

ARTY FACTS

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Message from the President. It has been an especially busy year with the impact of Covid, change to the highway, input into the Council's Plan of Management, delivery of an 8x8 competition, delivery of a Phyllis Austin Award and negotiation of a new lease. I'm pleased to say that we are very close to signing a 10 year lease with Council for Ferry Park Gallery. Let's hope 2021 doesn't present as many hurdles.

The Affiliated groups continue to provide a creative outlet for members of the community and in some instances, groups make creative donations to members of the community in need.

Thank you again to those members who take on committee roles, manage rosters, order goods, wash the tea towels, buy the biscuits, and go the extra mile to help out on short notice. We couldn't continue to operate without you.

Sales at the gallery are showing a slow but steady increase with a lot of our regular visitors managing to find us. Work on marketing will continue in the new year.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. See you in the new year.

Ainslie

KEEP UP TO DATE AND/OR INPUT INTO OUR GALLERY MANAGEMENT BY ATTENDING GENERAL MEETINGS, ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 930AM. MINUTES ARE DISTRIBUTED TO ATTENDEES WITH PRINTED COPIES ON FILE, AVAILABLE IN THE GALLERY FOR MEMBERS WHO DON'T ATTEND. NO MEETING IN JANUARY.



December Artist of the Month

Christmas Display, which has been selling well. Still room for more items.



Congratulations to Pam Birrell, winner of the 2020 Phyllis Austin Perpetual Trophy, judged by Niomi Sands, Grafton Regional Gallery Director. Highly commended went to Alan Bishop, Di Nixon and Betty Thompson. The judge was impressed with the diversity and quality of works that were entered. On display throughout December.

Patchwork and Quilters: This year has been very productive, covid 19 hasn't stopped Maclean P& Q, except for lockdown. Through that we did our patchwork, finishing off all unfinished objects in our cupboards and using up all our bits and pieces to make quilts for survivors of the bush fires. This let them know they weren't forgotten, giving them a little comfort over winter. We all managed to meet in the Baptist Church Hall on a slightly limited basis. Our Christmas morning tea was very pleasant and next year we will be able to meet in the Uniting Church Hall and get back to our full program. We wish one and all a very happy Christmas and a safe and healthy new year. Val Wright



Art Group Report

The Art Group had decided that for the Artist of the Month display there will be a common theme that all members will follow. They will also be producing cards to include in the display. Di Nixon will conduct a felting workshop with the Art Group in the new year.



Patchwork Felting, a work in progress, recent demonstration at the gallery. Most of these pieces take 10 minutes to complete and are then felted together. The embroidery group were very keen to have a go at this very simple felting technique.

OTHER BITS.

- The Gallery opening hours will revert to 9 – 5 pm as of Monday 14 Dec. Winter hours will be 9 – 4 pm for June, July and August.
- Artist of the Month available for March and September 2021
- One of our junior artists has sold her work
- Council has replaced the front and back door locks with fire safety locks. The handle on the door must be pointing up to be locked. Members are asked to always check that the door is locked from the outside on their way out at the end of the day.
- The 8x8 theme for 2021 is **A Moment in Time**, which gives wide scope for interpretation whether is it reflecting on the past, dreaming of a future moment, observing the world around you in a single moment or doing something extra special. Registration is now open and canvasses are available from the gallery.
- The yellow bin will be removed and all paper shredded, in accordance with the new lease.
- **Extended Christmas opening hours until 7pm on 17 and 18 Dec; 23 and 24 Dec. Please contact Gloria if you can assist on Christmas eve, 5-7pm.**