

Lower Clarence Arts & Crafts Assn.

ARTY FACTS

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From President Bobbie

Congratulations to all the 8x8 team for another stunning show. We hope to see you all back next year.

Penny has agreed to continue to help me with a submission for a grant to do some maintenance work on the gallery. We would like to get the whole building painted and the roof recoated, but this would come to almost \$100,000.00 which is very substantial. We have divided this project in two, and are applying for a grant of almost \$40,000.00 to have the roof recoated, the gutters cleaned and the rusting roof screws replaced. This may be a long-term project, but we can only try to get funding for it.

In the short term, we would like to get the members room repainted. This is a project we can easily undertake. I'm suggesting the dates of Monday, May 26, and Tuesday, May 27. This may inconvenience one or two of the groups using the room, but we would appreciate you postponing your meeting, or meeting in the open area at the back of the entry to the gallery for those two days. If the gallery co-ordinators can remove the hanging wires, we can patch and tape the room on Monday and paint on Tuesday. We only need 3 or 4 volunteers each day for this, so please see me after the meeting if you are interested. As we have no idea of the name of the existing colour, I have some paint chips and after the meeting those so inclined can help chose a new paint colour.

We have concerns from a member that a small item is missing from their stock. We are not sure if the item has been stolen, but please do all that you can to keep an eye on customers, and to carefully check sales receipts that all items in a purchase have been recorded on the day sheets and put through the register. None of us likes to lose an item to theft or to inattention by gallery staff at the register.

We are sad to say good-bye to Ron and Heather Moore, who are moving to the Maitland area, and welcome to Trevor Hewitt. Trevor makes wooden boxes and pens, so his work will take the place of Ron's woodwork. Trevor is a very handy person, and he has offered to do small repairs around the gallery. He is working first Tuesdays with me, so leave a note in the book if you see anything that needs fixing and we will try to attend to it.

Bobbie Winger

Artists of the Month: The Patchwork and Quilters

We are Maclean Patchwork and Quilters, a community of makers who come together each week to explore colour, texture, and the quiet joy of creating with our hands. Our work is rooted in tradition yet open to experimentation, blending classic quilting techniques with modern design, textile art, and the individual styles of our members.

For us, quilting is more than stitching fabric. It is storytelling. It is connection. It is the shared rhythm of conversation, creativity, and friendship that fills our sewing room every Tuesday. Each piece we make carries the imprint of its maker — their choices, their patience, their imagination — yet together our work reflects the collective spirit of our group.



We are proud of our long history in the Clarence Valley and of the many quilts we have created for local families, organisations, and community causes. Giving back is woven into who we are. As Artist of the Month, we share a selection of handmade pieces that celebrate the beauty of fabric, the value of craftsmanship, and the enduring pleasure of making something meaningful by hand. We hope our work brings warmth, inspiration, and a sense of connection to all who view it.

Favourite of the 8x8s



Anne Skinner's work is always favoured by visitors to our Small Works Exhibition.

She has won on more than one occasion and, this year, her "Bundjalung Beauty" was the artwork of choice.

In fact, her second entry was only a few points behind.

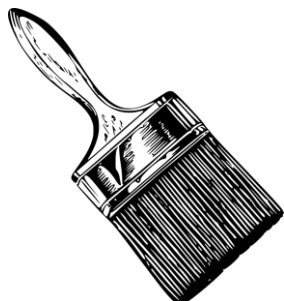
Congratulations, Anne, on your success and your beautiful work.

Working Bee

As Bobbie mentioned in her notes, we are having working bees later in the month to repaint the Members' Room.

Please lend a hand in the prepping and/or painting.

Dates are Monday, 26th May (prepping) and Tuesday, 27th (painting). Please help.



This type of painting,

not this



And another Working Bee

Tuesday Arters will have a working bee next week (19th) to sort the mess in the storeroom at the Old Tea Rooms, Showgrounds. Bring your muscles, please. And a bit of inspired decluttering might help, too.

“Winter Exhibition”

Thanks to those who have committed to this exhibition. If you would like to put work in, please add your name to the list in the office.

Works should be in by the 31st May as I will be hanging on 31st.

As always, please complete a wall tag for your work and add it to your stock list. Works can be left in the box in the office after 11th May.

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Things have gone missing ...

Recently we have found that items are missing from the Gallery. This can happen in 2 ways.

- 1) People outright taking and not presenting at the counter. This is more difficult with larger items.
- 2) Item not being charged for. This can happen when multiple items are being purchased. To prevent this you need to actually compare the amount of items with the tickets on the day sheet. You also need to check the number of items on the receipt.

We need to be more diligent when on roster.

Gloria