

ARTY FACTS

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Lower Clarence Arts and Craft Association

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From Our President, Penny Stuart:

Congratulations to all the exhibitors in this year's Phyllis Austin Award for your participation in the current display. It is a wonderful representation of the creativity, expertise and diversity of work of our membership. Thanks to this year's judges, Neil Jackman and Peter Hodgson, who very kindly agreed to judge the Award this year ... it is never an easy task! Jean Versace is the proud keeper of the Platypus trophy for the coming year and Claudette Hough and Lindy Treasure were granted the two Highly Commended Awards.

We now have a new flyer to promote the Gallery, thanks to Bec Davies's graphic design expertise and time. (just.add.salt) We are very appreciative of your efforts, Bec, the result is stunning! Thrilled to have one of June Alexander's drawings included, as well. Please distribute some if you have venues that might take the flyers.

Our entry into the Clarence Valley Visitors Guide has been finalised and we should see the publication released in mid-December.

We considered taking part in the Chamber's Christmas street party, but have decided against this commitment.

Penny

Members are reminded that one person should be at counter at all times and try not to be disrupted by electronic gadgets. It is a good idea to mingle with people in the Gallery.

We have received an email from two exhibitors indicating that they have missing stock. If you have something missing we would like to know as it is difficult for us to know how widespread this problem is. Gloria

Artist of the Month: Gloria Lee

I have always had an interest in sewing, having made most of my children's clothing in their younger years.

About 20 years ago I decided to purchase an embroidery machine to pretty-up my towels and clothing. It did not take long to realise that I would need to sell some of work if I wanted to keep sewing - so I began by doing markets every weekend for four years.

In August 2009, I was accepted as an exhibitor at Ferry Park Gallery where my Australiana items are a great hit. This saw the end of my market days. I have a large variety of items available in my Artist of the Month display at Ferry Park Gallery. These include the regular towels and washer sets (both baby and adult), tea towels, kitchen towels, golf towels, serviettes, bookmarks and pillow cases. My display also features gift packs of my hand towel sets or washers combined with soap or hand lotion.



My Scottish theme work is also available at the Maclean Scottish Town Shop for visitors looking for that little bit of Scotland.

If you are looking for a different design, leave your contact details with the volunteers at the desk and they will contact me with your request. It has been an interesting journey.

Gloria

Associated Groups' Reports:

Publicity:

It is hoped that the Phyllis Austin Award will be featured in this week's *Independent*.

Di Nixon

Social Media:

Artist of the Month displays continue to rate highly on Facebook and Instagram. Gloria's is no exception. Check out my posts of her work.

Suz Monin

Gallery Co-ordinators:

Congratulations to our Artist of the Month, Gloria, whose beautiful embroidery items have attracted a great deal of interest and admiration. Well done Gloria. A jam-packed display.

What a wonderful exhibition of everyone's talents at the recent Phyllis Austin in the members' room. Congratulations Jean for winning this year. A wonderful mixed media titled *Heath Pea, Yuraygir Fog*. Congratulations also to the Highly Commended artists: Claudette Hough exhibited a wonderful cross stitch and Lindy Treasure an acrylic painting titled *Pelican Hello*. A must-see exhibition. Spread the word.

Special thanks to our judges, Neil Jackman and Peter Hodges for their attention to a difficult task; and to Penny and Gloria for organising the competition again.

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. Please, artists, if you have any new work, bring it in for changeover and perhaps **clear the sliders of your old work** which has been there for months to make room for new work from members. The sliders are very full. Folios are low so if you have any feel free to bring them in.

A reminder to all that we still have a few months left for next year's Artist of the Month: February and March. Please give this consideration, as the months are coming up fast. Visitors to the gallery will be able to see more of your amazing work at the front of the gallery, a more prominent position and you have more room!! We have a new amended form for Artist of the Month. Thanks to our admin.

Just a reminder to ensure your work is in good condition and that the space it occupies is clean. Please bring in any Christmas items for display, ready for the next changeover November 30th. It sure is coming around quickly. Xmas will be here before we know it!! If you have any Christmas items different from those you normally exhibit, you will need to fill in a form which is available at the gallery. Any ideas or suggestions, feel free to let Jean and me know. Fingers crossed for a bumper few weeks leading up to Xmas.

Karin and Jean

Art Group:

Tuesday Arters had an exciting Melbourne Cup Day, with Lindy organising and running games and sweeps. Thank you, Lindy. You're a treasure.

We celebrated the success of our Old Kirk exhibition, "Splash", at lunch this week at Yamba Tavern. It was such a happy gathering, though we missed several members unable to come because of illness.

In line with our irregular mini-exhibitions, we showed off our memories of childhood homes, which made for a small but interesting display.

We're booked as Artists of the Month next July and are contemplating a theme to work to. Our year finishes on Tuesday, December 10th.

Sandy Burnett

Patchwork and Quilting:

Work is well under way on the construction of the raffle quilt for our Easter Airing of the Quilts. It will be advertised in The Plunge magazine. Our Christmas Lunch will be held on December 17th at the Yamba Bowling Club and the last day in the hall will be December 10th.

Deborah Novak has invited the group to have a stall at the Artisan Market on November 17th at the Raymond Laurie Centre. Preparations are well in hand. Happy sewing, everyone.

Debra Patch

Junior Art

Sales have steadied for our contributing junior artists, but we still have a colourful display. One work has sold this month already (thanks, Kim), so, with Christmas on the horizon, I'm hopeful for some appropriately-themed artworks. Always a possibility.

Jean

8x8 Small Works Exhibition 2025: "The Source"

Canvases for the 8x8 have been ordered, delivered and are on the counter ready for sale. The 8x8 Small Works Exhibition will be held as a precursor to The Plunge Festival next year, with the exhibition running from **Saturday 29th March to Sunday 4th May 2025**. Please make yourself familiar with the receipting process.

Entries close and works are to be delivered two weeks beforehand (4pm Friday, March 15th).

Announcement of winners and presentation of prizes to be held at 6 pm on Friday, March 29th (Adults) and 2pm, Saturday, March 30th (Youth).

Collection of unsold works on Monday, May 5th.

Last year we did cover costs – but only just – so In an effort to make this year more viable, entry fees have been increased by \$15 (Adults) and \$10 (Youth), prizes to be the same as last year.

Estimating the sale of works to be similar to last year, this should give us some additional funds to play with.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

PARTY TIME

Our next LCACA Meeting is the last for the year and we'll finish with a flourish and a light lunch immediately afterwards. Please join us at about 11.00 if you can't get there for the meeting itself.

RED CROSS OFFER

We have had an offer from Red Cross to run a short EmergencyREDI course for an hour on the morning of **Wednesday, November 27** (between 9am and 1pm).

If you are interested in participating, please let admin know as soon as possible so that an hour can be booked to suit if there are sufficient numbers.