



# THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the

Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

**MAY 2021**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

This is my first newsletter as President and although I have never taken on such a roll before, I plan to do my absolute best. When I told my son I was now President of BACCI, he told me it was a great opportunity to conquer my fears ... and he is not wrong.

I am lucky to have Mary Richards, the past president and now vice president, to give me guidance.

The new BACCI Committee members are slotting into their new rolls and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Since the last newsletter, we are happy to announce that Andrea Redman-Williams has joined the team as Treasurer. Andrea is learning the ropes from Lyn Coles, who has been such a wonderful asset to BACCI.

Unfortunately, no one has put their hand up for the roll of Exhibition Co-ordinator. There is a whole team to assist the Exhibition Co-ordinator and it is a rewarding roll. So, if anyone is interested, please contact me and I will explain what is involved. There is only 1 more exhibition planned for the year so the position will not be demanding.

The Autumn Exhibition is fast approaching, so please do your share to promote it; through either handing out flyers, the internet or chat with friends and community groups etc. **SPREAD THE WORD.**

Hope to see you at the Autumn Exhibition.

Cheers

Deb McFarlane



**Monthly meetings** are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month – next meeting:

**Date:** Monday, 3 May 2021

**Time:** 5pm (social)  
5.30pm (meeting)

**Location:** Cherry Street Sports Club  
Cherry Street

## LENNOX NEWS

Many of you may know Michelle Dawson, she can often be spied at Still@the Centre (<https://ballinaframingandartsupplies.com>), Ballina. She is having an exhibition at Tweed Gallery from 7 May to 11 July, titled 'Figura Subcintus', Michelle is well known for her beautiful and sometimes fanciful drawings.

Amelia Reid at the same time will be exhibiting a series of paintings created in lockdown.

The months are flying by and a few more prizes are coming up:

### **Naked & Nude Art Prize 2021**

*Entries close Wednesday June 16, 2021*

Enquiries: [friendsmanningsvalley@gmail.com](mailto:friendsmanningsvalley@gmail.com)

Online entry: [friendsmanningsvalley.com.au](http://friendsmanningsvalley.com.au)

Manning Regional Art Gallery at 12 Macquarie Street, Taree 2430.

Visit the website for details and entry.

### **Paddington Art Prize**

*Entries close 3pm, Monday September 13, 2021*

[info@paddingtonartprize.com.au](mailto:info@paddingtonartprize.com.au)

The Paddington Art prize is a \$30,000 national acquisitive prize for a painting inspired by the Australian landscape, to be awarded by Marlene Antico OAM.

The exhibition of national finalists will be presented at Defiance Gallery, Mary Place in Paddington from October 15 to 24.

Winners announcements on Thursday October 14.

Enter online.

### **Olive Cotton Award 2021**

*Entries close 5pm, Sunday May 2, 2021*

Entries are now open for the Olive Cotton Award for photographic portraiture.

The 2021 Guest Judge is photo-media artist Michael Cook.

Official opening and prize announcements Saturday 17 July.

Exhibition on display July 16 to September 19, 2021

There is not a lot of news at the moment, many galleries are doing mid-year changeovers, but there will be an exhibition of art by members of PAN at Bangalow Heritage house, Museum and café from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May. A lovely place to see some art and have a cuppa. There is plenty of parking too.

Serpentine Gallery at Lismore is also worth a visit from 23 April to 3 May, Steve Giese and Shannon Bourne will be holding an exhibition of painting in Steve's words ...

"The works in this exhibition respond to a range of painting genres: Still life, landscape and social



Steve Giese

commentary. I have always found painting to be challenging, eternally mercurial, a medium capable of communicating a full range of human experience".

Should be a good one!  
Lesley Ryan

## **PROFILE**

### **CHERYL HURNALL**

Hi everyone ... I spoke to Deb and we thought it might be a good idea for me to profile myself as this is my first involvement in BACCI by putting together your May 2021 Newsletter – I hope I do you proud!

I moved to Ballina (home) about 3 years ago after living in Sydney for nearly 40 years (pic is of me on my last day at work in 2018). I was born in Lismore but ended up in Sydney in my early 20's, to find a job ... and stayed way too long!



Since moving home I have become involved in a few volunteering roles – I work for Pauline Rutten, The Creative Artisans Gallery, and post on the Gallery Facebook and Instagram pages, I also help with the website and I work in the Gallery shop once a week, on a Friday – feel free to pop in and say hi!

I also volunteer for Our Kids charity (children's charity attached to Lismore Base Hospital) – I help in the office one afternoon a week with Rebekka Battista and Carmen Kennedy-Beaumont, and work on various projects they assign to me.

I also have a paid job, approx 4 hours per week, where I work with a lady who is disabled (NDIS) and we spend time having coffee, chatting, and wandering around the shops – socialising!

My previous experience during the last 20 years in Sydney was as a legal secretary working in 2 top tier law firms working for several partners over both firms. For the last approx 5 years I combined my role as legal secretary with event co-ordinator and organised a few seminars and/or events for clients (for 20 to 250 people). I also organising various social outings for directors, staff and/or high-profile clients.

I look forward to the future and helping with your newsletter.

Thanks  
Cheryl



## **EXHIBITION CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

The banners are flying, media articles prepared, radio interviews arranged, and all coming together beautifully. We hope to get a write up in the Lennox Wave, and The Northern Rivers Times has a great article in the current issue. We hope to get a follow up in next week's paper too. We are lucky as they have been so supportive in promoting our exhibition.

We have some great raffle prizes organised. Bunnings, Northern Rivers Seafood, Kmart, Ballina Fair Woolworths, Cherry Street Sports and Coles have all generously donated gift cards.

If you have not heard, Sue Fraser is kindly donating one of her beautiful Equine Sculpture as the lucky door prize.

Autumn Exhibition entries closed at 5pm on Friday, 23 April.

Delivery of artwork to the Masonic Centre in Cherry Street, is between 2.00pm and 2.30pm on Friday, 30 April.

Collection is 3.00pm on Sunday, 2 May.

Official exhibition opening is on Saturday, 1 May at 10.00am.

**REMEMBER** ... Mother's Day is the second weekend in May, so it is a great opportunity to buy a unique gift for your mum.

As our President has already stated, (hey, that's me), we need to spread the word about our Autumn Exhibition on Saturday, 1 and Sunday, 2 May – please take some time to hand out flyers, or print some off yourself, and/or use the net. Copies of the flyers can be collected from Ballina Colour Copy (<https://ballinacolourcopy.com.au>) located opposite Ballina Post Office (attached to the end of this newsletter are a few different sizes of the flyer, if you would like to print any).

This exhibition is a fundraiser for our wonderful community radio station Paradise FM. They are such a benefit to our community – from helping search for lost pets, reporting flooded roads or closures due to accidents, weather updates and warnings, river, fishing and beach reports, sporting events, and supporting all the little non-profit organisations like ours, is just a snippet of what they provide.

## PUBLICITY REPORT

Here is a picture, from our last meeting and AGM, of our esteemed leaders ... gorgeous one and all.



Thanks again to Mary and Janet for all their hard work and welcome to Deb McFarlane as our new leader.

Here is also a picture from my first solo exhibition. Phew I made it finally happen!



Hope everyone is enjoying the great fine weather. Maybe time to create a work outdoors?

Until next month.  
Best  
Jenny

## WHATS ON AT THE CREATIVE ARTISANS' GALLERY?

There are 2 featured artists for March – Christine O’Leary and Charlotte Russell at the Creative Artisans Gallery, Wigmore Arcade, River Street, Ballina.

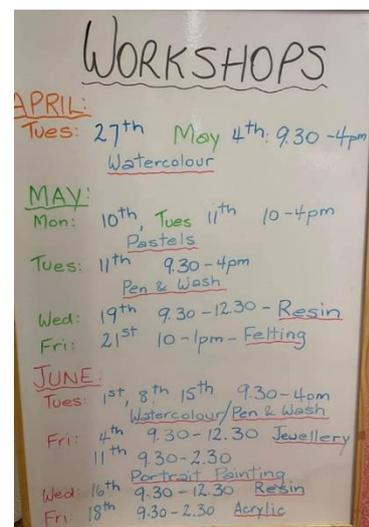
Christine works with resin and she has created some amazing works – come and have a look at her cheese boards, Lazy Susan, small coffee tables and 2 much larger works.



Charlotte works with watercolours and acrylics and, I think, her works are stunningly beautiful.



Below are various workshops the Creative Artisans Gallery is offering during May and June.



The Creative Artisans Gallery are happy to have Angela Parr, Bingara Gallery (<https://bingaragallery.com.au>) hold a Pastel Workshop – Bird Study (2 days) on Monday, 10 and Tuesday, 11 May from 10am to 4pm (location to be advised) ... see below for more information and how to book.



**Reminder** ... if you have anything to share, eg art info, travel adventures and photos etc, ... please email or text to me with information:

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