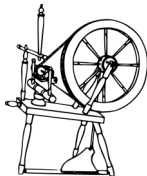
All our "flu sickies" seem to be back on deck again. It's been a bad year with so many people succumbing to such a bad strain of flu.

Please feel free to look in on the new Embroidery group using the meeting room on a Wednesday. Pam Le Couteur teaching Silk Ribbon Embroidery (away for 2 weeks), & Lyn Robbie teaching Fine Embroidery & Embellishment.

Nell Mathieson has reopened her Sew Excited business in Carneys Arcade, Maclean & is looking forward to seeing you. Pop in & say Hello !

Thanks Pam Le Couteur

Maclean Spinners and Weavers



Last week nine ladies attend our group, we welcomed back one of our old members after 12 months absence.

Those who participated in the scarf exchange are eagerly awaiting the return of their finished article.

We are all working well, spinning, weaving and knitting and of course chatting.

Nita

Patchwork & Quilting

Far North Coast Quilters Zone Day was held on Saturday 17th September at Alstonville. We had a lovely day sharing ideas with other quilters and came home inspired to try new things. Fifty two quilts were donated on the day to Mental Health.

Our September Friendship quilt draw goes to Sheryl Reed.

Last week Fay Farnham demonstrated how to make a beautiful Christmas decoration using diamond paper pieced blocks.

We are in the process of selecting a design for next Year's raffle quilt for the Clarence River Arts and Crafts Festival. We hope to have it underway soon.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held at the Maclean RSL on 29th November.

Claudette Hough

President

ClayWorx Report.

Hi everyone ,

Clayworx is pleased to be back on deck after yet another break during September.

Electrical upgrades in the showground, Hmm, I did find out none was done to the Arts Pavilion...Ho Hum...! OHS....I suspect.

Happy day's as our group is boasting 6 - 7 members back in the fold.

Debbie Barnes is away until the beginning of November, so apologies' to any one suffering the KILN BLUESquite common in the clay game, meaning.....long wait to get work fired !!

We will do our best to work things out.

Meanwhile we will enjoy being creative.

Regards Tina best

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The showground is now booked for the Festival, which will be held over the weekend of 7th to 9th July 2017, with opening night on Thursday the 6th. We still need a steward for Craft as this will be separated from woodwork for next year, the reason for this is that we would like this to grow as a section and it needs its own input and energy. This is a great section for someone to put their mark on and as this is a relatively small section, a good one for someone new to come on board.

Julie King has been busy with creating a database of all last year's entrants, when this is a complete document it will be kept on the computer at ferry park. Julie also very kindly took the minutes and I will make up a file to leave a copy each month so people can keep up to date with what is going on.

New member, Bec Davis, has stepped in to take over Social media and develop a new website dedicated to the Festival. For those of you on Facebook take a look at the *Ferry Park Gallery* page to see what Bec has been up to, She has some fresh new ideas and I for one look forward to seeing this put into action.

Alison Merrin

PUBLICITY

A great feature on the Artist of the month Gloria Lee was published in both the Coastal Views & The Independent. Thank you to both newspapers for their continued support given to the LCACA.

People counter for September

2015 : 4803

2016 : 4155

Art Report

A mixed month of art days this month. Some members have had unfortunate health issues, while some have been away at times, but we have managed to get together to share two wonderful lunch parties to celebrate and enjoy sharing special time. Also many hugs were happily shared for two members milestone birthdays, one 80 years, one 90 years!

Our Art Group is small but a happy sharing Group of artists and now we are planning to work together on one art project, perhaps for display at 2017 Exhibition.

C.V Council work at the Showground disrupted the Tea Room venue for a few days but now all art days till December should be workable.

All members and new members are welcome Tuesday mornings from 10am.

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JADA

The 2016 JADA exhibition, will be on show at the Grafton Regional Gallery from October 28th to December 10th.

Ken Done

Will be visiting Maclean Library on Thursday 27th October at 10am. Contact the library on 6645 3611 to book a place.

Chalk and Cheese featuring our artists, Pat Jenkins and Julie McKenzie, continues at the *Cowper Gallery* until 23rd October. Drop by and support our great local artists.

Artist of the Month

October: Gloria Lee **November:** Suz Monin

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 11th November - Festival meeting Friday 4th November