

November 2022

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From Acting President Penny Stuart:

I'm very happy to report that the Men's Shed in Grafton has delivered and installed our new shelving. It was a condition of the flood grant we received from the Commonwealth Bank to keep the money in the community and I am delighted that this collaboration has worked so well. Thank you, Max, Alan and Ron and the rest of the shed team for making our rough sketch a wonderful reality!

After much deliberation, we decided to purchase new glass cabinets and not proceed with repairing the others. We have chosen a metal and glass style that has an open shelf on the bottom, so they should be more suitable when next we get inundated! Many thanks to Bobbie and Bill for providing a very efficient courier service from the Gold Coast!

We are planning a working bee soon to assemble and install these cabinets, so hoping we can get lots of helping hands. The date for this working bee is December 1st at 9.30. Bring your lunch and/or morning tea.

I would like to thank the Gallery Coordinators for the continued effort they put in to make 'Changeover Day' a smooth and supportive experience for Artists of the Month...what a beaut day we had when Lorna and I set up our display! It's a reminder of all the work done by a dedicated crew to keep the Gallery fresh and ever changing.

The LCACA extends it sincere condolences to Catherine and family on Phil's passing. We will miss him around the Gallery.

Penny



November Artists of the Month: Penny Stuart and Lorna Harling

Lorna's display reflects her artistic journey through a variety of media, including acrylics, eco-dyeing and pencil drawings. As well, she offers cards and bookmarks from watercolour works she has created.

Lorna began her artistic venture in earnest after retiring and has pursued various media, though her interest is mostly in acrylic painting.

Penny has been working in glass for many years and it continues to challenge her. For this month, she focuses on her range of fused glass jewellery, a process which involves many firings and, often, unexpected results.

Inspired by her local surroundings, Penny has small sculptural pieces depicting some endangered seashore bird species (Beach Stone Curlews and Pied Oystercatchers), as well as honeyeaters in their natural environment.

Enjoy this delightful display for the rest of November.









Exhibitors' Representatives

Just a reminder that if you have a problem with anything relating to your experience as an exhibitor at the Gallery, Jean and myself are the Exhibitors' Representatives and are only too happy to talk with you and help to work through any problems you may have. You can approach the exhibitors' reps, any of the executive, come to a meeting or email us.

Penny

Associated Groups' Reports

Gallery Coordinators:

Not much to report this month. A smooth changeover saw Gloria's embroidered linen make way for the paintings of Lorna Harling and Penny Stuart's glasswork and jewellery. Our new shelving units arrived and we thank the "woodies" for constructing these at the Grafton Men's Shed - thanks guys – great to see our volunteers working together. It's much appreciated.

Eight new jewellery cabinets, to replace the flood damaged ones, are next on the list. They're just sitting there waiting assembly - helpers needed!

Don't forget – December is a chance for everyone to display their wares as Artist of the Month is a Christmas display. Goods can be placed on the shelf in the office at any time, to be ready for display at the end of this month.

Pam & Karin

8x8 Small Works and Junior Art:

Canvases for our 2023 small works competition and exhibition are on sale and we were delighted to have Ulmarra Public School purchase **eighty** – a whole-of-school support for LCACA's favourite event. We appreciate that whoever was on duty at that time may have had a task ahead of them. Kate Edwards, from Ulmarra PS, will list works and artists for us when the canvases are brought back in March. She assures us that there will be variety, so we're not expecting to have dozens of Small Wonders that look identical.

Because of this large purchase, we are ordering another 100 canvases. All forms and information sheets have been printed.

Sales are going gently at the moment but, with Christmas soon, we're hoping more will be purchased as gifts.

And, while Junior Art is still quiet, we're hoping that we may have some offshoot from the 8x8s. This has been meagre in the past, but with Ulmarra's contribution there is the possibility that some will be hung on the Junior Art Column.

Pam Birrell and Jean Versace

Tuesday Arters:

This month the Art Group has again grown with two new members, Jenny Runge and Vicki Johansen, joining us.

We also have members who have been busy entering their work in various exhibitions such as Grafton and Coraki. Pam Birrell won the Invitational Section at Grafton and sold a painting at the Coraki Art Show. Congratulations, Pam.

Our member, Suz Monin, has been sending us lots of wonderful photos from Japan and, no doubt, she will have lots to tell us.

I hope many people will find time to view the wonderful work at Ferry Park for the Artists of the Month for November. Our member, Lorna Harling, is sharing this with Penny Stuart. It is truly a special display. We will continue our Tuesday meetings until the 13th December when we will enjoy our Christmas celebration.

Robyn Germon

Patchwork & Quilters

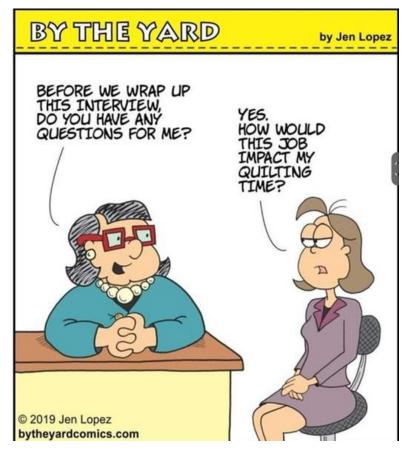
Next Tuesday 15th November, we are hosting a social visit by Lismore Quilting groups. We are looking forward to a fun day with these people with "show and tell", games, social interaction and a lovely lunch. We will be donating more quilts to the Lismore area.

Our last monthly in-house workshop was held on 1st November. Elizabeth demonstrated Pojagi or Korean Patchwork which uses lightweight fabric with enclosed seams and added texture. The results are light, airy and beautiful.

Many of our members attended the Lawrence Quilt show, which was held at the Lawrence Museum on the 22nd October. As always, the Lawrence Patchworkers excelled with their show and it was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

Our Christmas party day is set for 6th December. This will be held in the Uniting Church Peace Hall. Our last meeting day for 2022 will be 13th December.

Claudette Hough



Reminders from the November Meeting:

PARKING

Oliver's have expressed concern regarding long-term parking in our shared carpark. If you are on duty, please park in the area beyond the public toilets. Thank you for your consideration, as the visiting traffic is increasing.

WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held on

December 1st, commencing at 9.30am

to assemble the eight new jewellery cabinets and clean the flood mud from the outside cupboards to enable us to use them for storage.

We are looking into suitable lighting for these cabinets.

Bring your lunch and/or morning tea.

PHYLLIS AUSTIN AND CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP

A reminder that entries for Phyllis Austin Award close at 4pm on 25th November.

Presentation of this Award, and Christmas drinks, will be held at 5.30pm on 2nd December. All are invited to attend.

Penny & Gloria will organise invitations to dignitaries.



Vale Phil McGuire

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We lost a caring and valued friend this month, with the passing of Phil McGuire.

Phil and Catherine have been stalwarts of Ferry Park Gallery for four years, volunteering their time generously.

Phil's graphic design credentials led him through many paths, though we know his Australian Shipwreck tea towels as his work here. His products in this field still sell in Hobart.

Both Phil and Catherine were members of the Australian Army Survey Corps of Australia and Indonesia, with aerial photography and mapping. Phil's exceptional depth-perception was particularly valued in this field, leading to his being awarded a Purple Heart after being injured in an operation in Vietnam.

Post-Army, he worked for other State organisations, and formed a graphic art business, from which his shipwreck maps and research sprang.

We give Catherine and her family our sincere condolences.

Friends and acquaintances of Phil and Catherine are invited to meet at the Harwood Hotel on Friday, November 18, from about 11.30pm.

