

ARTY FACTS

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's been a busy year for LCACA and the gallery with a lot being achieved. In particular we have introduced a new internet page and provider, updated our computer hardware, cleaned up and organised all the documents on the computer, improved our use of social media, run an 8x8 exhibition, run the 53 Islands exhibition, reviewed all the forms and procedures, conducted 2 workshops in the front of the gallery, celebrated the patchwork and quilters 30 year anniversary, held another fabulous Phyllis Austin competition for members and had a very pleasant Christmas Party.

I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the success of LCACA and Ferry Park and in particular would like to thank Gloria and Marlene, who are the backbone of LCACA, for their endless work and tireless commitment.

Next year looks like another big year with lots happening including hosting the launch of the Plunge Festival with the 8x8 competition, renegotiating the lease for Ferry Park with Council and running another Art and Craft Festival.

Congratulations to Bobbie Winger for winning the Phyllis Austin with her beautiful silver jewellery and to Chris Lokes and Alan Bishop for their commendations.

Our thoughts are with those members and their families who had firsthand experience in the harrowing recent bush fires.

Thank you for your support and see you in the new year.

Merry Christmas

Ainslie



Welcome to new Members

Welcome to new exhibiting members. Catherine & Phillip McGuire. Catherine will be displaying cute woolly animals and knitted/crochet rugs. Phillip has created a tea towel with shipwreck sites.

Also welcome to Michael Fitzgerald Maher and Lorna Harling who have joined our Art Group.

A big welcome to all.

Approvals from existing exhibitors to add to their current mediums:

Marlene Sheehan to add wall hangings to her P&Q medium.

Suzanne Monin to add "Z" books to her Art medium.

Joy Lee to add "Scrubbies" to her crocheting medium.

A reminder that if using photocopier for personal use (other than stock sheets) cost per sheet is 20c.

If you are interested in helping at MacMarkets on 4th January, contact Suz Monin on 0434430754. Those helping are able to take a small amount of stock to display while on duty.

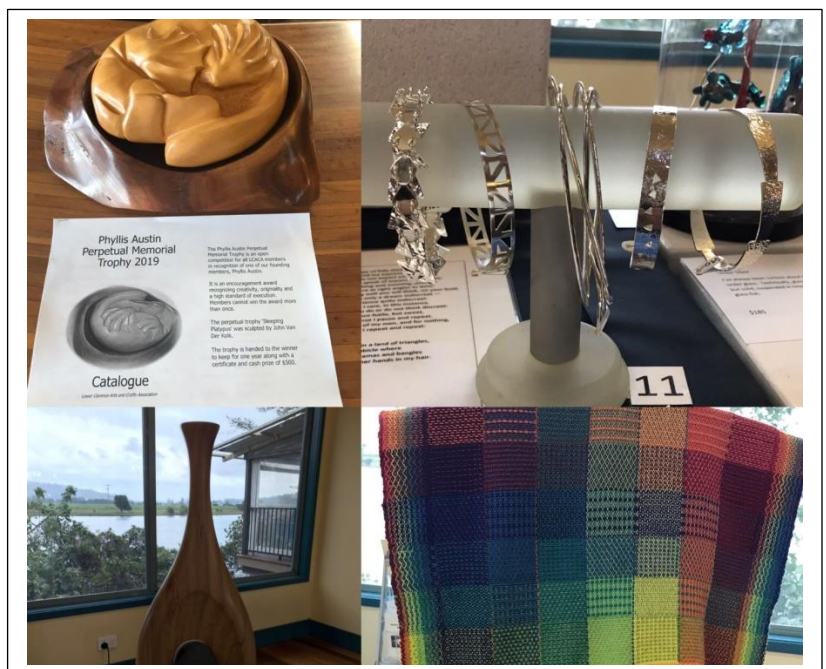
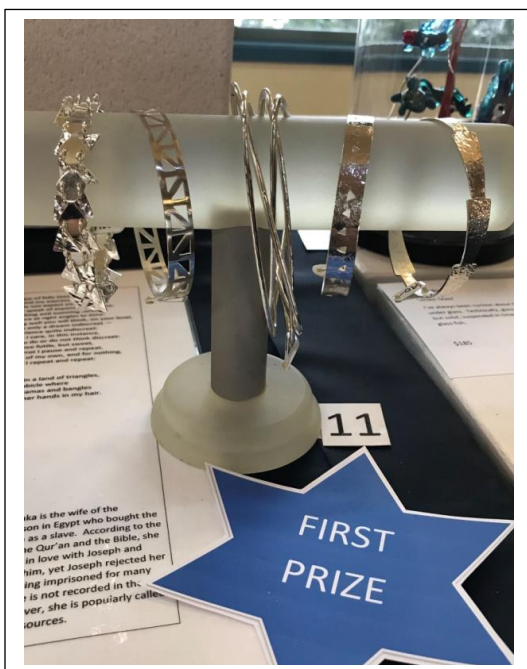
The Committee requests that any use of plastic wrapping for your displays be replaced by cellophane.

The Executive have met with council representatives and Jason from Olivers to initiate the on-going management plan for the complex. Our lease is due in March 2020 and our aim is to secure the long-term future of the Gallery.

Phyllis Austin Competition

The winner of the Phyllis Austin Award for excellence is Bobbie Winger for her fabulous silver jewellery. Highly commended went to Chris Lokes for her hand spun and woven table runner and Alan Bishop for his skilled wooden vase. Entries and previous winners have works on display and for sale at Ferry Park Gallery. Congratulations to all on their display.

Thank you to Niomi Sands from the Grafton Regional Gallery for judging the Exhibition and for assisting our Patron Dr Ian Tiley in presenting the prizes. An enjoyable time was had by those who attended the presentation on Friday evening.





Bobbi Winger winner with "Platypus"



Niomi Sands with President Ainslie Langshaw and patron Dr Ian Tiley in background



Niomi Sands with Highly Commended Alan Bishop





Exhibitors' Reps' Report - December 2019

Congratulations to all exhibitors and members who have participated in this year's Phyllis Austin Award. It indeed showcases the exceptional work of our members. Our winner this year is jeweller, Bobbie Winger, with her response to a poem in silver. Highly commended awards were given to Chris Lokes for her hand-woven table runner and Alan Bishop for his wood and stone creation. Thank you to the judge, Niomi Sands, and the organisers, Ainslie, Gloria and Marlene.

The Christmas display is proving very popular with our visitors and the compliments continue to flow about the quality of work in the gallery!

The 2020 8 x 8 is up and running, in time for some Christmas holiday artmaking! This year's theme is 'the Everyday'. Canvases and entry forms are now available at the Gallery and make a great Christmas gift.

Best wishes for a happy festive season.

Penny and Suz

Artist of Month for December

If you are looking for that unique Christmas gift, then you must pay a visit to Ferry Park Gallery in Maclean to check out the special Christmas display for December. The display includes artwork, wall hangings, kitchen towels, santas and angels made using lead lighting, cards, jewellery, bibs, trinkets to hang on your tree. You will even find tiny wooden Christmas trees.

The Gallery has a wonderful display of locally made products that are suitable gifts for any occasion.

During December the foyer will also feature the entries in our members only Phyllis Austin award. Entries include artwork, woodwork, lead lighting and jewellery.

The Gallery is open 7 days from 9am to



Spinners & Weavers Report

We are still meeting every Wednesday morning at the Ilarwill Hall. We are taking a break until 18 February.

We paid a visit to the Alpaca Farm at Harwood. Although it was rather smoky due to the bushfires, we still managed to check out the alpacas and to enjoy our morning tea and luncheon.

Embroidery Report – December 2019

All our Embroidery Groups have had a great year, many accomplishing some beautiful works. Other members are continuing with their 'work in progress' with the goal of having them completed in time for the 2020 L.C.A.C.A. Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

Our tutor, Susan, has had an extremely busy year completing her nursing course and is now an Endorsed Enrolled nurse. Her time with us this year has been limited, but we are all proud of her achievement and offer her our congratulations. All our groups look forward to what time she can give us of a Saturday morning once a month, as she strives to keep us on track with our individual projects. The Monday and Wednesday groups work in different areas of embroidery, but the time spent is informative and enjoyable and we help each other where we can, and our time spent with Susan each month is invaluable. Several of the ladies are looking forward to attending the Beating Around the Bush Convention in the coming year.

All the girls appreciate the use of the Members Room at Ferry Park where they can spend time together working on their many and varied embroidery projects.

October 17th saw a bus load of ladies travel to Brisbane for the annual Craft and Quilt Fair at Southbank. We were late getting there as we were held up by a traffic accident on the motorway close to the city, but we had a very enjoyable day anyway. There were fewer stalls than recent years, but there were still plenty of goods available, and chances to pick up some new ideas. We had a great day and returned home that night very weary!

All the groups pass on their thanks for being able to use the facilities at Ferry Park for their weekly sessions, and send their very best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year in 2020.

Pam Le Couteur

MACLEAN PATCHWORK AND QUILTING

As the end of the year draws near, we reflect on what a year it's been. Our Christmas Party was very enjoyable and our Christmas challenge was judged by members voting. The challenge was to make a bag out of a fat quarter and thread received at our 2018 Christmas party. There were some lovely bags and we had a tie, with two winners. Janet Pickup thanked all those who contributed to the success this year and all those who shared their knowledge on our workshop days. As a member who didn't know much about quilting, I have benefited greatly, my personal thanks to you all.

A quilt nearly completed by our late member Betty Harris and completed by some of our members was donated to the Maclean Hospital Auxiliary to be raffled, and they did very well out of it.

Linda Hollis won the Betty Harris award for her untiring work forming a committee and guiding that committee towards such a successful Zone Day with the help of almost every member in the club. It was well deserved.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a very Happy Christmas and a successful and healthy New Year.

Val Wright

President

Maclean Patchwork and Quilting