

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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From Our President, Penny Stuart:

Thank you to all who responded to the letter re the Draft Visitor Outlet Agreement. You provided valid and thoughtful input and good questions around the concept of signing a 'non binding agreement' with CVC. Your collective thoughts were presented at a meeting with Katee Blizzard and Jacqui McLeod, from CVC Tourism and Industry, three members of the Port of Yamba Historical Society and three of our executive. The members of the Museum executive had similar concerns to ours and Katee is pursuing some further research on the legal implications of the Agreement.

I will keep you informed about further developments. The conversation is ongoing. There is also a CVC Visitors Guide proposal, to be published once every two years, and we are interested in buying advertising space in this publication.

The Phyllis Austin Award and next year's 8 x 8 are up for discussion today. Please let us know if you can contribute to these important events in our annual calendar.

Best wishes to the Art Group for their exhibition at The Old Kirk, Yamba, which runs until October 13.

Penny



Suz and Penny with the Art Group's mentor of many years, June Alexander.

Artist of the Month: Michelle Philip: Geckos New Tail

I established Geckos New Tail in 2014.

Recycling my mother's tea towels into sunhats is how I started – using pieces that provoked nostalgia for a time less hectic. Geckos new tail has grown over the last 10 years and designs range from blanket hoodies to vintage pattern dresses made from vintage fabric and prints to honor the era the dress came from.

I'm also influenced by my working travels in Japan in the snow industry, often returning with vintage kimonos and Japanese print fabric. I blend this with my love of indigo dyeing using shibori dyeing techniques learnt whilst at university and rekindled after a workshop with Kerrie Bowles at Cowper Gallery in 2021.

All pieces are one-off creations and no two are the same. Hats vary in styles from slouch caps, train drivers' caps, to sunhats and bucket hats. All are reversible and practise wearable art. Dresses and jumpsuits are made in various sizes and styles. Most of the time the fabric dictates the design.

Call in and explore Michelle's innovative work. There's something there for everyone.



Associated Groups' Reports:

Publicity:

The Artist of the Month article in the Independent is late this month since I have not gotten information on time. As a reminder, jpeg pictures and artist bios in word format (not pdf) should be sent to info@ferrypark.net so Gloria can then forward the information to the relevant folk for publication on our various web, social and print forums. The deadline for the Independent is Monday 10am for their next publication, which usually gives me time to prepare the article after change over Saturday. Also, if the paper doesn't have space to publish our article they will push it back another week.

Di Nixon

Gallery Co-ordinators:

What a fabulous Artist of the Month display we have at the moment. Thanks, Michelle, for stepping in and displaying your unique, vintage hand made dresses and hats.

We still have vacancies for Artist of the Month for 2025, so please consider it for next year. Just see Jean or myself if you are interested or fill in the form. A reminder for Artist of the Month if you could please do your bio a few weeks earlier and send it to Gloria. Thanks.

Thank you to the artists who have brought in some new work for changeover. Keeps the gallery looking fresh for our regular visitors. Please clean and tidy your own areas if you have your work on plinths, also replenishing

your stock. Duty members, just a reminder to replace and check out the back for replacement items of other members if work is sold.

If anyone has any problems or suggestions, please 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. A reminder for members to check their quality of workmanship constantly. We have a reputation of quality work to uphold.

Start working on your Christmas items for the December display. If you are planning on creating something different from your usual work, you will need to fill in the form which was emailed to everyone. Spare copies are at the gallery.

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

Karin and Jean

Tuesday Arters:

It's finally time for the Splash Exhibition! Works have been hung in The Old Kirk, Yamba.

June Alexander, our patron for the exhibition, was our guest of honour and performed the official opening. The art group are just a little excited to say the least, as we have been working towards this month for quite a while.

The exhibition is open 10-2 on all days except Mondays and Fridays until 13th October. Please come for a stickybeak and bring/tell your friends and families, neighbours, etc.

Apart from this, numbers remain steady despite holidays and health issues. It is nice not to need the heater on anymore.

Sandy Burnett

The Old Kirk exhibition opened after a lead-up of many visitors, kindly directed through to us by the Museum during the day. Sales were high during the opening event, and there were many delighted artists and buyers.

We had a marvellous hanging crew, John and Don, and Margaret Lawrence who oversaw throughout the day: so much patience and experience. Our exhibition looks wonderful, even though there are quite a few gaps now – always a good thing.

Our very great thanks and gratitude (for the sponsorship and the prodding to get us there) go to our mentor and patron, June, whose inspiration has always been the guiding light of our group. In her opening address, June spoke of the early days of The Lower Clarence Art Group which was instrumental in the foundation of Ferry Park Gallery.

Jean



Junior Art:

This has been such a good month for our Junior Art Space. Four or five sales and one already in for September. Amber and Ashlyn have both made sales.

This has allowed new work to be exhibited and now I'll be chasing more so the display can be rotated.

Jean Versace

REMINDERS FOR EVERYONE

Please don't forget that customer service remains a high priority...let's give our visitors a warm welcome!

***'The Independent' now costs \$2.00.
Please make sure it's a sale, not a gift.***

***There is a survey on the counter to be filled out
during the next month.
This will give us an idea of the volume of tourism enquiries.***

**Tuesday 17th September:
Patchwork and Quilters' 35 Years Morning Tea
at the Uniting Church Hall 10 am**