

# ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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Jean Versace

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**Coordinator**

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**Publicity Officer:**

Di Nixon

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Jean Versace

**Social Media:**

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**Events coordinator:**

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## From Our President, Penny Stuart:

The LCACA is so much more than simply selling our work at the Gallery and this month is a testament to that...

The Art Group have had a month-long exhibition at the Old Kirk, Yamba, with outstanding interest and sales. The show was opened by June, who sponsored the exhibition as an encouragement for the group. It was wonderful to have her in attendance, as one of the founding members of what continues to be a lively and proactive arm of the Association.

An unexpected surprise arrived in this week's mail - a 'Community Recognition Statement', an 'Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard and Papers.'

Richie Williamson acknowledged our recent celebration of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as 'a remarkable milestone that marks three decades of showcasing local art and fostering a vibrant artistic community.'

- The Patchwork and Quilters have had such a busy year and now are displaying their 'Black and White Challenge' in the Members Room. Their continued energy and contribution to the Association is inspiring.
- Fay managed to organize a whole busload of us to the Quilt and Craft Fair, in Brisbane, this week. Quite the feat, so many thanks to you, Fay!
- I would like to thank all those people who took the time and were interested to reply to and discuss the survey relating to our arrangement with the Tourism arm of CVC, re the Visitor Outlet in the foyer. It was so helpful to know the Executive was reflecting the true opinion of the Association in our discussions. I think we have reached a good outcome.
- Vale to **Irene Nowell** and **Jean Collins**, who were both active Association members and involved in the formation of the Ferry Park Gallery. Both women were represented in the '30 Years' Exhibition and Jean's daughter said Jean's attendance at the Opening was a highlight for her ... she passed just a couple of weeks afterwards. Irene was a past Maclean Shire Councillor, great supporter of the arts in our area and of the Association.

**Penny**

## Artists of the Month: Kim McKenna/Blue-Tongue Leathercraft and Tina Evans

**Kim McKenna** began her journey into leatherwork in the late '70s, stamping patterns on belts and bags for a local family business.

After leaving the area she started producing her own works and sold around shows and rodeos, eventually returning to the Clarence Valley where it had all started. Having converted an old dairy into her workshop, she became an exhibitor at Ferry Park Gallery a little over a decade ago.

These days while still making belts and bags she also creates beautiful picture carvings as well as bespoke works.



**Tina Evans:** Avocado Jewellery, upcycled blanket toys and bibs and bobs.

Tina is a self-confessed Jill of all trades, master of nothing.

"I can spin, knit, crochet, felt, carve, paint, create, recycle, upcycle, and I throw nothing away, a creative hoarder till the end of my days!"

She loves to play the violin, sing karaoke, grow her own food, cook for family and friends; she tries to write poetry, and is an active member of this vibrant community.

### Associated Groups' Reports:

#### Publicity:

Our publicity officer hopes that with the updated Artist of the Month Application Form (please read it carefully), members will get their biographies in early and benefit from the full month of publicity in *The Independent*.

**Di Nixon**

#### Social Media:

We continue to get lots of publicity from social media. Thank you to those who like and share.

Our Facebook and Instagram account is Ferry Park Gallery Maclean.

**Suz Monin**

## **Gallery Co-ordinators:**

Congratulations to our Artists of the Month, Tina Evans and Kim McKenna, whose exhibition has attracted a great deal of interest and admiration. Beautiful work, ladies.

Perhaps it is our urging that has resulted in much more new work on our walls this month, which is delightful to see.

Welcome to those who are new to the gallery. We hope your new venture is a positive one for you, through fellowship and sales. Ours is an ever-growing community of artists and craftspeople and we welcome new talent when our space allows.

**A reminder to all that we still have a few months still available for next year's Artist of the Month spots: February, March and May are awaiting artists.** Please give this consideration, as it's a positive for you and the gallery that visitors are able to see an artist's work in such a prominent position.

Please ensure your work in the gallery is in good condition and that the space it occupies is clean. The geckos sometimes err in their manners.

**Karin and Jean**

## **Art Group:**

The Art Group have had a very successful month at the Old Kirk at Yamba Museum, selling over a third of the works presented. Many who have never exhibited and/or sold before are thrilled with their successes. We hear that it is a record for sales at the Kirk. We thank June Alexander for her sponsorship and for opening the exhibition.

Member Vicki Reston is featured artist at Iluka Emporium for October. It is well worth the trip there to view Vicki's unique works.

Many of our members have donated works to the Mitre 10 Silent Auction in aid of the Cancer Council. Pop into Mitre 10 Maclean – you may pick up art at a very reasonable price.

We have decided to continue working on themes and Ali Martin has cleverly supplied a list for us. September's theme was tools and October's is Our Childhood home. While we are not obligated to follow the suggestions, most have a go and produce something for show.

**Sandy Burnett**

## **Patchwork and Quilting:**

The bus trip to the Craft and Quilt Show in Brisbane was enjoyed by over 40 people. Great to see Neil Jackman's quilts on show.

Thank you to Fay for organising. (This is a group report by people who attended.)

**Spinning and Weaving:** This group is still enjoying Tuesdays at Ferry Park Gallery while their regular site undergoes changes. It's so nice to have you here.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE

A recent incident at the Gallery has prompted a change in our approach.

To ensure security for all our workers,

**please be at the Gallery by 8:45**

so that there are two people in attendance at opening time and throughout the day.

Details of banking will be sorted as it has been our practice for one volunteer to take cash down before closing time.

**However, do not go to the bank if it's leaving one volunteer on their own.**

As well, lunch needs to be taken at the gallery so that there are always two people available all the time.

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## ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

As mentioned earlier, we need to have your bios in **at least seven days ahead** of changeover to ensure the longest possible exposure through press and social media.