

# ARTY FACTS

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## From V-P Bobbie Winger's opening remarks (October 14)

Bobbie reported that new shelving has been delayed and there was a re-examining of the repairs to the jewellery cabinet. The review of artists' mediums has taken place and exhibitors have been contacted if there had been a need.

While Bobbie's opening report was succinct, there were other issues during the meeting that brought much discussion, especially that of the possibility of an Electric Vehicle charger in the gallery carpark. After a great deal of research, Bobbie advised that the cost to LCACA would be about \$8000 after receiving the grant (application to be completed by end of October, with another round available in 2023). After much discussion it was felt that the recovery of money after investment was not economically viable and the decision to apply for a grant was put on hold until the next round of grants becomes available.

In a related climate-aware matter, Bobbie will investigate the cost of fitting the gallery with solar panels to alleviate the cost of electricity.

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## Artist of the Month – Gloria Lee



Artist of the Month, Gloria Lee, has on display a large range of sewn items which are attracting a great deal of interest and many sales this month.

### **In Gloria's words:**

I have always had an interest in sewing, having made most of my children's clothing in their younger years. About 17 years ago I decided to purchase an embroidery machine to pretty-up my towels and clothes.

It did not take long for me to realise that I would need to sell some of my work if I wanted to keep sewing. I began by doing markets every weekend but after three-and-a-half years I was accepted as an exhibitor at Ferry Park Gallery where my Australian items are a great hit.

My work is also available at the Maclean Scottish Town Shop where visitors are looking for that little bit of Scotland.

In this gallery display, my large variety of items include the regular towels and washer sets (both baby and adult), tea towels, kitchen towels, golf and bowls towels and pillow cases.



## **Reports from the Meeting**

### **Gallery Co-ordinators**

We had a smooth display changeover this month, from Jacqui's macramé to Gloria's embroidered towels, which look very colourful and are sure to be a hit with the pre-Christmas shoppers.

Congratulations also to the Patchworkers for their spectacular arrangement of mini quilts, art quilts and wall hangings in the Members' Room. It is a wonderful display and has been the subject of many complimentary comments.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new shelving units and intend to re-organise some exhibitors' areas, hopefully giving the gallery a fresh look. I would like to suggest that staff have a quick walk around before commencing work to familiarise yourself with 'what is where'. **Don't forget, when searching for items some could be on show either in the glass cabinet or in the window. If any exhibitors prefer not to have their work displayed in the cabinet or windows, please let us know.**

A request for all artists to bring in work for monthly changeover - we would like to keep the gallery fresh with new work for the regular visitors to view, however, following recent discussion I remind people that if you are exhibiting 'new' work (i.e. a different medium or type of work), please place them on the shelf in the office for approval by Co-ordinators and/or Committee.

**An early call-out for items suitable for the Christmas display – come on, gals and guys, get busy and let's make this holiday season a bumper one!**

**Pam & Karin**

## **Patchwork and Quilting**

Patchwork & Quilters have an impressive display of small quilts and art quilts in the members' room this month. Drop in and have a look at the talent of many of our members.

Our monthly in-house workshop for October was on Machine Applique. This very interesting workshop was tutored by Mary Williams and Claudette Hough. Machine Applique has many useful and decorative applications.

We will be hosting a visit by Lismore Quilting groups next month. We are all looking forward to this social event. We will be donating some more quilts for flood-affected communities in the Northern Rivers Area.

There are quite a number of Quilt Shows scheduled up and down the Coast for the next month or two, including the Lawrence Quilt Show which will be held at the Lawrence Museum on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The Lawrence Group always have a wonderful display of quilts and it is one to mark on your calendar.

**Claudette Hough**



## **Tuesday Arters**

The end of September saw the final days of the Art Group's two exhibitions.

The Postcard Exhibition at the Maclean Library attracted much attention and interest in the Art group. We felt privileged to exhibit in the Scobie Cabinet, with seven postcards selling.

Having an extended time for the Alphabet Exhibition in the Members' Room at Ferry Park Gallery also promoted the Art group with many positive comments and a sale!

We appreciate the support of the Maclean Library and LCACA in providing art spaces for the group to exhibit.

**Suzanne Monin**

## **Embroiderers:**

Although this is a short report, I'm keeping in touch to say all groups are enjoying their time together & helping each other where needed.

Wednesday group have recently had a very successful and fun-filled day doing a workshop with Von Pickens -- having lots of laughs whilst creating their own figurines. Many thanks, Von, from all the ladies who look forward to producing more creative figures.

If anyone is interested in learning all levels of **Silk Ribbon Embroidery** or all levels of beautiful **Beading**, or your own choice of **Needlework**, or of **Embroidery**, then you are more than welcome to join us. Come and see what we do. You may be able to show us something.

**Pam Le Couteur**

**Wednesday group from 9am to 2pm. Sometimes a little shorter, no set time.**

**Contact Pam Le Couteur on 0408112190 for enquires.**

## **8x8 Small Works for 2023 – 'Small Wonders'**

Canvases and forms are now on the front counter in readiness for sales, sales, sales! Before we had finished setting up, two had already gone home with an enthusiastic owner.

We hope you find our 2023 theme inspirational. We feel there's a wealth of opportunity and expect to see a wonderful variety of ideas, media and creativity on display.

There's plenty of time until the closing of entries (March 17), but don't be fooled, as Christmas and New Year are sure to set your 8x8 plans awry. Consider purchasing one or two for your Christmas gift list. Remember, the competition is open to our young artists as well and we always have such delightful work in those sections.

**Volunteers, please familiarise yourselves with the procedures for the selling of the canvases – forms, receipts and, especially, the process through the till.**

**Pam Birrell and Jean Versace**





Remember our fellow artists in the district ...



## 2023 Exhibition

Please note that this exhibition **will not be held** unless a **COORDINATOR** comes forward by the end of November. Pre-exhibition bookings etc. need to be made to secure the venue. Without a coordinator this exhibition will not be viable.

**Tentative dates 29<sup>th</sup> September- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023.**

There is still time to enter competitions in the region ...

**Grafton Art Club's 53rd  
Jacaranda Art Exhibition 2022**  
Tuesday 1st November to Saturday 6th November  
AT 'THE BARN'



Art by:  
Jennie Mansfield   Jenny Johnston   Julie Hutchings   Sue Baker



**Grafton Showground 208 Prince St Grafton**  
Opening hours: 9.00am - 5.00pm Daily  
Presentation of Awards Tues 1st November 6pm - 8pm  
**MAJOR PRIZE**  
**BENDIGO BANK OPEN ART PRIZE \$2000**  
Proudly sponsored by Bendigo Bank South Grafton Branch  
Open to all resident artists of the Clarence Valley  
5 artworks per person \$20 each entry, any medium (no photography) - Please  
official entry for conditions.

## 2022 Coraki Art Prize



Old Holden FC' by Joanna Bugler

### EXHIBITION DAYS

**Saturday 5 Nov 10am - 8pm**  
**Sunday 6 Nov 10am - 3pm**  
Venue: Club Evans RSL, Evans Head

**Gala Night Saturday 5 November from 6pm**  
Free Admission, Live Music, Nibbles and Bar Service available  
All winners will be notified Friday afternoon and SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR PRIZE at the Presentation of Prizes at 6pm Saturday, including youth prize winners  
Entry forms for this year's Coraki Art Prize will be available at art galleries, art shops, Libraries and tourist information centres from August  
or online at: [www.corakiartprize.org.au](http://www.corakiartprize.org.au)  
Enquiries to Tania on: 0419 797 119  
Entries close **Wednesday 26 October 2022**