



THE CRAFTY ARTIST

Newsletter of the

Ballina Arts & Crafts Centre Inc.

JULY 2021

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope everyone is staying snuggled up during our cooler winter days. It is a wonderful excuse to sit by the heater and get into some indoor activities like painting or craft.

I went to the Ballina Hospital Auxiliary Craft Show at the Ballina Jockey Club on the weekend of 19 and 20 June – it was nice to see many familiar faces, some interesting displays, and it appeared the event was a success.

Unfortunately, I couldn't attend the last meeting as I was away – thanks to Mary Richards for helping out in my absence.

I had a great holiday to Carnarvon Gorge. It is an amazing place, and the landforms are spectacular. I did a 18km hike, which was amazing, but a challenge, especially considering I developed some massive blisters. I also enjoyed Bunya Mountains National Park which has many beautiful rainforest walks, Maleny had wonderful craft shops and Eumundi Markets, which had some very unique and creative artisan stalls.

I passed through such diverse countryside on my journey in the campervan, and I took some stunning photos which I intend to recreate in some of my weavings. A few more photos of my trip are located at the end of the newsletter.

The Exhibition Co-ordinators position is still vacant, as is the Treasurer. Also a Publicity Officer for the local area is needed to help promote our next exhibition – Jenny Unwin has been very busy and is happy to do media up north but needs some assistance with our local media promo. Please call me if you are interested or if you would like to know more – Deb 0432105540.

It is a bit frustrating to have to ask our group of 57 members if you could take on a position on the Committee. Remember, we only have 1 more exhibition this year so it isn't overly challenging ... *please consider.*

At the next meeting we will discuss in more details:

- the November exhibition;
- a local charity to choose for our fundraising; and
- ideas and a date for the Christmas Party, your input is always welcome.

Hope to see you at the meeting. I will be staying on for dinner if anyone would like to join me, and chat.

Cheers
Deb McFarlane



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

Date: Monday, 5 July 2021

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

Location: Boardroom
Cherry Street Sports Club
Cherry Street, Ballina

LENNOX NEWS

We seem to be back at “square one” at the moment and hopefully we can get ahead of the virus, at least we have our art and I think that is a great comfort to many of us.

Continuing on with the theme artists in a pandemic is the story of John Singer Sargent, telling us about the horrors of World War 1, combined with the Spanish Flu

John Singer Sargent: Remembering the Spanish Flu while Recuperating in a World War I Army Tent



Sargent is a well-known Italian born American portrait artist.

In 1918, the British War Memorials Committee commissioned Sargent to work as a war artist with the task of creating sketches depicting British and American troops in joint combat. While working in Northern France, he caught a bad case of the flu and spent the next week recovering in a hospital tent that included a mixture of some soldiers recovering from war wounds with others recovering from the flu). While on his sick bed, Sargent created a watercolour depicting the interior of the hospital tent, entitled *Interior of a Hospital Tent*

A khaki-brown canopy hangs down from the ceiling of the tent, below which is a line of military cots covered with blankets that are either red or brown. The different colours indicate whether the patient was contagious (red) or not (brown). In the fourth red cot, a soldier (possibly Sargent himself) is propped up on pillows reading. Beyond him, there are four or five brown cots with wounded soldiers. Sargent describes his nights in the tent

as “horrific” and” fitful”, owing to the “groans” of the wounded and the “coughing” of the infected.

Sargent’s watercolour, which is exhibited in the permanent collection of the Imperial War Museum in London, is a unique contribution that offers a frontline glimpse of the two concurrent conflicts occurring at the same time – the 1918 flu-pandemic and World War I.

Other News:

Exhibition at SERPENTINE Gallery

Melissa Wright and I are having an exhibition at Serpentine Community Gallery in Lismore from Tuesday, 10 August to Monday, 30 August 2021.

Opening night is Friday, 13 August – as we get closer to the date more details will be put on BACCI Facebook page ... fingers crossed it will be able to go ahead.

A shorter than usual newsletter because I’ve been away ... enjoying chocolate pizza and the snow!



Your roving reporter
Lesley Ryan

PROFILE

June Hoffman

(email dated 30 May 2021)

I am in WA at the time of writing and have been here since the end of April when the border opened. The main reason for my visit was, of course, to catch up with family and to help them pack up their farm (after the sale) and move north to Mandurah.

As this visit to the farm is my last, I have taken lots (yes lots!) of photos of beautiful trees, they are truly magnificent giants of several species and I hope to do them justice in my art when I return home. Many of the trees here are found only in this region of southwest Western Australia and are world renowned.



I have also taken many photos of various fungi and will do a series of these soon, some show beautiful shapes and colour.



Congratulations on the May show, I have heard good reviews and look forward to the next exhibition in November – thank you also to the organisers.

EXHIBITION CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

Next exhibition – 5, 6 and 7 November

The Masonic Centre has been booked and booking fee has been paid – please come to the next meeting to so we can brainstorm ideas for this Exhibition.

Make sure you have the dates of the exhibition (5, 6 and 7 November) marked on your calendar and you are starting to create some amazing fresh pieces for this pre-Christmas event.

PUBLICITY REPORT

What a fantastic turnout to our last exhibition!

The time spent on Facebook was great, plus the numerous calls, texts and emails to media outlets helped – although I was a little disappointed in lack of responses from some of the local outlets ... guess I'll just have to keep on trying!

Not a lot to report at present but thanks to Northern Rivers Times for printing our segment each week – it all helps. I'm revisiting with media and hope for some more positives next month.

The Murwillumbah Art Trail was a hit at Community Printmakers with it going gangbusters.

Great to see the studio at Stokers Siding on the map.

Workshops and classes available for anyone interested in learning a new skill or revisiting an old one.

Until next month
Best
Jenny

WHATS ON AT THE CREATIVE ARTISANS' GALLERY?

FEATURED ARTIST(S) – JULY

The featured artist at the Creative Artisans Gallery for July is *Christine Cameron*.

Christine is a local artist who produces artworks in watercolour, coloured pencil and scratchboard.

Christine has received a number of local and national awards including the 2017 TURSA ART PRIZE and exhibited in numerous exhibitions locally.

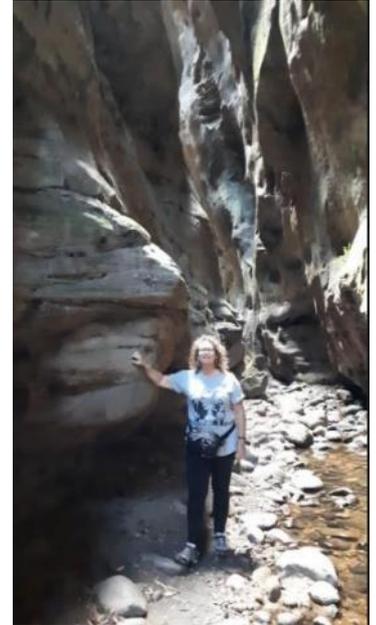
Christine has work in local, national and international collections.



We are hoping to start our Workshops again in Spring or Summer ... stayed tuned.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website [Home - Creative Artisans Gallery](#) – both are constantly being updated.

Carnarvon Gorge – as promised below are some pics from Deb's Carnarvon Gorge adventures ...





lismore art club inc.

LISMORE ART CLUB TUTORIALS 2021

Tutorials will be held at The Wilson Park Special School, Wyralla Road, Lismore

On the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9am to 3pm and doors will open at 8.30am

The cost is:

- \$25 for members
- \$30 for non members

Please bring your lunch, morning tea, and mug + coffee and/or tea, etc.

*For more details please phone Janet Hassall on 66882295
or visit Lismore Art Club website www.lismoreartclub.com.au*

Note – COVID-19 RULES APPLY

JULY Saturday, 17 th	KATKA ADAMS (tutor) – STILL LIFE IN PASTELS / Drawing with Pastels Katka is an award winning Pastel Artist in the Northern Rivers
AUGUST Saturday, 21 st	STEVE GIESE TUTOR – Figures in the Landscape, medium, optional
SEPTEMBER Saturday, 18 th	Prepare for LISMORE ART CLUB ANNUAL EXHIBITION Serpentine Community Gallery 17 Bridge Street, North Lismore
OCTOBER	JANET HASSALL (tutor) – Landscape, medium, optional
NOVEMBER	BRETT BELOT (tutor) – Portrait drawing with charcoal

Reminder ... if you have anything to share, eg art info, travel adventures and photos etc, ... please email or text to me with information (full name, text and a couple of photos):

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