



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the

Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

MARCH 2023

PRESIDENTS REPORT

BACCI is moving into its 25th year and we plan to do something exciting as it is a real milestone. A few ideas have been tossed around and the committee has favoured our first event to be is to have a celebration after our meeting on Monday, 3 April (which will also be our AGM).

The plan will be to have nibbles for everyone who attends, plus a commemorative cake. The meeting will be kept short and sweet, then we can party! Please make an effort to attend. Photos will also be taken for publicity, to promote our great group and get the BACCI name out in the community.

We have also been working on a new logo to bring us into the 21st century and modernise us as a group. We are working on something eye catching, unique, arty and smart ... more will be shown at our next meeting.

A decision is to be made on a charity to support at our May 2023 exhibition. I am in favour of Marine Rescue, as I know they don't get any government funding and it is run by volunteers.

I'm told other charities who rely on public support are Mary's house (which I think is supported by Vinnies) and Orange Skye. Further discussion to be at our next meeting, your ideas are always welcome.

Monthly meetings are the 1st Monday of each month – 1st meeting 2022:

Date: Monday, 6 March 2023

Time: 5.00pm (social & chat)
5.30pm (meeting)

Location: Boardroom
Cherry Street Sports Club
Cherry Street
Ballina

I've just returned from a 2-week holiday in Borneo. I went on a 'tripadeal' tour and met some lovely people in our group of 18. The country is rather primitive, and not much tourism. Very few art galleries and museums, a few war memorials around as a lot of POWs were sent to Borneo, this greatly impacted the country ... many sad tales.

However, the wildlife was fantastic and the highlights for me was venturing into the estuaries in the remote jungles and seeing the animals in the wild eg monkeys - (orangutans, proboscis, red & silver leaf monkeys, macaques), lots of amazing birds - hornbills, storks & eagles, crocs and more. I was hoping to cuddle an orangutan when I was there, but was told they



cannot allow humans too close as there is fear, they might contract COVID and wipe them out. This is because they are so closely related to us. Sadly, the palm oil plantations are ruining the lush jungles these animals habitat. I hope the country takes control of this devastating situation.

This photo of my friend Julie and I is with locals in traditional dress. We attended a wonderful dance performance and cultural show. It was unsettling to learn that not so long ago there forefathers were cannibals.



Hope to see you at the meeting. Rosie Kaplan will be doing our 'Show & Tell' talk at the meeting. It should be really interesting, so don't miss it.

Cheers
Deb

VICE PRESIDENTS NEWS

Hi everyone, a couple of newsy bits.

Firstly, there is no report from our wonderful Roving Reporter Lesley, she is currently in Japan soaking up their Art World. This is the first newsletter without a report from Lesley, and it will be missed.

Lesley always puts a lot of work in to keep us up with current Exhibitions and Artists, and she has also been a backbone for our Club since we took back BACCI in 2008. Lesley stepped up as Secretary then and she did a wonderful job until her health played up and we nearly lost her, since then Lesley has taken a back seat, but kept painting & exhibiting, teaching, looked after our computer needs, went on rosters and became our roving reporter.

We thank you Lesley and look forward to your next report and pics of your trip.

Secondly, Eddie Richards has finally sold his photocopy business and is looking forward to retiring and to have more time for his woodworking.

We thank Eddie for all the printing jobs he has completed free of charge for us over the years and wish him lots of 'mancave' time.

The new owners Karen and Peter take over Ballina Colour Copy on the 6 March. Unfortunately the BACCI Box will no longer be in the shop, therefore please bring your membership(s) payment/information to the next meeting on Monday, 6 March 2023.

Please continue to support Ballina Colour Copy for all your printing, etc needs.

Look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Mary Richards



More pics from Deb's Borneo trip – the seafood and scenery is amazing!



These are the water-based oil paints that June Hoffman mentioned at our last meeting.



ARTISTS PROFILE

DERRICK ADEN

Luck is, by definition, undeserved---having said this I have been extremely lucky.

I was introduced when quite young, to the painting aspect of the Visual arts by a very talented visual Artist –my mother,

Unfortunately, the DNA component of this talent did not quite express itself, as witnessed by my pitiful attempts at painting. This was abandoned after said attempts.

As luck would have it, some years later, I was persuaded to attend a short beginner's course on Sculpture with clay—a terrific experience. Years later, boosted by other sculpture classes and courses, undertaken on a whim, in Sydney and locally in the Northern rivers I started the journey of Sculpture. A course on Portraiture being one I was particularly fortunate to have had the opportunity to attend.

Over time sculpture attempts have been made with balsa wood, concrete, metal and always the garden.

I am now trying the use of clay / ceramics in the sculptural process. The enjoyment of tactile construction being all encompassing. Still striving.

So now with the luck on my side I have been able to join BACCI.



Thanks
Derrick

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY re MEMBERSHIP

Just letting you know that payment of your membership is **due by Friday, 31 March 2023**.

You need to be a paid-up member to exhibit and vote at the AGM on the Monday, 3 April.

Membership costs are:

- \$20 full membership; and
- \$10 associate / non exhibiting (social) membership

A membership renewal form will no longer be required. However, if your personal details have changed, eg address, phone, or email, please contact me via email (info@bacci.com.au).

Those of you who joined in November 2022 and later in 2022 do not have to pay again until 2024.

As BACCI now has 70+ members, sorting out payments, banking, etc, is a time-consuming process, therefore the committee has decided that if you **have not paid** your membership by Friday, 31 March 2023, you will be taken off the email list and you will lose your membership for 2023.

A group reminder will be sent out to remind you of the cut-off date.

Simply ... you MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PAID BY FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2023.

How to pay:

Please make sure your name and **membership** are clearly written for reference.

- Pay via internet banking
BSB 637-000
Account 780393408.
- Pay can be made at either the February or March meeting (first Monday of the month)
- Via mail to BACCI, PO Box 111,
Ballina NSW 2478
- Deposit directly into the
Greater Bank Branch, River Street
(near Wallaces)
BSB 637-000 Account 780393408

WORKSHOPS

A Wrap on the Gelli Plate workshop with ANDREW WATSON

Andrew Watson welcomed a small group of us in his light filled space for his “Gelli and Wine” workshop held on Saturday, 25 February 2023.



We were all happy to see each other and keen to try a new method of working and to get inspiration for our own creative works.

Once everyone settled at their workplaces, Andrew explained the basics to this form of printing and demonstrated different techniques. We went into his garden and picked leaves of varied plants.

And then it was joyful work, experimenting, using lines, spaces colours and creating our own concertina. It was a great workshop with everyone agreeing to have learnt lots and having enjoyed themselves.

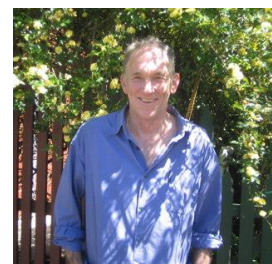
After working for over an hour we shared an afternoon tea with delicious offerings, and then it was back to work continuing our happy experiments, with a few more directions and ideas from Andrew. Altogether a very successful and fun time was had by all.

Thanks
Francoise Sauvere



DYNAMIC DRAWING WORKSHOP WITH RON CURRAN and LIZ FRIEND

Classes are on Wednesday(s) from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the Drill Hall in Mullumbimby!



Classes are on a first in, first served basis, therefore if you're coming from far away, please make sure you get to the hall early as, unfortunately, we are unable to save places for people.



- Class cost is \$30
- Cost and availability of materials:
 - A1 cartridge paper at \$2.50 per sheet
 - Bundles of paper at \$3 per bundle
 - Charcoal at \$2 per stick

Feel free to bring your own materials (except oil paints).

Please **note** – all sprays and fixatives **must** be used outside the hall.

Coffee and tea available free of charge.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Thanks
Ron & Liz

Ron M 0421 101 220

Liz M 0428 132 297

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Out of consideration for everyone please DO NOT ATTEND CLASS IF YOU HAVE COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS, COVID OR HAVE BEEN A CLOSE COVID CONTACT. We look forward to seeing you again once you have fully recovered, thank you.

CREATIVE ARTISANS GALLERY NEWS

PAUL BUTTON – POTTER EXHIBITOR FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Paul finds pleasure in creating unique and unusual ceramic artworks, most of which have no immediately obvious function other than giving intense satisfaction to all who view and touch them.



Paul's aim in throwing on the wheel is highly specialised – that is, to get as much clay as possible onto the back of his head, where it remains to be found much later as a trophy of the day's endeavours.

Paul brings diverse cultural influences into his work having created and exhibited pottery, sculptures, and ceramics for the last 35 years in New Guinea, Muscat (Oman), Dubai, UK, and Australia. An unquenchable curiosity has led him to continually explore new styles of production and glazing with the result that many of his works are unique, exciting, and very different.

Workshops at the Creative Artisans Gallery during March are:

1. **Jewellery Making** with Vicki Knudson

Date: Thursday, 16 March
Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: \$80

2. **Basic Felt Scarf Workshop** with Ann Helmrich

Date: Thursday, 30 March
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Cost: \$80

3. **Pen & Wash Workshop** with Christine Cameron

Date: Thursday, 23 March
Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm
Cost: \$80

The location for all these workshops is:

St Marys Anglican Church Admin Centre
38-42 Norton Street
Ballina

For further information about the above workshops, or anything else relating to the Creative Artisans Gallery, please contact Pauline on 0435941591

Cheers
Pauline Rutten

Do you have anything to share, (eg art info, travel adventures and/or photos)?

It would be great to feature one of your stories, and pictures, in a 2023 newsletter.

Please contact Andrew or Rosie about your story – please email your story and photos, (remember to include your name) to:

The Secretary
BACCI
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How Animals Adapt To The Dark





Mullumbimby NSW
29th & 30th April 9am
to 4pm

Playful Painting Weekend

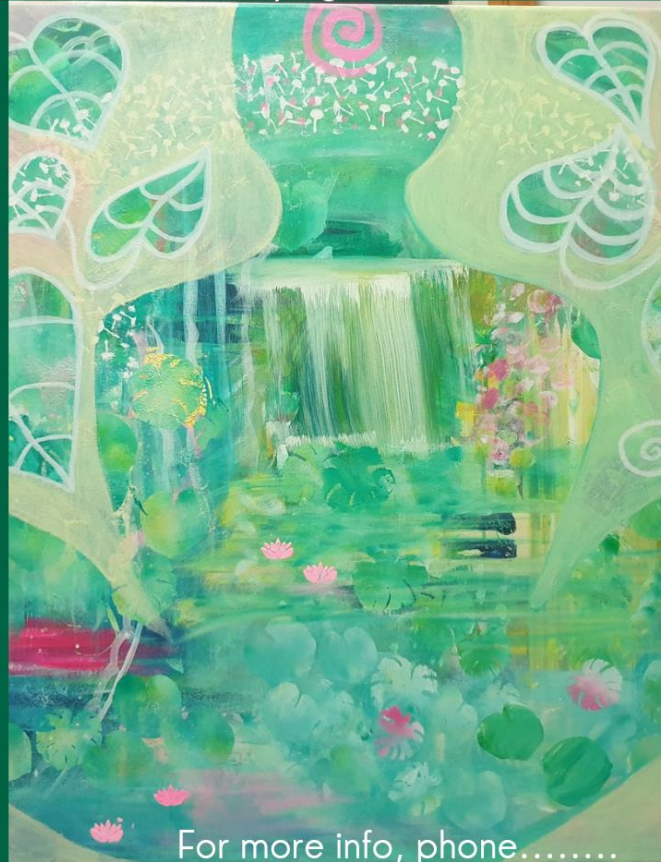
\$140 for 2 days
\$40 materials plus byo canvas or
\$25 extra for single thick
stretched canvas
Reserve your place:
melaniedilday@gmail.com

Intuitive Art from the h-art

Rediscover your enthusiasm for life and uncover painting talents you never knew you had at this fun experience. An awesome playlist will have you moving to the beat while you splash paint across your canvas!

Each of us will be painting on a large canvas, adding new layers, in a fun and encouraging environment. Make new memories with like-minded people as you learn a new skill!

There will be dancing, splashing, spraying, scraping, dripping, laughing and a head-over-heels love affair with colour... come let go and let flow.



For more info, phone.....
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