



**Newsletter of the Ballina Arts & Crafts  
Centre Inc.**

**President's Message:**

Hello Members,

What a mild summer we're having! If this keeps up, we'll be able to produce lots of work during the December- January recess.

Some of us had a very scenic bus trip to the Coraki Art Prize. All in all it was a very pleasant evening. Lesley Ryan was awarded a highly commended for her lovely watercolour Magnolias. Congratulations Lesley, and well done to the group of BACCI members who can be proud of the standard of work they entered in the competition.

Paul Button, Sunrise Studio, at Lennox, and Maria Heaton, at Uralba, are currently welcoming visitors to their open studios. All the details have been emailed out previously and also posted in Facebook and websites. We wish them well with all the pre-Christmas art on offer.

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery has announced their IGNITE STUDIOS project in the building behind the gallery which was previously the fire station. The gallery is calling for artists to peruse their plans and make applications for the use of this building. I previously emailed all the details to BACCI members to peruse carefully.

The open day at Ignite Studios on November 25<sup>th</sup> is only for individual artists who might like to consider renting a studio space next year. BACCI has requested information on the possible use of Ignite Studios for meetings, workshops and art get togethers. This short term use of the venue will be dealt with next year by the gallery.

# THE CRAFTY ARTIST

December 2017

Our dedicated Art Prac group came along to the scout hall yesterday. It's good to see Edna Moss back on deck after her illness. The lucky door prize of glassed picture frame and two small canvasses was won by our visitor Jen Teakle. Everyone who comes along agrees that these sessions are an excellent opportunity to relax and experiment, away from all the usual distractions in our lives.

A group of BACCI members will be exhibiting some small works for sale at Arts on Sunday, run by Maria and John Heaton in the A&I Hall Bangalow, next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, right next door to the upper entry gate of the Bangalow Markets. Come along and support us and have a lovely Sunday out as well. All details have been sent out in previous emails.

Finally, we're looking forward to our BACCI Christmas party, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Ballina Island Motor Inn. 5.30 Pre dinner drinks and canapes and 6pm sit down to dinner. If I don't see you there,

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**NEW MEETING VENUE :**

**Downstairs lounge RSL, River St, Ballina.**

**5.00pm drinks 5.30pm start of meeting.**

We are usually told before this meeting which month in 2018 is allocated to our next Grace Cruice Memorial Exhibition in the gallery.

## LENNOX NEWS DECEMBER 2017

A busy time of year for everyone, but the exhibitions don't seem to have slowed down. Many of you will be off to see the Sunrise Arts exhibition being held in December by our member Paul Button. Everyone is welcome.

In January two of our members, Lorraine Spring and Wanda Hitch (sample below), will be holding their own exhibition at the NRCG, and I have been privileged to see a few of the paintings. You are all in for a wonderful exhibition of colour and vitality. Come along on opening night 11<sup>th</sup> January.

In another room in the gallery, PAN artists will also be holding an exhibition and a few BACCI members are involved in that one too: Mark Davis, Lesley Ryan, Maria Heaton to name just a few. It should be a fabulous night all round.

Keep an eye on the BACCI Facebook page over Christmas for any new information about exhibitions and other arty things in the area, and please remember you are always welcome to put information or images on the Facebook page, just email me and I'll sort it out.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas and all the very best for 2018.

Your roving reporter,  
Lesley Ryan



Dans le Jardin by Wanda Hitch



Magnolias (water colour) by Lesley Ryan  
Awarded highly commended at Coraki.

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