

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association
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Karin Brear

Jean Versace

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Jean Versace

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Suz Monin

Publicity Officer/Arty

Facts: Di Nixon/Jean

Versace

Social Media: Suz

Monin

Junior Art

Jean Versace

Events co-ord: vacant

President Penny Stuart's Report:

Our condolences to the family of our life member, Shirley Webster, who passed away on 29th June. Shirley made a huge contribution to LCACA over the years and was there from the very opening of Ferry Park Gallery. Thanks to June, who has written a heartfelt piece on Shirley's involvement in our organisation.

Our letter to the Council, regarding our thoughts on an upgrade of the gallery surrounds, has been received and apparently was 'a basis for discussion'! Even though our proposal of a playground received 'a flat no', there is some consideration of carpark reshaping and resurfacing, some drainage improvements, new garden edging, work on the cane barge and an interactive display with pieces salvaged from the old ferry. Sounds promising!

Thanks to Iluka School for the organization of a delightful exhibition of photographs, taken by the children of the 4 small schools in the Lower River, showing what makes their schools unique. Make sure you catch it in our Members' Room and make a viewers' choice! It's on until August 1st.

Thank you Gloria and Suz, for the continued work you do juggling our Gallery rosters. No mean feat and mostly goes without acknowledgement!

Bobbie has done a very thorough job researching a solar system for the Gallery. The proposal has been sent to council for approval. Great work, Bobbie, thank you.

Penny

LATE ARRIVAL ON DUTY DAYS

Opening hours are 9 am to 4 pm.

If on duty you need to be at Gallery by 9 am as our policy is that 2 people be on duty at all times.

The member at the Gallery is to contact late person no later than 9.15.

This should not occur on a regular basis.

Artist of the Month for May:

Lower Clarence Art Group
(AKA Tuesday Arters)

We are happy to present our exhibition-
BOTANICAL.

The theme is presented in our own styles using our preferred mediums.

About our group....

This happy, friendly group meets weekly to share interests and skills in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Members work on individual art projects in many mediums with support from other members.

Everyone is encouraged to share their completed works in a safe environment.

We often engage tutors for special workshops and enjoy outings together.

For those who are interested in joining our group, come along to The Old Tea Room at Maclean Showground on Tuesday mornings.



BEGINNERS ARE MOST WELCOME.

Artist of the Month for June:

Alison Merrin

Sewing and knitting are my passion, I don't recall a time when I haven't been doing either of them. I'm mostly self-taught from my Grandmother who introduced me to many basic skills and this set me on the path of creating. I love the use of colour and texture giving things dimension.

I moved to the area in 2009 and soon found the Maclean Patchwork and Quilters Group. I had always wanted to learn more about quilting and soon found myself making quilts and using techniques to make other things, such as bags and clothes. I have accumulated so much fabric and own many sewing machines, which became too much for the house. I now have a dedicated studio in the garden which I call my happy space where I spend many hours working.



Shirley Webster

Retired Shirley and her husband Larry came to live in Maclean from the Central Coast NSW to share their life with family, son Ian, daughter Maggie and the grandchildren.

They lived up on the scenic hill in Clarence St. Maclean and enjoyed life loving and caring for their young grandchildren. Shirley became involved in their schooling and was well respected in the community.

Shirley became a member of LCACA and the Arts Group. She enjoyed all the activities and dedicated much help with fundraising for our Home and Gallery at Ferry Park. When our Home and Gallery was opened in 1993, 7 members took on the job of Duty Officers. One member to each day of the week, Shirley was one of those weekly Duty Officers. Those early years were all new experiences, plus no aircon, no bank card transactions etc. Shirley's daughter Maggie has been a Secretary of LCACA and continues to participate in our exhibitions .

Shirley was a stalwart member helping with all our Annual Competitive Exhibitions and all activities of the Art Group. Shirley was a Life Member of the Association.. After her beloved husband Larry passed away Shirley moved to McLachlan St. Maclean for convenience, still very involved with her family, the Arts Group and Community.

Unfortunately she became in need of help with her health and moved into Caroonia Aged Care Home Yamba. Shirley passed away 29th June aged 93.

Now she is so sadly missed by all who knew Shirley Webster.



Contributed by June Alexander

We welcome to 2 new Exhibitors and lose 2 long time exhibitor.

Terrie Haley with her great photography and **Tina Evans** with great pendants and earrings carved from avocado seeds.

We also welcome **Geraldine Said** who is a new member to our Tuesday Art Group.

It is with much regret That we are losing long time exhibitors **Karl Rubli** and **Alan Bishop**.

Reports:

Publicity

We continue utilise the Clarence Valley Independent to advertise Ferry Park Gallery and to feature the Artist of the Month.

Di Nixon

Social Media:

This report is for the May and June period.

Facebook reported that we trended down over May but with over 7000 reaches it was still a good number and not too far below April.

However, there has been a huge increase in the reach of Facebook posts during June. This may be due to the time of day that I am posting (8-9 am and 5-7 pm) or that Community Noticeboard pages for Maclean and Yamba are now being included. Or it could be a combination of both. Maybe school holiday traffic helped as well.

The initial posts for Artist of the Month saw a sharp rise in reaches as did the human interest post of Nita at her spinning wheel. That post had lovely comments and a request from a photographer to contact her.

The Mothers' Day promotion was seen by over 2000 on FaceBook and 330 on Instagram.

It is good to see the number of comments and likes increasing on both platforms. There have been requests for more information about a products and also interest in joining as an exhibitor coming from our social media presence.

We now have 914 Facebook and 471 Instagram followers; all good for getting our face out into the wider community.

It would be good if members who follow us on Facebook could like and share the posts that are put up. That way more and more people see Ferry Park on the socials

Suz Monin

Gallery Coordinators:

The new displays at the back of the gallery look great. What a huge difference on the look of the gallery. Thanks to all involved.

The students photography exhibition is a big hit. Some very clever photos taken. Quite a different perspective looking through young eyes. If you know any young budding artists, photographers let them know about our student display.

Just a reminder to artists to bring in new works at changeover. We need to keep the gallery interesting for regular visitors. Some art has been up for over 3 months. We can't change your art if you don't have any new work to hang.

Hopefully the school holidays have been busy. The cabinets in the front of the gallery seem to attract visitors and purchases have been made from the displays.

There are still vacancies for next year Artist of the Month. Please see us if interested. Alison's display for this month looks fabulous. Also last month's Tuesday Art group had a wonderful display which drew in the visitors.

Lots of visitors have commented on how wonderful our gallery is and it is the best they have been to. Lovely to hear, so keep up the great work.

Karin Brear and Jean Versace

Tuesday Arters:

We were so excited to see our art work on display for Artist of the Month for June. Thanks must be given to Suz for making it all happen. We appreciate the hours she spent doing the nitty gritty admin so necessary for a successful exhibition. Her guidance as always is much appreciated. We also thank Karin for such perfect placement of our art. We are very proud of our works and hope the display brought joy to those who visited. Life on Tuesday mornings has returned to a mishmash of mediums and projects with much chatting and laughing along the way. We are currently working on a beach/seaside/marine theme.

Numbers are holding steady at around 18 each week. Due to the growth of the group we have purchased 6 more tables.

Sandy Burnett

Patchwork and Quilting

A bus trip to the Brisbane Quilt and Craft show has been planned for October. Cost will depend upon the numbers going.

Recent morning teas were held to farewell Ursula Rubli and to celebrate Wilga Ford's 90th birthday.

A challenge has been set by Neil from Quilting shop for members to use two fat quarters donated to each member by him. This will be for the Exhibition held next Easter

Debra Patch