

Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assn.

ARTY FACTS

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From our President, Penny Stuart

There's been a lot going on behind the scenes in this last month and thanks are in order...

Gloria has had quite a few early starts in the last month, being ready for the NBN technician, who cancelled way too many times! We are now connected and up and running...our phone could still be in the too-hard basket but hopefully will be sorted soon! You get the gold star, Gloria and some bonus sleep-ins!

Suz and I attended a workshop on 14th October, titled 'Plunge into Tourism', convened by Council's Tourism team. There were some interesting insights into how tourism in the valley is now managed and we learnt how to navigate the ATDW. Suz also attended a further workshop, 'Small Business Continuity Workshop', run by the Reconstruction Authority. She will report on this. Thank you, Suz. Gloria and I had a very helpful meeting with Lainie Edwards, from CVC, who has given insights and expertise into the grant-writing process.

Thanks to Fay for another very successful and 'seamless' trip to the Quilt Show in Brisbane on 16th October. I know everyone had a wonderful time and we appreciate her efforts.

Thanks to Alan for getting our moveable track lighting up in the Gallery foyer. It lights the cabinets and paintings in the front window well.

Also, congratulations to Alan, Marcia and Maria for their wins in the Phyllis Austin Award. Thanks to Penny Levitt for her assistance in hanging the show and to the judging panel who carried out a difficult task very professionally and graciously.

And to Bec, for the design of the 8 x 8 postcard, now ready for the launch.

'It takes a village...'

All of us at LCACA extend our deepest sympathy to Kim and his family on the passing of his Mum, Fay. We loved her quiet presence at our functions, and we will miss her around the gallery.

Penny

Artists of the Month, Pam and John Le Couteur, Marlene Sheehan



Congratulations to our three Artists for November. It's been a very popular display from Pam, John and Marlene and there is still plenty of time to find something special.

Marlene has been a member of the Maclean Patchwork and Quilters group for many years and an exhibiting member of LCACA. Her special interest has been in candle-wicking which she has been doing for over 40 years. As well, Marlene gets much enjoyment from hand applique, patchwork and embroidery. Over the years, she has won many prizes in the LCACA's Annual Exhibitions and at the local show. She has an Advanced Cert. in Commercial Needlework at TAFE.

From Primary School, **Pam** learnt to knit, crochet and do basic stitching. Those early days led to more advanced sewing for family and friends. During those years she took up embroidery and found her love for many forms of embroidery. Pam also enjoys hand-dyeing ribbon for silk ribbon embroidery, silk scarves, and embroidery threads; as well as stump work, gold work and surface embroidery including a variety of different genres. Over the years Pam has won many prizes for embroideries including several Grand Championships, of which she is very proud. For a look at Pam's range of work and skills, call in while there is such a wonderful display on show.

Growing up on a farm, **John** learned from an early age that you could make and build all sorts of things if you put your mind to it. His parents always encouraged him to "give it a go". His first creations were huts and billy carts, and he always enjoyed woodwork at school. His other interest, photography, was encouraged by his mother, whose Box Brownie gave him his introduction to that medium. The sight of his 2"-square batch of black and white prints is still a delight he remembers. Over the years, his cameras have evolved from a Kodak Instamatic (colour slides), SLR and colour prints, to computer downloads from an SLR digital camera. Jump to the 21st century when John took up woodworking seriously. His youngest son asked him to "baby-sit" his planer-thicknesser, dust-extractor and table saw, which led to making his natural-edged picture frames which were first sold at markets until he joined the LCACA and Ferry Park Gallery. Now, John's very popular cutting boards were an offshoot of this and are always going out the gallery door. He also makes a range of bi-fold cards featuring his own photographs of flowers and animals.

Don't miss such a diverse and exciting display this month.

Phyllis Austin Memorial Prize 2025



Congratulations to Alan Bishop, Maria Paull and Marcia Rutledge for their beautiful work in this award. Alan took home the platypus perpetual trophy for a year.



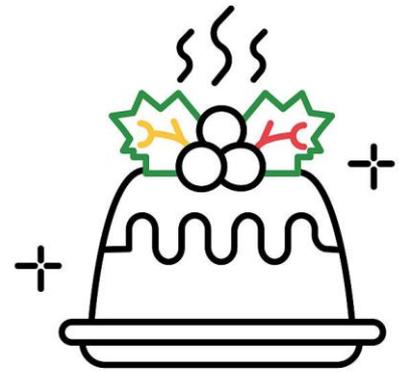
We have to the end of the month to donate items for children's Christmas Pillow Cases. These are being made by our Patchwork and Quilters to be given to Anglicare for distribution.

And while we're on the subject of Christmas ...

Artist of the Christmas Month

Contributions of art and craft are needed by the last Friday of this month. Please help us ensure that this is a colourful and eclectic display. If you bring in items that are not on your approved list, **which you are welcome to do**, these will be removed at the end of December.

Christmas Lunch will be held following the last meeting of the year - Friday, 14th December. A light lunch will be served and we invite you all to join us.



Some Changes are Happening

Weekend Roster

All exhibitors will be rostered on to do a weekend roster to fulfil requirements as per exhibitor contract in 2026. If you have a preference for a Saturday or a Sunday please let Suz know by 30th November when she will do the roster.

Text 0434430754 with your name and preference.

Members' Room Exhibitions

The exhibitions and displays in the Members' Room have been very popular with visitors and groups this year. We would like to have the room filled each month of the year.

So, three Exhibitor Exhibitions have been planned for 2026.

- The first will be in January with the theme SUMMER. Each exhibitor may enter whatever their medium. Works should be FOR SALE with usual commission taken. If you are interested, please add your name to the list in the office.

A Couple of Reminders

- **Clear Labelling, please.** Not all writing is legible, unfortunately. And check that you haven't doubled up on your prices. One item had two labels and two different prices. We'd go for the lower one, if it comes to a decision.
- **Small Works 8x8 Competition** will open on 1st December. Please make yourself familiar with the requirements of selling our canvases. It's easy once you know how!

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