



ARTY FACTS

Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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Alison Merrin

Pat Jenkins showing the art group the results of her Judith White mixed media workshop she attended recently. This piece is a study of the Grafton Bridge, Pat said that this workshop was really out of her comfort zone and quite challenging to the mind. I think you will agree this is a stunning result.



President's Report GENERAL MEETING 10th October 2014

Welcome back on deck to Penny who is well again. We have certainly missed her these past two months.

Our bid for funding for next year's Jubilee Exhibition has been submitted to Council. We added letters of support to our application from Gulmarrad School, Maclean SES and the Lower Clarence U3A to provide evidence of community support for the Exhibition.

At Friday's general meeting we set final dates for the Phyllis Austin Award and for our Christmas "do" on 12 December. Put it in your diaries! Entry forms will be available from next Monday in the Gallery. We also received nominations for Life Membership, which will be voted on at the next AGM.

Our other activities at the moment include repainting and refurbishing the Gallery interior with help from a Council grant. We'll keep you posted as it rolls along.

We also created a sub committee, chaired by Penny Stuart, to manage the 8x8 Small Works Exhibition and Competition "Crossing the Clarence" proposed for next year. It will go ahead in April and entry forms will be available soon.

And my thanks to Gloria Lee who has stepped in to act as Minute Secretary while Suz has been indisposed these last two General meetings.

Jenny Thomas

Best wishes and Get well soon to Robyn Devine & Suz Monin who have recently been in hospital.

Craft Reports

Creative Needlework

The Saturday morning Embroidery group continues on the first and third Saturdays, with Susan Porter tutoring on the first Saturday.

The ladies are all working on their beautiful and intricate work, with a variety of different methods currently in production. Susan has recently returned from an exciting and memorable trip overseas. Her time spent in Paris was obviously one of the highlights. Her observation of the embroidery scene in Europe will no doubt benefit us all.

Yesterday, October 9th, was our annual trip to Brisbane for the Craft and Quilt show. What a great day we all had, with lots of fun and laughter. The show was a little smaller than previous years, but a great array of products was still available. Ladies came from Grafton and the Lower Clarence, with one lady even driving up from Woolgoolga to join the bus at Grafton. A very tired group climbed aboard the bus for the trip home, laden with goodies, but with a little less "coinage" than they arrived with. A great day was had by all.

Pam Le Couteur

Patchwork and Quilters

The North Coast Quilters Zone day held at Yamba Bowls Club on Wednesday 17th September was a great success. Each of the groups attending were asked to donate a quilt suitable for a teenager to be donated to CRANES, in all 35 quilts were presented to Nicole from CRANES. Also \$1600 was raised and will be shared between Maclean Hospital Auxiliary and two little boys with cerebral palsy, whose grandmothers are LCACA members.

There was a small gathering this week as many members are away for the Brisbane Quilt Show. Many more are heading up there on Thursday and it promises to be a great day out. This week Wilga gave us her usual monthly workshop and it was rather intriguing. "Half Hexagon Quilt As You Go" is the latest scrappy quilt technique for us to grapple with. Using a Jelly Roll if you wish the design is based on 2 1/2" half hexagon shapes sewn to a backing and wadding. What fun we had working this pattern out. I'm sure there will be many questions next week. I have managed to make a sample piece with quite a few stops and starts. Well done Wilga in finding something to challenge us.

We also had part three of our mystery table runner which finishes next week.

Elizabeth Buzzell

We are soon to say goodbye to Wendy and Ian Buddle who are moving up to Queensland (just south of Brisbane). I



know they will be sadly missed by many and we wish them both well in this next chapter of their lives. Wendy has been a member of the Maclean Patchwork group and was president when I first started there, in fact it was Wendy who first introduced me to the group and hence LCACA, so I suppose my long suffering husband can blame her for all the time I spend with LCACA issues (only joking, Wendy). Wendy would often send an email saying when she saw something good happening within LCACA that would otherwise go unnoticed. Ian was

one of those people who would just turn up at Ferry Park to help when the floods were imminent, to help move everything up out of danger, once even responding to a phone call when he and Wendy were in town. Also at the exhibition Ian was one of those 'silent & tireless' helpers where nothing was too much trouble. This year the Patchworkers had new stands made but the poles were too tight to fit over the bases, so Ian took a couple of bases home and stripped the paint off using the grinding wheel -now THERE is dedication. Wendy has made many friends while a member of LCACA, too many to mention, but I think I can say from all of us, it has been a real pleasure knowing you.

Alison Merrin, on behalf on the Committee.

Art Reports

Community Art Space

Rhondella Hyde is holding art classes in the Community Art Space room at Ferry Park Gallery on the following Wednesdays:

October: 15th, 22nd

November: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

December: 3rd

Adults 9:30am until 12:30pm

Juniors 3:30pm until 5pm

Contact Rhondella on: (02) 6644 5099

Workshops

Ann Verran Jewellery Making Classes

Saturday 29th November 10am to 1pm

Venue: Ulmarra Arts, Crafts & Collectables,
Ulmarra

Learn the basic techniques to make your own
Jewellery

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL m: 0400 501 347

Two kits Provided : Cost \$50.



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.

ART

The last two art days were very interesting. We had a visiting tutor eager to have all of us daubing, painting non stop. Our tutor gave us paper she had already folded, supplied pots of paint and brushes then encouraged us to follow her example to paint what ever we could. Babs Willson had her delightful 6 year old granddaughter, Bailey (Junior art prize winner at our exhibitions) visiting and Bailey came along to our art day and 'gave us a lesson'. We all enjoyed the uninhibited freedom of joining in and had a lovely fun morning.

This week Fine Artist Pat Jenkins brought along artworks that she had worked at a recent Judith White, very challenging workshop. Her abstract works were quite wonderful. Full of diversity, many-sidedness, using a variety of techniques, awe inspiring. We welcomed our LCACA Publicity Officer, Alison Merrin, who took notes and photographs and then nicely surprised us with showing some of her lovely English country watercolour paintings. Pam Birrell had been to a more traditional painting workshop and gave us a marvellous 'show & tell' on her artworks. A great art appreciation day was enjoyed by all. We are at the Old Tearoom Studio at Maclean Showground each Tuesday morning and everyone is welcome.

June Alexander

Art Exhibitions around the Clarence and beyond.

- ◆ JADA will be on exhibition from 17th October to 7th December 2014

Yamba Picture Framing

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

Ferry Park Gallery

Gallery Coordinators' Report

This month sees Josie Priddle as Artist of the Month with a vast colourful display of painted recycled items which is providing a great source of interest for visitors.

We have a new exhibiting member, Kim Callander Who produces photographs on metal.

Marcia Rutledge

Office Noticeboard

It has come to the Committee's attention that the noticeboard is becoming very cluttered. If you have any outdated items on the noticeboard in the office could you please remove them.

Thank you

People counter for September : 4986

Artist of the Month

August: Josie Priddle

Publicity Report

The Facebook page is slowly getting there so don't forget to take a look and 'like' the page, you can also upload photos and write posts. Hopefully the entry forms will be available on the website before Christmas. We are having our new business cards printed which will be placed on the front desk and ready for when we 'do the MacMarkets' in January. Still working on the flyer and fingers crossed this will be ready for the markets too.

We had good coverage in the Coastal views last week where we had almost half a page with a story of the donated quilts at the Zone Day and Artist of the Month.

Alison Merrin 0411 190 870

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

It's time for the Phyllis Austin Award again...don't forget, it's open to all of our members, not just exhibitors at the Gallery. The work in this display showcases the talents and expertise of our members and we encourage you to participate.

The exhibition will run through December and January, our busiest time, and all work can be for sale. Entry forms are now available in the office at the Gallery – entry forms are to be in by 21st November.

The plans for the Phyllis Austin Presentation and Christmas lunch at the Ferry park Restaurant on Friday 12th December are underway. Will let you know the details in the next newsletter.

Thanks, Mal, for the reorganisation of the switches behind the counter – such an improvement and frees up the space to highlight our artworks. Congratulations, Josie, on your 'Artist of the Month' display.

Hope you are 'back on your feet', soon, Suz. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Penny 6646 4340

Phyllis Austin Trophy for LCACA

Members 2014

Dates to Remember:

Friday 21st November: Completed entry form to be returned to the Gallery

Friday 28th November: Artwork plus artist's statement to be delivered to the Gallery. Artist's statement can be emailed to me at psstuart@tpg.com.au

Friday 12th December: Official Opening and Presentation of Phyllis Austin Award, followed by LCACA's Christmas lunch at the Restaurant.

Entry forms are now available at the gallery and to download from the website.

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 Meeting: Friday 14th November

Exhibition Meeting 18th November