



ARTY FACTS

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Newsletter of the Lower Clarence Arts and Crafts Association,
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- Phyllis Austin time again
- We give to Variety Club Christmas party.
- Junior Artists in the news



Marlene Sheehan, Pam LeCouteur and Claudette Hough get down and dirty with some fabric dyeing at a workshop in Grafton on Saturday 14 September.

COMING EVENTS AND DATE CLAIMERS

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| 6-29 Sept | Woolgoolga Lillipilli Art and Craft Exhibition 2013 |
| 21 September | New Junior Art display begins |
| 22 Sept 1.30pm | 1st meeting to plan Exhibition 2014. |
| 8 October | Entries close –Open and Youth-Jacaranda Art Exhibition |
| 26 Oct- 2 Nov | 45 th Jacaranda Art Exhibition |
| 9 Nov 10am | Fabric Sculpture Class Yvonne Pickens at Grafton Art Club |
| 22Nov | Phyllis Austin Entry Form and fee due |
| 29Nov | Phyllis Austin Work delivered with artist statement |
| 13 Dec | Phyllis Austin Award night |

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am standing in for **Allan** this month as he and **Evol** are away for a few days. Quite a few of our Executive have been or are away, so our ongoing projects have been a little bit on the backburner. Back to work soon!

We are planning a meeting in the near future to add some new positions to our Executive and thus spread the workload of a dedicated few.

The Art Group's Artist of the Month Display seems to have created a happy stir and a bit of a spike in attendance as friends and family visit Ferry Park to admire the display and hopefully to stay on and buy something.

Still another week to catch the Quilt Exhibition at the Queensland Art Gallery, on until 22 September. It is largely an exhibit of historic quilts from the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and is a great slice of social history, even if you are not a patchworker and quilter. Standout pieces are the quilt fragment made by a group of teenage girls in Changi prison during WW2; and the Rajah Quilt, which is now housed at the National gallery in Canberra and is rarely on display. It was sewn by female convicts on board the convict ship *HMS Rajah*, during their transportation to Van Dieman's Land in 1841.

Penny Stuart
Vice President

**IF FOR ANY REASON YOU CANNOT DO YOUR DUTY
IN THE GALLERY PLEASE ..PLEASE..NOTIFY US.**

It Wasn't All Bad on Friday 13th

The General Meeting decided to donate to the Variety Club's Christmas Party for local children with disability or serious illness in Coffs Harbour in December.

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

Although a number of embroiderers have missed one or two sessions due to holidays or winter illness, there are still a few to carry on. Tomorrow, September 14th, a number of embroiderers and patchworkers are spending the day in Grafton being tutored in the art of fabric dyeing. Lots of messy fun expected.

As of Wednesday 18th my silk embroidery classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons instead of Tuesdays –same times: 1-4pm

Norma Dunne will begin beading and jewellery classes, specialising in a form of Japanese beading on the Wednesday mornings from 9am to 12 noon. Both will be held at sew Excited in Maclean. All are welcome.

Pam Le Couteur

PATCHWORKERS A DYEING BUNCH

On Saturday 14th September a group of nine of us attended a fabric dyeing workshop, run by **Marian Brown** and **Anne Carter** from Jacaranda Quilters, in Grafton. It was a real fun day, with lots of oohs and aahs emerging from the kitchen as we each rinsed out our fabric pieces to reveal the most amazing results. Each of us had five metres of fabric cut into half metre lengths. Even though we all had the same colour dyes, every piece was different, and it was all quite amazing.

Alison Merrin

Maclean Spinners and Weavers

Now that McFarlane Bridge has finished closing for repairs we have returned to our usual day on Wednesdays. We hope to be doing a workshop on Tunisian knitting in the next few weeks.

Hopefully some of us can make it to Ainslie in Canberra to visit the Exhibition for the scarf exchange, from 25th-29th September, during Floriade

Nita Barnsley

Patchwork and Quilters –

Firstly a big thank-you to all the members on Daffodil Day. We raised \$2000 dollars for the Cancer Council. It was a little disappointing that so few LCACA members supported our event. The Scotty Dog quilt went to a dear old lady in Bundamba. She always calls at the Gallery when passing through our valley.

Well what a busy month we are having. An 80th birthday for **Nancy Towell** got us all in the mood for some fun.

On the 5th a bus load of quilters ventured north to the Tweed for our annual Zone Day. With lots to see and buy all had an enjoyable time with our fellow quilting groups from the Far North. The baton has been passed to us so that means a lot of work organizing next year's event.

Then on the 10th was a workshop with **Chris Timmins** all about using special rulers to cut and measure some great designs. All fourteen participants had a successful day and enjoyed great value for money. We hope to get **Chris** again next year for some more fun.

Our art quilts are due this coming Tuesday and should feature either MUSHROOMS or FLOWERS of FRIENDSHIP. We will also be making a start on next year's raffle quilt with Colleen.

A big thank you to our treasurer, **Janet Hall**, for her hard work organizing buses and helping out in the kitchen for our workshop.

Elizabeth Buzzell

Corindelo Arts & Crafts (Yamba) Pottery Classes

Hand building pottery -Thursday evenings 5.30-7pm;

Kids After School pottery classes Thurs 3.30 -5pm.

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Art Reports

A Star is Born

LCACA congratulates one of our keenest art members, **Pam Birrell**, on her recent successes in exhibitions and sales. **Pam's White Azaleas** came third our own Exhibition in July, in the LCACA's Fine Art Members Section. Then she sold *Pacifica*, an oil seascape, at the Ballina Wave Street Waterways Exhibition in July. At the Bentley Art prize she sold a further three paintings, *White Azaleas*, *All the Rivers Run* (oil, landscape) and *Scents of Spring* (a watercolour, floral). She is currently a finalist in *Australian Artist Magazine's* Flowers and Gardens Challenge with *Apple Blossom* (oil, floral). Wow, **Pam!** You're doing us proud.....

Looking for a Home for Art on the Lower Clarence

Still a work in progress. We are talking to CVC staff to assess whether it is worth our while to negotiate about leasing the old ferryman's cottage on the river bank at Chatsworth island. We understand there are some structural problems with the building but are not yet clear how extensive these are. **Jenny Thomas**

Collect your work.

If you submitted work to the Grafton Regional Gallery display of exemplary LCACA Art and Craft, it is now available for collection at Ferry Park, in the meeting room.

KING STUDIO MACLEAN SCREEN PRINTING WORKSHOPS

Contact Mal: 66452042 or 0432 719 402

ART GROUP

The Art group is chuffed with the early success of its Artist of the Month Exhibition. **Pam Birrell**, **June Alexander** and **Jenny Thomas** have all sold works and we've had to rush to replace them as they've sold. The display itself just looks stunning and the Art Group has written to **Marcia**, **Sonia** and **Kerry** to thank them for the huge effort involved in turning our efforts into a display befitting greater talents perhaps than ours...but then we're always very modest.

June Alexander

Entry forms for **Grafton Art Club's 45th Jacaranda Art Exhibition** (26 October -2 November) are available in the Office at Ferry Park. Entries close 8 October.

Junior Art Space: It's the Pre-schoolers' turn!

The next display at the Gallery will feature some very special artworks by creative pre-schoolers. I recently visited the Cubby House for Kids preschool in Townsend and ran an art workshop with the children. We focused on "the sky" as an inspiration. After reading a story and talking about colours in the sky, objects we see in the sky, and how weather changes the sky, the children and teachers got very busy creating. In pairs, the children painted the sky using their choice of colour and a variety of line making techniques. Next they used mixed media materials to collage an object in the sky, e.g. the moon. It was lots of fun. The preschool was very welcoming. I would happily run other workshops like this to generate artworks for our Junior Art Space.

Please contact me if you have any ideas, know any Junior Artists interested in exhibiting or would otherwise like to help. The artworks will be on display from 21 September 2013. Don't forget to take a look. Contact **Kerrie Howland** Junior Art Coordinator on **66459088**.

Yamba Picture Framing

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

Gallery Coordinators' Report

The Art group has excelled with their impressive display as Artist of the Month. The success of the display has been shown by a number of sales at the cash register.

We had the special pleasure of drawing the "Winter Woollies" raffle, and shared the honour with Fay from the Tourist Association. So we can't take the entire blame that **Nita Barnsley** of the Spinners and Weavers won first prize, the basket of wool! Talk about coals to Newcastle... Second prize, the jumper, was won by **Leila Manon**; **Carol Moppet** won the brown scarf that was 3rd prize; and **Claudette Hough** won 5th prize, the mauve scarf.

Last month was very busy with many displays being changed over. The pottery of new member **Stephen Sessions** is now on display and it certainly fills a gap in our Ferry Park offerings.

Marcia Rutledge Sonia Stanton

Exhibitor Representatives' Report

Suz is having problems with the continuing saga of the weekend roster. Some people have offered to fill gaps – and we thank them - but there are days not yet filled. The person who will in the longer term regularly do a Saturday has had a domestic problem and is unable to start as yet.

We are currently DESPERATE for Sunday 30 September – **Suz** is at the Quota Craft Fair on that day and so is **Allan**. **Chris Lokes** is on, but we do not have a Duty Officer. Without a Duty Officer we may have to close the Gallery.

The Phyllis Austin entry forms are on the sign-on table in the Office; entries are due in by 19th November. We encourage ALL our Members to enter, as the award recognises improvement and development in our Members' work, as well as excellence. The Award also showcases the diversity and depth of talent and expertise in our Organisation. All the entries will be on display in the Members' Room during December.

Suz Monin Penny Stuart

Phyllis Austin Time Again

Each year LCACA holds this award of excellence for all members of LCACA in memory of LCACA stalwart **Phyllis Austin**. Members are asked to present one work of excellence in a competitive exhibition. Significant dates for the Award are:

- Fri 22nd Nov Entry form and fee due
- Fri 29th Nov Works to be delivered to FPG (along with artist statement about the work)
- Fri 13th Dec Presentation of PA Award at an evening function.

Upcoming Artists of the Month

Pam and John Le Couteur in **October**

Pam Birrell and Von Pickens in **November**

Christmas Display in **December** – please start thinking now about Christmas themed work for display.

LCACA FUTURES PLAN

**Has your associated group –Art, Clayworx, Patchworkers, Embroiderers, Spinners and Weavers - discussed the Plan yet?
Make a date. If you would like a presentation on it contact Jenny or Suz.**

Condolences to our dear Sonia on the recent loss of her Mum. We are all thinking of you, Sonia.

Where did we get the new cabinets in the Gallery from? A few people have asked. Here you go then:

www.shopfittingsdirect.com.au

Publicity Report

There is not much to report this month. Artist of the Month appeared in the Review, but it went into the Daily Examiner instead of where it normally appears, Coastal Views. I would like to remind Artists of the Month to get their Artist profile to me during the month PRIOR to their display, so I can submit it to the newspapers in plenty of time for publication. **Alison Merrin**

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