

# ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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## From President Penny Stuart:

Welcome to our last meeting of the year!

Following on from discussions at our last meeting, I made a submission on the DA for the proposed Service Centre at Townsend, just across the freeway from us. The DA has been made by a private construction company and I suspect the process will be much faster than the proposed 'cultural precinct' at Townsend, which is a council concept at this stage. Our submission is on the noticeboard in the office for anyone interested. We will be notified when the DA comes before Council and we will be able to make a deputation.

There is currently a lot of interest in our gallery from potential exhibitors. We are looking at the approval process and how to make it more efficient for potential new exhibitors and for us on the committee. We continue, at the gallery, to uphold our goal of providing original, high-quality art and craft, from local artisans, to the general public. Welcome to the new gallery exhibitors, who have joined us in the last month.

The investigations into the state of the cane barge in the back carpark have proved to be hot work for the contractors. They have been removing the bitumen from the bottom of the barge to assess the state of the hull and decide if it can be retained and upgraded...probably not to working standards, but to those of historic interest!

Many thanks to you all for your contribution to the Association and the Gallery this year, committee members, exhibitors, volunteers, associated group members and representatives, meeting attendees. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful Festive Season.

**Penny**



## Phyllis Austin Award:

Congratulations to **Jacquie McLeod** for her winning textile art, 'The Beauty Within'. A beautiful piece, Jacquie. You get to keep the Platypus sculpture for a year.

Highly Commended awards go to **Alan Bishop** with his woodwork sculpture "Mobius #11" and **Robyn Bowden** with her portrait of "Little Bea".

Be sure to make a point of viewing this eclectic exhibition. It's open every year for members of LCACA, so that the entries were judged by three of our long-standing artists: Bobbie Winger, Di Nixon and Pam Birrell.

Thanks especially to organisers, Marlene Sheehan and Gloria Lee for such a delightful show in our members' room.

The committee is considering date and time changes for this exhibition next year.



## Artist of the Month is Christmas!

There is still a fortnight to go until Christmas, so come in check out our Christmas Artists' Display. There is such a variety of art and crafts to fill stockings for young and old. And browse through the rest of the gallery as well, where there is even more potential for special gifts.

We're open till 4.00pm on **Christmas Eve**, and back again on **Boxing Day** at 9.00am.

## Associated Groups' Reports:

### Publicity and Social Media:

**Di** reports that the Gallery continues its close association with *The Independent* newspaper, and she is in discussions with them regarding the next issue of Scene

**Suz** advises that we are almost at 1000 followers on Facebook and 500 on Instagram. The more people who follow our page, the more people get to know about Ferry Park Gallery. So, when you see a post pop up in your feed, Like it BUT ALSO Share it as well. It is gratifying to see that many people comment as well.

**Christmas gift ideas will be the feature for the next couple of weeks.**

## Gallery Co-ordinators:

**Karin and Jean** thank those members who contributed to the gallery's Christmas display which looks fabulous and should entice the public to browse the items and the rest of the gallery. Special thanks to Alison for bringing in her lovely quilts to hang on the walls, otherwise we're not sure what we would have done.

The Phyllis Austin display looks wonderful. Congratulations to Jacquie, Robyn and Alan. Please remind visitors to have a look at the fabulous work. Such unique items. Most are for sale.

**Members are reminded that there are still three months vacant in 2024 for Artist of the Month, the first two which are February and March. It is now a matter of urgency to fill these spots. If you can do so, please contact Karin or Jean, or ask at the desk.**

## Small Works 8x8 Competition:

Put an 8x8 canvas on your list for a Christmas Stocking! They are now on display in the foyer and awaiting new owners. The theme for 2024 is **LAYERS AND PATTERNS** so let your imagination go wild!



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Entry Forms:	Available at Ferry Park Gallery, Madean
Entry Fees:	Open \$12 ..... Youth ( <i>under 16</i> ) \$7 Both include 8x8 canvas
Entries Close:	4pm Friday 22nd March 2024
Official Opening and Awards	6pm Friday 5th April 2024 (Open) 2pm Saturday 6th April (Youths)
Contacts:	Jean: 0407378982 Pam: 0417815410 8x8@ferrypark.net



## Tuesday Arters:

**Sandy** rounded up the painting group's doings, beginning with the Art Trail in the Bellingen Shire. Sixteen of our group boarded a bus and were blessed with perfect weather and a wonderful driver named Carl. Important first stop was morning tea at the Coffs Harbour nursery to give us the carbs to last the rest of the morning!

From there Carl took us to Urunga where we spent time and money at Island Art Shop run by Gail Carlow. Such a surprise: her shop is an artists' treasure chest. Next stop was at David Bromley's Lino cut, painting and engraving. Such an interesting background and career. We also visited Urunga Art Space and Tree-O Gallery (Raleigh). Both offered beautiful

works in ceramics, sculptures and paintings. Lunch was at the Butter Factory and all the galleries there. A most enjoyable atmosphere, highly recommended.

The afternoon was spent calling in to several studios and outlets in Bellingham, including Brian Purcell and Barney Maple, a young landscape photographer.

It was a long day but oh so enjoyable and we really appreciate all the time and work **Pam Birrell** put into making it possible. A top day!

Our last in-house exhibition was on 28th November. Our feathers, fur and fins was a fun viewing. It's amazing how many different thought processes, techniques and genres were offered.

Congratulations **Robin Bowden** on her HC award at the Phyllis Austin presentation. Well done to all of our Artists who entered this year, you are all winners!

Our year ends with a Christmas lunch and Secret Santa on 12<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Embroiderers:**

Another successful year has flown by with all groups thoroughly enjoying the company of their members, learning new ideas, helping each other if needed, and generally solving the problems of the world! The Wednesday group have welcomed three new members in the last 12 months, their company has added greatly to the group, welcome to Jan, Margaret and Nola. We cover a variety of embroidery methods and the new ladies are involved in very fine crocheting to various methods of knitting and crocheting clothes or blankets, plus embroidery, for a change. I'm there to happily help with silk ribbon embroidery, Lyn is our expert in beading and always ready to help out.

The Saturday morning group of ladies are always busy with a variety of hand-held P & Q plus embroidery. There is also a Monday afternoon group.

New members are most welcome. For more information, ask for Pam LeCouteur on 0408112190 or if unavailable Lyn Robbie 0266457172 for Wednesday group; and for the Saturday morning group, Marlene Sheehan on 0408468734, or simply look in on our groups to see what we do. You are most welcome any time.

Wed group starts back the 27th January 2024. Sat group starts back the 20th January 2024. If you are interested in the Monday group, drop in between 1.00 and 4.00 in the New Year.

I wish everyone the Happiest of Christmases and the very best for 2024. **Pam**



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**  
**FROM ALL AT**  
**FERRY PARK GALLERY**