



Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

President's Message:

Hello Members,

Time for the latest news! We enjoyed getting together at our August art practise session in the Scout Hall. It's such a good opportunity to be freely creative and experiment with techniques and materials in a supportive group situation. June Hoffman won the lucky door prize which was an A3 size framed canvas board.

We have received a wonderful number of entries for our 7th Grace Cruice Memorial Exhibition at the Northern Rivers Community Gallery opening this week, August 23rd and Running until September 17th. There were so many entries please don't be too disappointed if any of your pieces weren't accepted based on size, colour or theme. There's only so much wall space. I hope you can make it to the official opening on Thursday August 24th, starting at 5.30pm.

The Ballina Sing Australia group will be there to entertain us. The atmosphere is lovely and it's great to come along and pay tribute to Grace's group for their work towards establishment of the gallery, which by the way must be approaching its tenth birthday. Bring along family, friends and potential new members.

Advertising flyers from the gallery have been posted all over the district and on our website and Facebook page.

Have you got your entries in to TOWN and GOWN Exhibition to be held at the Lennox Public School in September? Entries close September 8th.

THE CRAFTY ARTIST

SEPTEMBER 2017

Several of our members were delighted to win awards at the recent Bentley Art Show. Janet Hassall won the Richmond Dairies Australian Landscape Acquisition Prize with her entry "Red Rock Creek". (see photo below). Darien Midwinter won the Art Other Than Painting Prize, with her entry "Dreaming of Arthur Boyd", and Maria Heaton (see photo below) was awarded a Highly Commended Second in the Casino RSM Club Acquisition Prize with her entry "New Beginning". Deni Essex won the People's Choice award.

I hope you can make it to our September meeting at which we will make decisions for October and November activities. Happy Creating, Di Bell

NEXT MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th
RSL BOWLS CLUB, CANAL RD at 5.30pm
(5.00pm for pre meeting drinks)

Tursa Art Prize

The Tursa Art Prize features over \$3000 in Prize Money including a \$1,000 Acquisitive Prize and a \$500 Grand Champion Prize. The Tursa Art Prize is held in conjunction with the North Coast National Exhibition (Lismore Show), one of the largest regional agricultural shows in NSW.

The 2016 Grand Champion was awarded to "Trapped Soul" painted by Emily Ferguson, while the Tursa \$1,000 Acquisitive Prize was awarded to Dellene Strong for "Native Iris" which featured in the Still Life section and the Lismore Art Club People's Popular Choice going to "Shelley Beach" also by Dellene Strong from the Waterscape section.

More than three thousand people visited the Art Exhibition in 2016 with visitor numbers to the Art Prize growing each year. The Tursa Art Prize will return 19th – 21st October 2017; featuring a special category and our theme, "Celebrating Country Life". Entries closing date TBA.

[2017 Tursa Art Schedule](#)

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Tursa Acquisitive Prize - "Native Iris" by Dellene Strong

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Janet Hassall in front of her winning entry Red Rock Creek, with Maria Heaton. Big Congrats Janet, Maria, Deni and Darien.

LENNOX NEWS

We are actually in a bit of a lull here as we get prepared for the next round of exhibitions. After the Grace Cruice is finished, one of our members Angela Parr will be taking up some space in the gallery with her exhibition, "Avian Criminals and other fine feathered friends" Exhibition runs from 20 th September -15 October. Launch event being on Thursday 21 September. Come along and support one of our members.

There are a few very good art prizes coming up :-

Portia Geach – portrait painting for WOMEN, prize of \$30,000, will be interesting to see if we end up with someone we can recognise, unlike the controversial, Olive Cotton and Archibald prizes this year.

Mosman Art Prize, a prize pool of \$58,000 – an acquisitive prize since 1947, past winners have been Margaret Olley, Lloyd Rees and Guy Warren – entries still open.

Closer to home, in the wine country - The Stanthorpe Art Prize, \$40,000 entries close on 4 April 2018 – plenty of time for this one and something to work for over the summer.

Some lovely prize money but entry fees continue to go up with most of these \$50.00 or more.

Bit of a money earner when you think that the still life award in Coffs Harbour – 24th November to 20th January 2018, had over 500 entries at \$35.00 per entry That is a nice sum of \$17,500. Usually a worthwhile exhibition to visit if you want a drive down the coast.

On another note, think about how you would feel if you are standing near your painting and you overhear someone criticising and belittling your work! We are all very brave putting our work on display, and we all have different likes and dislikes, but please be respectful and kind when you make comments that can be overheard.

Lesley Ryan