

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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From Our President, Penny Stuart:

On behalf of the Association, I would like to extend huge congratulations to the Patchwork and Quilters for their wonderful exhibition last weekend. It was such an outstanding event to experience and so many willing hands, working together, to get the job done, all with such good cheer. Nothing short of impressive!

As Marcia said to me, 'We know how to do an exhibition!'

We have received a grant of \$1000 from the CVC's 'Community Initiatives Program 2024-25', which will be helpful in securing advertising in *The Independent* for our '30 Years of Ferry Park Gallery' event and exhibition.

The last planning meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th August at 3pm, to finalise details and catering. Anyone interested in lending a hand is most welcome!

The '30 Years' exhibition will be presented in the Members' Room and the foyer for the month of August. We may have to use the 'Small Works Wall' for that month, as we have done in the past for the 8 x 8s.

We are hoping for considerable interest in the Exhibition and lots of visitors through the Gallery.

Ferry Park has been quiet recently. Hopefully, holiday time will make a difference, but there are always jobs to be done around the Gallery ... keep yourself busy ... and warm ... while on duty

Penny Stuart

Artist of the Month: **Michelle Kempnich (MishK Made)**

I have been an exhibitor at Ferry Park Gallery since May 2023.

As a child growing up in Maclean, I learned to crochet from my Mum and my Nana, Ellis Bridger, who was a prominent member of the Maclean community and an avid exhibitor of artwork and handicrafts through the Maclean CWA and the Maclean Show.

I enjoy many forms of creative crafts but I derive the most pleasure from crochet. Doing this with my hands is a form of therapy and relaxation. I love making a variety of enduring, practical items that people can express themselves with and get pleasure from. I get the most satisfaction from instilling my energy in my pieces, going beyond arts and crafts to connect with the people they are made for.



It has always been a fascination for me to be able to create something of beauty and practicality from a single hook and a ball of high-quality yarn. I lose myself in the colours and textures of the yarns, experimenting with patterns and my own styles to make something individual and unique. The vintage styles from past decades really intrigue me. There are always new skills to learn from designers all over the world.

It is an honour to be able to display my creations as Artist of the Month and I am always happy if they bring happiness to those who choose them. The ideas are always flowing – one can never have enough yarn to explore them. **Michelle**

Associated Groups' Reports:

Publicity:

Publicity for our 30 Years celebration is underway.
Sales of *The Independent* and its delivery will be checked.

Di Nixon

Social Media:

As always, there has been good coverage of Artist of the Month, new exhibitors and the recent Quilt Exhibition with many hits, comments and shares.

Suz Monin

Gallery Co-ordinators:

We have a wonderful display at the moment of Michelle's gorgeous hats and other crocheted items which have been enticing visitors into the gallery.

Our sewing and patchwork members had a fabulous display of quilts at their recent show. Well done!! A yummy morning tea was supplied.

Unfortunately we have lost our glass display cabinet at the front window last Saturday at changeover. It just decided to crash on its side making a bit of a mess. Luckily, no one was around at the time.

Thanks to the artists who have brought in new work and to those who have fixed up the back of their artworks. Just a reminder to check for replacement items if something has sold. Welcome to our new members. Hopefully the gallery will be busy being school holidays.

We are taking names for next year's Artist of the Month if anyone is interested. Thanks everyone for keeping the gallery in tip top condition. Keep warm.

Karin and Jean

Tuesday Arters:

Numbers have been down a little but the chit chat is just as lively and many of us are bringing lunch. A donation of a microwave and loan of a sandwich maker has been very welcome and many are staying until 2.00 pm.

Our theme, Black and White, will be exhibited in-house at the showgrounds on the 6th August. Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and say hello.

Our exhibition at the Yamba Old Kirk is looming and more serious planning is underway. The exhibition dates are 14 September to 14 October.

Sandy Burnett

Junior Art:

No sales, but such a colourful display for all our visitors to enjoy. A full house on our art space at the moment.

Jean Versace

Patchwork and Quilting:

Our biannual show was a great success, with 364 people viewing our display which comprised of 58 quilts, 14 wall hangings, seven art quilts, eight novice quilts, five youth quilts and 16 assorted items.

Neil's challenge attracted 20 entries with the winner being Marcia Rutledge. This challenge will be on display at Ferry Park Gallery Members' Room during October. Our judge, Joanne Quelch put a lot of thought into selecting the winners in each category, with the best in show going to Margaret Macadam with her quilt titled "Mary Queen of Bedford".

The show costed out at nearly \$5,000 and we were able to make a profit of around \$3,500. Of course none of this would have been possible without the support of the quilters who came from near and far, our members who wrestled with Council, our three wonderful men, Neil, Garry and Peter, and the members of Maclean Patchwork and Quilters who gave their all. To all we say thank you. Yours in stitches, **Chris.**

Spinners and Weavers:

This group is meeting in the Members' Room at the moment because the Ilarwill Hall is being renovated. There were about eight people in attendance last week.

UNCOLLECTED 8X8 ARTWORKS

There are still just a few in the meeting room. Please check there when the stragglers come to collect their work. Thank you, everyone.

Pam and Jean

Christmas Display for December:

To ensure our Christmas 'Artist of the Month' display has a greater range of art and craft this year, we will encourage members to exhibit work outside their approved medium. A form is being prepared so you can nominate what medium you will be exhibiting.

More of this closer to the date.

REMINDERS

EFTPOS

This is still a problem for us, it seems.

Unfortunately, not too many people, whose purchases don't go through our system, revisit to remedy the situation.

PLEASE remember to check 'ACCEPTED' before your customer departs with the goods. There was another rejected card recently, which we missed.

Also, **sign the receipt** before it goes into the till.

WHAT ARE YOUR PERMITTED ITEMS?

Be aware that unapproved mediums should not be displayed in the Gallery. If you've forgotten what those are, please check. A few items are sneaking in where they shouldn't.

TAGS

Gallery policy is that **WHITE** tickets should be used on exhibited items. Please remedy this if it applies to you. Thank you.