

ARTY FACTS

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From the Acting President

At the committee meeting earlier this month, June Alexander's contribution to LCACA and Ferry Park Gallery was discussed. After many years of service to this organization, she is no longer able to be an active member, but has left us with a folder of original artwork for her bookmarks and cards, which we will continue to make up and sell at the Gallery.

She has also provided valuable archival material which needs to be digitized and filed for future reference. Suz has offered to start this process and if there is anyone willing to help her, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Suz

We are moving ahead ever so slowly with the flood claims and grant submissions ... I suspect this will take the rest of the year to resolve, but hopefully the effort will achieve some results.

Minor repairs to the inside of the building have been assessed by Council and we trust we see some action soon.

Congratulations to Kim McKenna for an outstanding Artist of the Month display in May.

Penny



**May Artist of
Month**

Kim McKenna

Gallery sign: please put the gallery sign out as per picture, to attract maximum interest and not impede pedestrian access on the walkway



Farewell for Ainslie: In appreciation of the work Ainslie has done as our president over the last 3 years, the committee is hosting a small farewell on Friday, 3rd June, at 5pm. We invite you to come along for this gathering and presentation. Can you please bring a plate of finger-food. Drinks will be provided.

Publicity: We appreciate the promotion that we get through the Independent Newspaper. We have a weekly paid ad with the paper which is about half the rate of other publications. The paper in turn usually finds the space to promote our Artist of the Month and other announcements, at no cost. This does depend on available space. The Independent has managed to print a free community newspaper when most other media outlets have gone online. Please support this paper when you can by either following their social media pages or advertising with them or simply writing to them in support of their value to the community. Ainslie will continue to update social media, but we need to have someone take over this. Any social media savvy members interested in taking this on or workshopping to show others how to improve getting the message out on social media?

We also need member input into Arty Facts, our newsletter. Thanks to Jean Versace who wants to get involved. What do members want to see in this newsletter? Please put your ideas forward. **Di Nixon**

Exhibitors' Representatives: Just a little reminder that given our packaging is quite an expense, when you are on duty, please consider how you wrap items. There are 2 sizes of ordinary brown paper bags for smaller items, and the little gold and silver bags for jewellery. Save the carry bags for larger or multiple items, please.

As we expand our display into the foyer area, with the hope of attracting more visitors through the door, it will be necessary for volunteers to keep a good eye on the front door area. It is also welcoming to have someone greet visitors as they enter the building.

Thanks. **Penny and Jean**

Associated Groups' Reports

Gallery Coordinators: We welcome a former exhibitor back into the fold. Pam Morgan, who has been absent for quite a while is exhibiting again with her babies' crochet goods and cards which are proving quite popular already.

During the last month we trialled some shelves in the window display area which has proved reasonably acceptable. However, we would like to expand on this and are open to suggestions!

Thanks to the "woodies" for their expertise and time in restoring some flood damaged baseboards – they're great mates! We re-found the "Gallery" sign and Alan Bishop will investigate re-hanging it on the verandah, outside the gallery. **Pam Birrell**

Junior Art: Young artists entering the 8x8 competition have shown a keen interest in exhibiting on FPG's Junior Art column, with one already on show. Thanks to Gloria for printing out information and entry sheets for juniors, nearly all of which were handed out and also Pam for helping promote enthusiasm in the art column.

Jean Versace

Art/Sculpture: With the Old Tea Rooms being used for other community events during April and May, the Art group has been on hold for the past 4 weeks. It does not mean that the members have not been immersed in the art world. There have been exhibitions to enter work in and visit, galleries to visit up and down the country, courses to attend, online videos to watch, art books to read and donating to community fundraisers for floods or other causes. And, of course, completing work for our Alphabet exhibition in July

This week we welcomed Rita Gaul who is also interested in exhibiting at FPG. **Suzanne Monin**

P & Q: We had our Airing of the Quilts on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. This event was a success and brought many visitors to view our display and enjoy a tea or coffee with sandwiches and slice.

We were **Artist of the Month** at the Ferry Park Gallery for the month of April and the display was lovely with quite a number of sales for our members.

Our In-House workshop for May was an interesting tutorial by Claudette on how to use the templates that we receive with our subscription to the "Today's Quilter" monthly magazine. These are in our library and available for our members to take out and use.

Our preparations for our Exhibition 8th -10th July are well under way. This will be held at the Jim Thompson pavilion at the Maclean Showground. Entry forms are available at Ferry Park or from our blog (macleanpatchworkandquilters blog). Entries need to be in by 17th June 2022. **Claudette Hough**

**Maclean Patchwork and Quilters
Quilt Exhibition
8th - 10th July 2022**

MP&Q are holding their Quilt Exhibition in July at the Jim Thompson Pavilion at the Maclean Show Ground.

It is a judged exhibition with generous prize money. Sections vary from experienced quilters to novice and youth. There are also sections for wall hangings, art quilts as well as patchwork and applique articles.

Entry forms are available at Ferry Park Gallery, from members and from the MP&Q blog at Wordpress. Entries close on 17th June.

We extend a special invitation to LCACA members

Elizabeth Buzzell (Chief Steward)