

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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From President Penny Stuart ...

The Planning Meeting last week was an opportunity to think about a suitable event to mark 30 years of Ferry Park. Thank you everyone who attended and contributed to a very productive meeting. The idea is to host an exhibition of the work of those who were pivotal to the creation of the gallery and studio space for LCACA and those who were among the first exhibitors. The hunt is now on to track down their work! Fay is the proud owner of a painting of Sedgers Reef, by Vern Shaw, found in a most unlikely place these are the treasures we are after! The exhibition will open on Sat 3rd August and will run for a month at the Gallery.

We also discussed bringing the Phyllis Austin Award forward to November, to avoid conflict with Christmas and an exhibition in the Members' Room through January, when there are lots of visitors around.

As in previous years, there will be the Radio Broadcast at Ferry Park on 27th March to promote the Plunge Festival. There will be an opportunity for us to speak on our various activities for Plunge, the 8x8, the Easter Quilt Show, as well as our group activities. If you would like a spot in the programme, please let me know and I will pass on details when I get time-slots.

Dates for your diaries:

- **AGM 22nd Friday March 22nd 11am. Light lunch to follow. Members Room**
- **8x8 Opening & Announcement of Winners. Friday 5th April (Open)**
- **8x8 Announcement of Junior Winners. Saturday 6th April**
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From all of us at LCACA, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Ainslie and her family, on the passing of her beloved daughter, Keely. It is hard to fathom, when she was such a courageous and positive young woman, in the prime of her life.

Dannv

Artist of the Month: Jim Morison

I became interested in wood at a young age. My father worked as a wood machinist in a furniture factory in Sydney and would bring home timber off-cuts for me to play with.

I have been a member of Ferry Park Gallery for in excess of 15 years. I am also a member of the Clarence Valley Wood-workers Association. Over the years I have entered my work in competitions and have won prizes on several occasions.

My work, in most cases, are items that have practical application and I strive to improve the quality of my pieces. Wherever possible I use original designs from my head as opposed to copying from books etc.

I trust that you enjoy my display which was set up by our wonderful Gallery Co-ordinators and I thank those who choose to purchase some of my work.

Jim

Beautiful work, Jim. Nice to see some good sales!



Publicity and Social Media

Di Nixon reported ongoing publicity with Clarence Valley Independent.

Suz Monin advised that, although the Artist of the Month posts continue to attract attention, other posts have not done so. Members and friends are encouraged to share, like and comment on Ferry Park Gallery posts to spread the word about the gallery.

Gallery Coordinators:

What a fabulous Artist of the Month display we have at the moment. Thanks so much, Jim, for your wonderful woodworking skills display.

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. Also a reminder for all members to check there quality of workmanship as there have been a few cases of items being returned that are faulty, which doesn't look good for the gallery. We have a reputation of quality workmanship to uphold.

Thanks everyone for looking after your displays and restocking if need be. The gallery is looking wonderful,

Karin and Jean

8 x 8 Small Works Exhibition

With less than two weeks to closing date, the 8x8 competition is well under way.

We are down to 14 canvases left for sale, out of 260, and already completed paintings are coming in. So far, only one school (Ulmarra) has responded and they have been restricted to 25 entries, in an effort to avoid duplication.

Prizewinning rosettes and ribbons have been ordered and now it is time to think about the official opening and prize-giving.

As entries close on Friday 22 March, we anticipate hanging will take place over Saturday and Sunday, with judging for the open section on Monday 25th, the official opening and prize giving on Friday, 5th April, (after Easter), with junior prize-giving on Saturday 6th April.

Pam & Jean

Associated Group's Reports

Art:

With a month already gone, the art group has had an exciting start to the year. Lynne Gherke presented an "animals in pastel" session and transfixed us with a brief look into one of her portfolios. For some, working with pastels was a new experience while other old hands at the medium enjoyed a group session.

We were treated to a Portraiture demonstration by Harry Westera. Harry explained his tips on setting up the lighting and sitting etiquette of the subject. He guided us through his thought processes as he chose his palette and explained why he mixed the various dark and light shades. It was interesting to see Harry's techniques and hear why he painted in a particular sequence and the use of different brushes. We appreciated the perseverance of Michael as the subject and Harry's willingness to share and answer our questions.

Next week members will show our abstract pieces we have been working on for several weeks.

Sandy Burnett

Patchwork and Quilters:

Marlene, Debra and Chris are unable to attend today's meeting as it is with sad hearts that we are attending the funeral of our dear friend and member, Beth Keen.

On a happier note, two of Neil's quilts have entered the second round of the Australian Quilt show.

Planning for our Easter "Airing of the Quilts" is well under way. It will be held at the Maclean Uniting Church hall on Friday 29 and Saturday 30 from 9 till 3.

Our Quilt exhibition will be held at the Rocky Mouth pavilion from the 5th- 7th of July. All monies raised will go to Maclean Hospital Auxiliary which is currently raising funds to purchase a bladder scanner.

Chris Bale

Spinners and Weavers will soon be meeting at FPG on a Tuesday.

A WHOLE PAGE OF IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

Several concerning matters have been brought to the attention of the administration in recent weeks. Please, members, pay particular attention to the following:

- **Once again - PLEASE check that all doors are closed before leaving the Gallery. Each time doors are left open, the alarm is activated when someone enters, security ring us and someone has to go to Gallery to close them.**

- **AIR-CONDITIONERS: Just because we now have solar power, it does not mean we can afford to abuse our use of the air-conditioners. Please keep the front doors closed if the air-cons are on. Otherwise, use them judiciously so that power isn't wasted. Make sure ALL are turned off at the end of the day.**

- **CUSTOMER SERVICE – those on duty are reminded that one person should be at the desk at all times to welcome visitors and for security reasons. Welcoming visitors to our gallery is an important part of customer service. Polite, friendly attention to our visitors and their needs will have them returning happily. Remember, we ARE NOT an essential service. We need them more than they need us.**

- **Policy on photography in Gallery: Photography is permitted in the gallery except if an individual exhibitor does not wish to have their work photographed. A motion at the meeting was passed permitting photography in the gallery. Should you not wish for your work to be photographed, you may display a small authorised sign with your work stating this. A REMINDER that most of us have had some of our work on Facebook and Instagram!**

- **EFTPOS – AGAIN. Some of us are still not checking that Eftpos sales are APPROVED on the machine. Circle the amount and APPROVED on the slip, AND SIGN IT, before you let the customer walk out the door with the goods, please.**