



Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

President's Message:

Hello Members,

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter. I hope you had a restful and refreshing summer recess and you are enjoying being creative again.

We have been successful in booking the Newrybar Hall for our Autumn Exhibition on May 19,20,21. We are delighted to have Tina Farrow as our new exhibition coordinator. After the initial exhibition committee meeting this week, we will be sending you the entry forms by email.

This year our second exhibition, The Seventh Grace Cruice Memorial Exhibition will take place in the Northern Rivers Community Gallery in August/September. I hope you have picked up a copy of the gallery's programme booklet for this year. There are plenty available from the gallery.

Seven dedicated members came along to our Art Practise session in the Scout Hall yesterday. Thank you for coming along and working in rather "warm" conditions. It's always great to work in a supportive group situation. Our next art practise session in **March** will have to take place on the **third Sunday afternoon from 2pm-5pm**. The cubs are having a function there that weekend.

Deb and Rowan McFarlane have been enjoying lots of success exhibiting their work in the NRCG and at Bangalow Markets. They were also approached by the Heritage Winery at Mt. Tambourine to exhibit their work for eight weeks. Congratulations Deb and Rowan. I'm sure your fine woven pictures and wood work is looking wonderful against the winery backdrop.

THE CRAFTY ARTIST

March 2017

Big Congrats also go to Darien Midwinter whose lovely oil painting "The Road Home", was selected by the gallery for inclusion in their programme booklet to highlight the Grace Cruice Memorial Exhibition in August/September. Darien won several prizes at the Alstonville Show. Her other landscape "The Blue Road Home" was awarded First Prize in the landscape section and then scooped the pool as the Grand Champion Exhibit of the overall art division. Her painting "Still Life", also received a Highly Commended in the still life section. We are so proud of you Darien. Sincere Congratulations.

Please remember to return your vote regarding the upgrading of our constitution as soon as possible, to

ballinaartsandcraftscentre@gmail.com

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at our next meeting on the first Monday in March at our new venue courtesy of the RSL BOWLS CLUB, Canal Rd. All details below.

Happy Creating,

Di Bell (President)

Our next Monthly meeting will be held on

MONDAY MARCH 6TH, 5.30PM

At the RSL Bowls Club, Canal Rd, Ballina

All members and friends are welcome to come along.

Lennox News February 2017

I'm having trouble remembering to put 2017 instead of 2016, and they have Easter eggs in the shops already! I suppose the headline for this month is the Cancer Council Exhibition being held at Club Lennox from 3rd March to middle of April 2017.

On Friday the 3rd of March commencing at 6.00 pm, the Art Team is holding a dinner and exhibition, whose sole aim is to raise money for cancer research. Every year The NSW Cancer Council runs a Relay for Life fundraiser and for the last 10 years Lesley Ryan and the Art team have been one of the participants. They have raised over \$30,000 for the relay. Members are made up of Lesley's art students and the Thursday Girls- artists who have painted together for over 15 years

This year, with the support of Club Lennox, the team is diversifying, as well as an art exhibition, there will be a dinner, art auction, and art wheel.

Most of the dinner tickets have been sold. There are a few left, but the exhibition will be open for a month, so you can drop down to Club Lennox and have a coffee/drink and enjoy the art. (enquiries Lesley Ryan on 0403848417)

I was disappointed to hear that the Byron Bay Art Classic won't be held this year with the organisers citing the ever increasing costs of holding and running an exhibition. This exhibition usually raises funds for the community centre. They assure us it will be back!

Northern Rivers Community Gallery has an unusual exhibition coming up in March – one for the foodies amongst us- Group Exhibition - Our Ballina Table- 1-26 March 2017 . Now Ballina's fantastic local produce is on show not only at the market but also in the art gallery! This exhibition features photography drawn from and inspired by a cookbook produced by the parents of a local school in 2016.

2017 IPSWICH ART AWARDS Entries close 23rd march 2017 – see website for entry form

That's all for now. Happy painting.

Your roving reporter – Lesley Ryan

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A sample of Rowan's wonderful woodwork exhibited in the gallery last month . Congratulations Rowan.



Deb's Weaving – exhibited last month in the gallery
Congratulations Deb.