

# ARTY FACTS

September, 2023

Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association  
Ferry Park Gallery PO Box 194, MACLEAN, NSW, 2463

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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 coordinator:

vacant

## President Penny Stuart's Report:

At a recent committee meeting, issues of display at the Gallery were again discussed. Allocation of space is always difficult, but we are ever aware of it and do our best, as a committee, to be fair to all exhibitors. It was decided that artists are able to have about 5 works on the wall, not including the 'Small Works Wall' and the 2 new folio stands. These can be shared by all the artists.

Once again, if you have any problems around the display of your work, please contact the Gallery Coordinators or Exhibitors' Reps, Karin, Jean and Yoko.

Thanks, Suz, for updating the Quality Requirements document, for work in the Gallery. It was written some years ago and is still relevant. It contains information we can all benefit from. Please take the time to reread it when the revised copy comes to you with the Newsletter. We have an excellent reputation with our customers for the quality of work we present and our display...Please do your bit to uphold that!

Our insurance for the coming 12 months has been finalized. It was calculated that the insurance costs \$39 per member, per year, so our annual subscriptions are subsidized by LCACA!

Next week we are looking forward to a visit from the Acting Industry and Engagement Officer for CVC, Katee Blizzard. We are hoping she may be able to help us with a few issues to assist us in enhancing our profile in the community and beyond.

Congratulations to Jean and Bec for an outstanding Artist of the Month display. It is certainly receiving the attention it deserves! Don't miss it!

Thank you to Fay Griffiths who has organized the bus trip to the Brisbane Craft and Quilt Fair on 12th October. A big task, but such a great opportunity for our LCACA members! I believe there's a few spots remaining, details on the members' notice board at Ferry Park.

Penny

**Bus is almost booked out for the Brisbane Quilt Show.**

**Contact Marlene Sheehan on 66452120 if you have queries.**

## Artists of the Month

### Jean Versace

Jean began life in the bush in Central Queensland where she spent many hours exploring the paddocks and creeks. She has kept these loves close to her heart.

Her artistic subjects relate to the countryside, watercourses and the coastline, with a particular love for her new life in the Clarence Valley.

She studied printmaking in Townsville in the '90s, but did almost no painting until joining the LCACA art group here in Maclean in 2018.

Through the enormous support of her family and friends, she has found a greater confidence in exploring the direction her art has taken her. The paintings here are acrylics and mixed media.



### Bec Davies

I'm a graphic/web designer by trade and in my spare time I make ceramics. I've been making and creating all my life and made my way back to clay after doing a course 7 years ago. Since this course I have been immersed in all things clay!

Over the past few months I have been creating a slipcast collection in my backyard studio. Slipcasting is where you make a mould out of plaster from a form and once the plaster mould is dry, the mould is filled with liquid clay until it dries enough to make a clay shell of the item. The clay is then poured out and then left to set. Once removed from the mould you have a clay object ready to be fired. For forms I use existing objects like bottles as well as clay prototypes I also make myself.

All my ceramics are functional and food safe. I like to use dreamy glaze combinations or quirky patterns to decorate my ceramics. I'm always thinking of new things to make and add to my collection. I just can't stop creating!

#### **ATTENTION TO JEWELLERS**

**PLEASE SUBMIT A PAGE IN THE  
"JEWELLERS' FOLIO", AND INCLUDE A  
DESCRIPTION OF YOUR WORK, NOTING THE  
MATERIALS AND PROCESS.**

**FOLDER IS KEPT UNDER THE COUNTER AND  
WILL HELP VOLUNTEERS ANSWER  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE JEWELLERY**

**As mentioned in Gallery  
Coordinators report the  
Geckos are busy every  
night. Please dust the  
shelves and benches each  
morning**



## Reports

**Publicity:** Clarence Valley Independent Fathers' Day supplement had a very good feature including Ferry Park Gallery, also giving us 2 promotional posters which were used in the gallery. CVI was tagged by both Di and Suz in Facebook posts recognising their business.

Di Nixon

**Social Media:** It seems our social media posts are having a positive effect. Reports from workers have indicated that customers are visiting because they have seen Ferry Park Gallery on socials. How good is that? It was good to be able to give praise to Clarence Valley Independent regarding the Fathers' Day supplement. Thanks Di for suggesting it.

I really enjoy putting the posts together both for Artists of the Month and for the gallery in general. There are so many ways to feature the works in the gallery. I am hoping to have presented everyone sooner than later.

I have discovered some new features in the collage app that I use so there will be more variety in the way items are presented.

It was good to get images from Terrie Haley so avoiding flaring from glass on her framed works. Please consider photographing any works that will go under glass, before you actually frame them. I am happy to receive these as JPG files.

Suz Monin

**Gallery Coordinators:** What a fabulous Artist of the Month display we have at the moment with Jean and Bec's work. We had only just finished putting up the display when a customer bought two of Jean's framed works! Congratulations Jean. We then had to move her display around to accommodate the spaces! Bec's beautiful ceramics complement Jeans work nicely. Well done, ladies. A beautiful display for our visitors to enjoy.

We still have vacancies for Artist of the Month for 2024, so please consider it for next year. Just see Jean or myself if you are interested.

If anyone has any problems or suggestions, feel free to let either of us know. We can't help with unhappiness or those brilliant ideas you may have if you don't speak to us or the committee. We are doing our best to keep members happy.

If any artists would like to display their folio work, we have two display racks now to put them in.

Thanks everyone for looking after your displays, although a few areas needed a bit of attention because of gecko droppings.

The gallery is looking wonderful, so keep up the great work.

Karin and Jean

**8 x 8:** Pam and Jean presented the proposal for 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 8x8 Exhibition. This included quotes for purchase of the canvases. Exhibition dates & theme revealed at October meeting.

Jean & Pam

**Junior Art:** There's nothing further to report regarding our Junior Art column. It is so nice to see it with work on every face. Thanks especially to our members for encouraging their younger family members.

Jean

### **Associated Group's Reports**

**Art:** Numbers are steady and creativity is high.

On August 29 we celebrated our beachside theme with a mini exhibition in the hall complete with a cheese platter and nibbles. It was a fun Tuesday and we were thrilled with the variety of creations.

Our next theme is architecture so there might be a few bodies out taking photos of old buildings in the district. The showing of these will be on the 26th September in the Tea Rooms.

Sandy Burnett

A message from Karl & Ursula

Hi ,

We had a great welcome arriving in Zurich, Switzerland on 5th August.

After several problems with our email (Bigpond ) and with our mobile phones (Telstra)...because Switzerland is not in the EU!... we had to decide to change our contacts earlier than planned.

We are still hurrying around from official place to official place and realise that return-migration isn't a simple matter.

Renting or buying an apartment here is also a difficult task. As everywhere around the world a shortage of apartments has become very common...there is just one solution for us: The power of positive thinking!

It was extremely hot from when we arrived until a few days ago (30-35 degrees) then the temperatures dropped suddenly to around 13-16 degrees...I think we have to just to these fluctuations!

Love and all the best

Karl + Ursula Rubli

Welcome to new members Robert & Helen Murgatroyd  
and our new Artist Brenda O'Donnell.

Volunteer member Jennifer Runge has also decided to exhibit her artwork.