



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the
Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.
SEPTEMBER 2026

PRESIDENTS REPORT

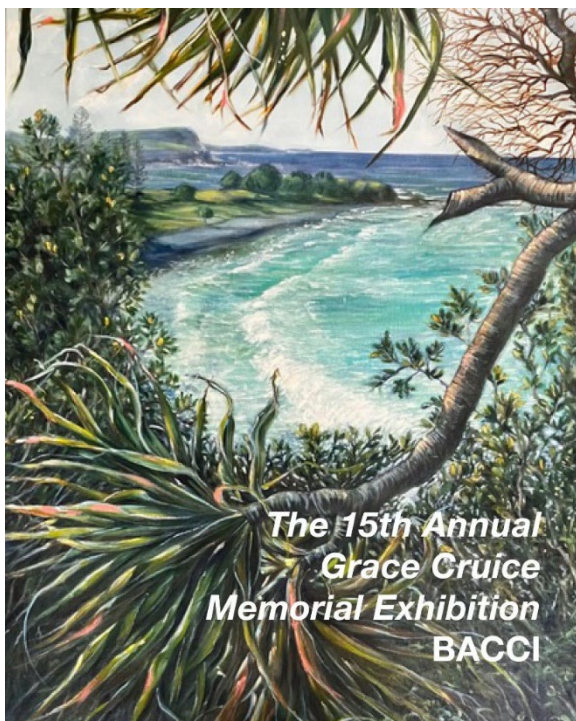
August has brought more rain, but there are already signs that spring is on its way. Our thoughts can now turn to our next exhibition in November, and there is still plenty of time to get organised and prepare our work.

Grace Cruice Exhibition

For two glorious months, the [Northern Rivers Community Gallery](#) is showcasing 34 hanging artworks and 21 craft pieces created by our talented members as part of the Grace Cruice Exhibition.

The opening night was a wonderfully vibrant event, with many BACCI members in attendance. The exhibition is truly stunning, with a fabulous range of artworks, all professionally hung and installed.

Andrew reminded us that this exhibition celebrates 15 years since its inception by Grace Cruice. It is wonderful to see that several artworks have already received red dots!



Thank You to Our Members

Many thanks to all those lovely members who have put their hands up to participate in BACCI and help make our group stronger and better.



We should also remember that many members who do not necessarily attend every meeting are actively contributing behind the scenes. It is this generosity and commitment that helps BACCI continue to grow and thrive.

Our thanks go to everyone who has been promoting BACCI through social media and their own networks, compiling the monthly newsletter, updating the website, writing articles, and helping in so many other ways.

We are truly grateful to everyone who contributes to making BACCI such a vibrant and supportive group.

Have a productive month, and we look forward to seeing you on the first Tuesday of September!

Françoise

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Monthly meeting of 2026:

Date: Tuesday, 2 September 2026

Time: 5.00pm for 5.30pm start

Show & Tell: none for this month

Location: Boardroom
Cherry Street Sports Club
Cnr Cherry & Bentinck Streets
Ballina

LENNOX NEWS

Continuing with the copyright information from last month....

Do I need permission to copy an artwork from a book?

There may be two copyrights here, copyright in the artistic work e.g. painting and copyright in the photograph of the work. You will generally need permission from the owner of the painting and in some cases the photographer .

Do I need permission to scan and alter an image to create new work?

Scanning a copyright protected image to produce a digitised version that reproduces the image requires permission. You also need permission to produce a new image by altering the digitised image. You also need to ensure that any changes do not result in the work being treated in a way that is prejudicial to the artist.

Do I need permission to photograph or draw public art?

You may draw, paint photograph or film a sculpture or artistic work which is publicly displayed. This does not apply to other public art such as murals. You may draw, paint, photograph, or film a building without permission. This does not apply to buildings that are designated a security risk.

Do I need permission to make a collage?

You do not need permission if you do not copy (eg if you are making a collage from photographs cut from magazines)

How can I prove I am the copyright owner?

Generally, your own statement you are the owner is sufficient. However, drawings and progress photos will support any claims.

Can I prevent another artist using the same styles and techniques?

Copyright law does not protect styles or techniques. However, if your style is so distinctive that your work is confused as another artist you may have a copyright breach.

If I advertise a limited-edition print, can I make more copies later?

Answer next month ...

To help all artists I am including a partial list of sites that can be used.

List of reference sites for artists

1. [Pixabay](#)
2. [Pexels](#)
3. [Unsplash](#)
4. [Freeimages.com](#)
5. [Raw pixel](#)
6. [Shopify](#)
7. [Iso republic](#)

Some sites require you to join but all are free.

There are many more, there are also free artist references on Facebook as well.

Lesley Ryan

(correction from last month)

Lesley Ryan Selected as a Finalist in The 9x5 Landscape Art Prize – Waverley Woollahra

Dear Lesley

Congratulations!

Your artwork has been selected as a finalist for The 9x5 Landscape Art Prize 2026 by our esteemed panel of judges – Jonathan Dalton and Marnie Ross. We're thrilled to showcase the following selected artwork/s in this year's exhibition.

Urban Beauty



CREATIVE ARTISANS GALLERY NEWS



Creative Artisans Gallery
Shop 1 & 8, Wigmore Arcade
River Street, Ballina

Opening hours are:

- Monday to Friday: from 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Saturday: from 9.30 am to 12 noon
- Closed: Sundays and Public Holidays

For enquiries, please contact us via email at info@creativeartisans.org.au or follow us on Facebook to keep up with exhibitions, workshops, and special events.

Cheers
Pauline Rutten

Featured artist for September 2026 is:

1. Helen Halliday

Creative Artisans Gallery (CAG) is pleased to feature **Helen Halliday** as our Artist of the Month for September.

Helen's exhibition, 'Garden Party,' celebrates her lifelong love of nature through beautiful watercolours of flowers and birds, incorporating treasured objects she has collected over the years. Her work explores the beauty and fragility of nature and encourages us to pause, appreciate our surroundings and reflect on the importance of protecting our natural environment.

Helen has enjoyed an extensive artistic career in Australia and overseas, with her paintings held in private collections throughout the United States. She has exhibited widely and has been a finalist in both the [Portia Geach Memorial Award](#) and [Mosman Art Prize](#), as well as receiving numerous awards.

'Garden Party' will be on display from Tuesday, 1 to Wednesday, 30 September at Creative Artisans Gallery, Shops 1 & 8, Wigmore Arcade, Ballina.

We invite you to come along and enjoy Helen's beautiful celebration of nature, colour, and creativity.



A colorful poster for the 'CREATE WITH HEART ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION'. The poster features various craft supplies like paintbrushes, yarn, and a bowl of paint. The text on the poster includes: 'CREATE WITH HEART' in a rainbow font, 'ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION' in large blue letters, 'FOR Creative Artisans Gallery' in red script, 'Ignite Studios, Crane Street, Ballina', '6TH, 7TH & 8TH NOVEMBER' in a purple banner, 'Opening Night: Friday 6th November • 6.00 pm', '\$10 Entry • Includes Drink, Food & Prizes', 'Weekend Exhibition 9.30 am - 3.30 pm', 'ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION' in a gold box, 'Raising Funds to Keep Gallery Open', a phone number '0435 941 591', and the 'CREATIVE ARTISANS GALLERY' logo at the bottom with the tagline 'Unique pieces by talented artists and artisans of the Northern Rivers'.

Cassino Art Gallery



CASSINO ART GALLERY

Watercolour Art Prize

A Fabulous Exhibition

19th Sept to 31st Oct 2026

148 Barker Street, Casino NSW

We would like to invite all watercolour artists, school age kids included, to take part in our

Watercolour Art Prize Exhibition and Competition

Total Prize Money \$4000

First Prize: \$2000
Second Prize: \$1000
Third Prize: \$750
Fourth Prize: \$250 (kids)

Entry forms can be emailed on request from cassinoartgallery@gmail.com or downloaded from www.cassinoartgallery.org.au

Entries close Sept 5th.

Artworks to be delivered to the gallery on Saturday Sept 12th between 10am and 2pm. There will be an exhibiting/hanging fee of \$20 per item (kids' entries free).

Artwork must not have been previously exhibited at Cassino Art Gallery. Artworks can be offered for sale with 30% commission of the sale price paid to Cassino Art Gallery for any work sold. There will be no commission on kids' sales. Final acceptance of all artworks submitted will be at the discretion of the Cassino Art Gallery.

For enquiries: Maree Beek 0439308620



Ballina Wave Magazine re 'Artist of the Month'

Ballina Wave have given a monthly space to a BACCI member, titled '**Artist of the Month.**'

Details needed for article are:

- 200 words about you and your work (it would also be great if you could mention BACCI)
- 2 x JPEG photos (these can be of you and your work or just your work)
- email your Ballina Wave artist profile (as a word document) and your pictures and to Rosie (ballinabacci@gmail.com) by the 1st of the month
- if you are unsure how to do the above, maybe a family member or friend could help you
- please also please email this document and pictures to Maria (mariaheaton@hotmail.com), she will post this on BACCI's Facebook page
- it would be great if all members could take advantage of this opportunity, **please** email your document and pictures to Rosie (ballinabacci@gmail.com)

Do you have anything to share, (eg art info, travel adventures, and/or photos)? If so, please contact Rosie about your story – you can either mail or email your story and photos, (remember to include your name) to:

The Secretary BACCI
PO Box 111
Ballina NSW 2478

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E ballinabacci@gmail.com



Watercolour Art Prize 19 Sept-31 Oct 2026

Made it, Artisans Pop-up Event



Denivibe By Jill



Darwin Smith Art



Leumesin Handmade



MADEIT.COM.AU

Enquiries 0488 161 373

Ignite Studios

60 Crane Street Ballina

29th Aug - 4th Sept 8.30 - 3.00

Ivy May Artistry

Strokes of Nature



Yarn about Yarn



Faeire & the Moon



(Re)Create

Sculpture in the Lismore Rainforest Botanic Gardens

Opening ★★★★★
Sunday 20th September
10am | Free entry!

Sculptures using found, recycled and
natural objects on show throughout
the Gardens till Sunday 18th October.

Bring a picnic!
Come and vote for your
favourite sculpture.



GATES OPEN

Weekdays: 7.30am – 3.30pm | Weekends: 9am – 4 pm

Closed: Monday 5th October

Guided walks of Gardens for groups
email: publicity@friendlrbg.com.au



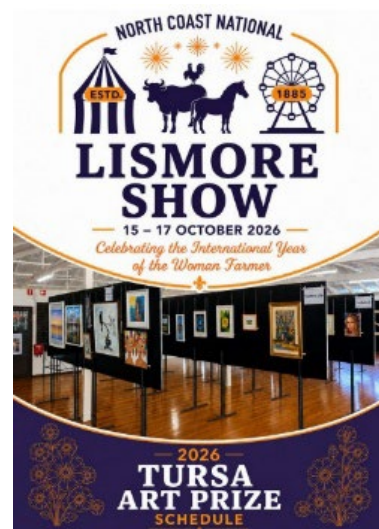
Information from North Coast National and TURSA

On behalf of the North Coast National and TURSA, I would like to invite you to enter the 2026 TURSA Art Prize at the Lismore Show from Monday, 5 to Saturday, 17 October 2026.

Entries are now open and the Schedule is attached to this email

If you would like more details please contact me on the number below

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The Lismore Showground
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W www.northcoastnational.com.au



Lennox Head Lions Town and Gown Art Show

The [2026 Town and Gown Art Show](#) will be held at the Lennox Head School Hall from Friday, 18 September to Sunday, 20 September 2026.

Entry Forms below ... or you can download [here](#) or from the website.

ENTRY FORM

Town and Gown Art Exhibition September 18th-20th September, 2026.

Please complete and return to Lennox Head Lions Club via email lennoxheadlions@yahoo.com.au by Friday 11th September 2026.

Artist Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

Your Banking Details _____
(for payment of paintings sold)

Artwork Entries @ \$10 each

Title of Artwork	Medium	Price	Size -CM	Art Team

Note: For entries in Lennox Art Team Section, please tick in Art Team section.

Card Sales (\$20 per artist)

Number of Cards: _____

Entries to be delivered on Friday 18th September, between 7:30am and 9am, to the Lennox Head Public School Hall, Mackney Lane, Lennox Head. (entry behind the Cultural Centre)