

ARTY FACTS

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**MACLEAN PATCHWORK
AND QUILTERS ARE HAV-
ING AN AIRING OF THE
QUILTS NEXT
FRIDAY 19TH AND
SATURDAY 20TH AT THE
UNITING CHURCH HALL
MACLEAN, BETWEEN
10AM AND 4PM, ENTRY
\$5.00**



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you for coming to this first meeting with the newly elected committee and congratulations to those who are new to the roles.

This committee will work collaboratively with each other and communicate openly with members.

The art and craft scene in the valley has changed a lot over the years since LCACA first opened the doors of Ferry Park. But our main objectives of making art and crafts accessible to the community are unchanged. In order to maintain our presence in the community we need to be able to maintain membership numbers and relate reasons for people to join us.

Our most visible activity is Ferry Park Gallery. We are no longer the only gallery in the lower Clarence and need to think about ways to maintain and increase visitors. Members ideas are always welcome.

The executive has met and agreed on our focus for the coming year. We want to focus on delivering on our objectives through:

Increasing community awareness of LCACA through some press articles with a view to increasing membership

Develop a program of demonstrations and 'have a go' sessions for the community and visitors. Associated groups could develop a schedule of activities and work together to deliver.

Working collaboratively across the associated groups

Think of different displays and activities that will interest the community and visitors
Get the bus trips and visits happening again

Make better use of electronic media such as web page, Facebook and Instagram

Work with council to address some maintenance issues as well as improve some of our displays.

On the issue of rules – I'm aware that some members are disappointed by the 'rules' that have been implemented over the last year. Example being, unfortunately there have been instances where different members would seem to have been given more advantageous arrangements than others, particularly around temporary absences from exhibiting work at the gallery and/or undertaking duty. It's not fair on other members. So we have developed clear rules on how something will operate.

I would also like to make the best use of these meetings. If you have issues you would like raised ask Gloria to add it to the agenda.

I'm always happy to chat about issues and would like to see everyone working together for the same purpose.

**Next general
meeting at
9.30 am on
10 May 2019
Ferry Park**

Arts Report

This month we welcomed three new members and three visitors to share with our Group. Artist visitor Libby stayed for five weeks and left us with a couple of drawn portraits of Irene that she combined with Irene's sketch and framed the artwork to be displayed with our art collection. Pam also framed two of Irene's interesting sketches for our display in our art room. Our members entered 10 artworks in the "Journey" 8 x8 competition. At the moment members are working on their own individual artworks and we are discussing a combined project for our Artist of the Month display August this year. Arts Group meet every Tuesday morning at the Old Tea Room at Maclean Showground except Tuesday May 7th when the Maclean Show Society use the room for their show.

June Alexander

Maclean Patchwork and Quilters

Maclean Patchwork and Quilters held their Annual General Meeting on 19th March, a new committee was elected. Val Wright is our new President while Sue Carl has taken on the role of secretary and Debra Patch is our new treasurer.

All these members are relatively new to our group and we thank them all for stepping up and contributing in this way.

Our in house workshops for this year will take the form of a block of the month, with a new technique being taught each month, resulting in a sampler quilt by this time next year.

On Friday and Saturday 19th and 20th April some of our favourite quilts will be on show in an Airing of the Quilts which will be held at the Uniting Church Hall Maclean, 10am till 4pm on Good Friday and 9am till 4pm on Easter Saturday.

Linda Hollis

Exhibitors' Representatives' Report

Welcome to our new exhibitors.

If you have any queries regarding the hanging or display of your work in the gallery, please contact Suz or myself and we will help.

Monthly general meetings are held on 2nd Friday of the month, at 9.30 at the Gallery, and give good insight into the workings of such a diverse organisation.

The 8 x 8 exhibition, 'The Journey', is proving a popular drawcard for the month and if you haven't yet seen it, don't miss out!

Last day of the show is 27th April and **works are to be collected on Sunday 28th April, 9am - 5pm.**

Penny and Suz

As a gallery coordinator I am trying to ensure all our exhibiting artists are displayed in the gallery. With new artists coming on board space is at a premium. Therefore, to ensure all artists are displayed and the display is continually refreshed, there are a couple of things exhibiting artists can do to assist.

Firstly, the display needs to be refreshed each month with new work. To achieve this I am now checking how long each artwork is displayed, so each month I can refresh the display with new works. For me to be able to do this, please ensure you have at least 2-3 spare paintings hanging in the office for me to draw on. If not then you run the risk of not having work displayed, as I will still be taking work down after it has been on a wall for 3 months.

Secondly, if a work of art is sold, and to avoid leaving a gaping hole in the display, the person on duty on the day, can replace the sold artwork, with another work, preferably by the same artist. The person on duty can ring the artist to inform them of the sale, and put another work of art in it's place until the artist can get in to replace the sold piece.

Thirdly, a reminder that only the gallery coordinators hang artwork (unless a piece is sold). It is not up to the artist to place additional artwork on display. If this happens, then it will be removed when I review the display.

Lynne Gehrke, Gallery Co-ordinator