

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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President Penny Stuart's Report:

A quiet month...all rolling along in the groups and the gallery. I love hearing the monthly reports from the groups, always projects, challenges and companionship!

Thanks this month to Catherine and Peter for their extra efforts on their duty days at the Gallery, helping with a storeroom cleanout and window cleaning. We appreciate your efforts very much. Thank you both. Also, thanks to Alan for a lift to the dump with a load of accumulated stuff, crowding the storerooms.

The final flood replacement shelving, for the back of the gallery, has arrived, thanks to Max, Michael and Andrew from the Grafton Community Shed (Max and Michael are also exhibitors at the Gallery) This shelving, as well as the extra flood stands we purchased, completes the replacement furniture from our insurance claim. It's only taken 18 months! It is now time to renew our insurance and we have filled out a comprehensive survey, detailing the insurance requirements for our organisation.

It's now time to begin thinking about our annual exhibitions, the Phyllis Austin Award in December and our 10th Annual 8 x 8 in early 2024. It has been very pleasing to have people stepping up to take on the organization of these important events in our calendar...watch this space!

Penny

Members' Phyllis Austin Award

Coming up in December.

If you're not familiar with this exhibition, check out the details in the office.

Gloria and Marlene are coordinators.

CHRISTMAS

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**Artist of the Month
in December**

Start planning your offering for our Christmas display now.

This is a popular and always colourful drawcard for the public. Remember to have some spares in hand for replacements after sales!

Artist of the Month: Denise Filby

What an eclectic array of arts and crafts has been presented for us all for August. Congratulations, Denise.

A resident of the Clarence Valley for forty years, Denise has always loved art and craft: 'but only began studying painting ten years ago', she says. While her artistic interests encompass a wide variety – acrylic, watercolour, pastel and charcoal – Denise also counts knitting, crochet and paper-bead-making among her repertoire of skills.

'I like to capture the beauty in the environment, wildlife and mundane objects and places. Different mediums allow me to express different ideas', she says.

Alongside original works (framed and unframed) in her favourite mediums are artworks on magnets. You can find hand-painted vases, soap-pumps and cushions, as well as her hand-painted bead jewellery.



There's sure to be something there that you can buy for Dad for Father's Day.

Be sure to call in for that special gift.

General Goings-on:

As **Di Nixon** has reported, **The Independent** newspaper continues to support LCACA with free publicity, and Artist of the Month is always published close to the beginning of each month. Be aware of their contribution to the Valley and the fact that they are one of the very few rural free newspapers left. We are a fortunate community.

Suz Monin posts those wonderful photos of Ferry Park's art and craft on Facebook and Instagram. Thank you, Suz. She also keeps a close watch on the rising interest in this publicity, always after Artist of the Month, and particularly since posts began on Maclean and Yamba Community Noticeboards.

Visitors to the gallery will have noticed some changes, with new shelving and furnishings, as well as work by newly-welcomed artists. The changes have given the exhibitors greater visibility and accessibility. Thanks, **Penny and Gloria**.

The changes have extended behind the scenes as well, with **Catherine and Penny** attacking the crowded storage facilities with gusto. A mammoth task. **Alan** did the dump run. Meantime, **Peter washed the windows inside and out!** What a find you are, Peter!

Venturing Forth:

Congratulations to those who took work to the Bentley Art Exhibition, and especially to **Karin Brear** who received a Highly Commended for one of her paintings, and sold work as well. It's so good to see our art being show outside the Valley.

Karin was also one of a group of artists who exhibited last month at The Old Kirk in Yamba. Congratulations, Karin, on your part in a colourful and interesting show.

Jean Versace was surprised and delighted to receive first prize in the Mixed Media section of the Sawtell Art Exhibition last month. (My photo appears under protest.) Quite apart from this success, I was excited to see the breadth of talent there. A great deal of beautiful work.



The next outside art competition will be **at Lismore** where the **Show Society** is offering excellent prizemoney for eight sections in Fine Arts.



The Turisa Acquisitive Prize is a sponsor's choice acquisitive award (\$2000)

A Grand Champion artwork will be chosen by the judge from all entries (\$1000)

A prize of \$300 will be awarded for each of the following sections:

COUNTRY LIFE

ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY LIVING

LANDSCAPE

WATERSCAPE

TOWNSCAPE

STILL LIFE

DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND WILDLIFE

PORTRAITURE

Youth sections are also on offer.

Quilters and all interested are heading to Queensland soon for the Brisbane Quilt Show. Fares due on August 22nd. Contact Marlene Sheehan on 66452120 if you have queries.