



PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

NEWSLETTER

1 September 2022

Cultural Close, off Shoal Bay Road, NELSON BAY. 2315

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From the President

There are signs that Spring is coming - finally this long, cold and wet winter will end and take all viruses and pestilence with it! Let's hope so anyway. The Arts Centre will be celebrating with the

Spring Fair on Saturday, 10th September and we hope all our community and members will come along with their family and friends.

The General and Annual General Meetings of members of the Art Centre will be on Tuesday **13th September** from 11am in the Westralia room. Members will be asked to vote on two Board positions becoming vacant and endorsing others continuing in their roles. If you wish to nominate

someone for a position there are forms in the outer office and a locked box to put them in.

WEA have offered to run a free Computing for Seniors course here at the Art Centre. If there's enough interest, it will happen in October-November, and run over six weeks on Thursdays. Get all your IT questions and computer niggles sorted out. Ring Di Adamson on 0414 756 118 to find out more and book your spot.

Carolyn



Port Stephens Examiner Business Awards

Lets see if we can win two years in a row!

To vote <https://thebusinessawards.com.au/65480/community-arts-centre-port-stephens>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Watercolour & Acrylic workshops >> 3rd - 4th September

Spring Fair >> Saturday 10th September from 10am-3pm

General and Annual General Meeting >> Tuesday 13th September 11am

Next Exhibitions coming up >> 24th August Natural Environment & Fabulous Fakes

>> 5th Oct -15th Nov Minimalist & Life Drawing

Next Group Leaders Meeting >> Tuesday 4th October 9am Manoora room

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Gallery Manager

What's On NOW SHOWING: 24 August – 4 October Natural Environment Natural Environment – Artist's interpretation of all the beauties in nature. Fabulous Fakes – following the Old Masters. Featured Artist Jenny Crozier. Featured Potters Margaret Levi and Rhaine Clayton



We will have plenty of members wearing an ASK ME badge with a large spring flower attached, should anyone need some extra help or information.

Please remember to bring along your baked goodies, plants, display items etc on **FRIDAY 9TH**. We will be setting up from 2pm onwards, and could still use some more strong arms to

assist with moving the painting stands up to the workrooms from the downstairs storage area. Please let me know if you are available!

Our gallery spaces are now looking very spick n span, with the windows and carpets having been thoroughly cleaned – thanks to Marianne for organising this.

Soon it will be time to organise our Exhibition Calendar for the next 12 months. Please send me any ideas you have for themes, or group displays.

Di Adamson

We have a great day planned for our **Spring Affair on Saturday 10 September**. It's very pleasing to have almost all our groups offering something for visitors: demonstrations, activities, extra items and bargains for sale.

We have such a wonderfully creative community at our arts centre, and it will be a delight to share it with visitors. Hopefully some may be inspired to come and join our groups, or remember our gallery items when they are next looking for a gift – or maybe even just an item to spoil themselves with.



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Paper Craft Group

Our group has been working hard to create a huge supply of Fathers day cards which are on display on the newly created stand.

We also spent a creative afternoon assembling the beautiful paper flowers supplied by Wendy Lane into bouquets to decorate the Gallery for the Spring Affair.

REMINDER

Desk duty volunteers

Please remember there are specific envelopes for multi-dimensional cards (on the round glass shelves). Matching envelopes have the same number and are stored in the right hand side drawer (Drawer 1) under the card display.

I have done a little survey of cards for sale around the bay...

You can buy mass-produced cards from overseas for \$6 upwards in the supermarket, newsagent, etc..

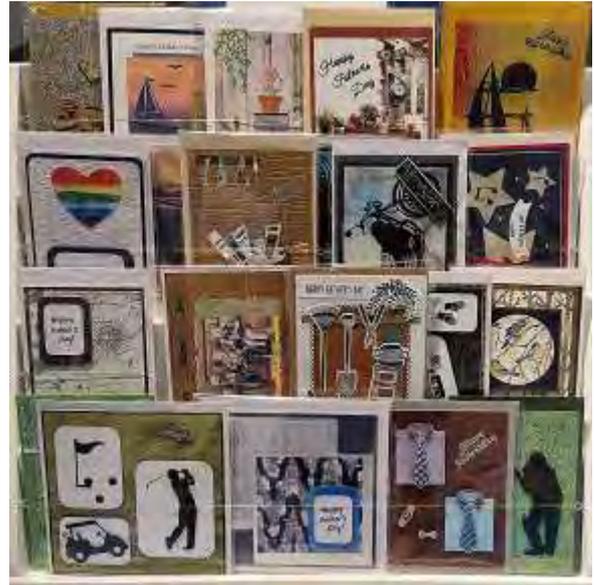
They are generally printed in China and shipped to Australia... OR you could buy a unique, locally handmade card from our PORT STEPHENS COMMUNITY ART CENTRE. for the same cost.

I expect the same is true of many of the wonderful products

we sell in the gallery.....so pass it on...

tell your neighbours, family and friends!

Antonia Creese.



Painters Information for Spring Affair

Our Spring Affair is on again, Saturday the 10th September, 10am to 3 pm so hope you are all busy painting for this exciting event. We will have stands for small paintings no larger than 40 x 30 cm or 140 cm, circumference (inclusive of frame). There is a maximum of 3 paintings per person for sale, we ask that 1 of these be donated to centre. Maximum price to be \$100 or under, we will only display as many as will fit and rotate as sales are made. We will set up on Friday afternoon starting at 2pm so paintings will need to be at centre before then.

There will also be a table for small unframed paintings same conditions as framed paintings; these will be displayed on stands or in boxes. We are planning demonstrations as well; we will need helpers all day, if you can help in any way please contact Nada on nada4art2@gmail.com There will be an area in store room before hand for you to leave your paintings for the Spring Affair. Thank you

Nada O'Loughlin– Yonge



Example of unframed work

Raffle

We are ready to resume our Art Centre Raffles . Terms and conditions for Raffles are on our website <http://artscentrenelsonbay.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/PSCAC-Raffle-Rules-for-Website-compressed.pdf>

The current Raffle will be drawn on 10th October 2022. Tickets are available at the Sales Desk.

The next Raffle will be the Christmas Raffle



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Café News

Mark your calendars! Spread the news! The cafe is opening on Saturday, September 3. While I am still thoroughly

enjoying my time in the States with my family, I am renewed, refreshed and ready for cafe duty. Hopefully my precious volunteers feel the same. See you all soon!
Madeleine Quinlan

Craft with Wendy

Wendy continues to inspire her group who are taking to Polymer Clay like ducks to water. Group funds have been used to purchase various exciting cutters and tools which are stored at the Arts Centre. Wendy will continue running groups until the end of September when an interim group leader will take

over. If you would like to join on a Wednesday please contact Wendy. In August the group went for lunch together as a surprise treat for Wendy.

Meryl Miller.



Exhibition Team

Painters Exhibitions 24 Aug to 4 Oct

Our Exhibition Areas are currently featuring **three Exhibitions:** all labels to show 8/22

Natural Environment - Gallery Fabulous Fakes



Portraiture and Abstract Expressions – Hall prior exhibition labels 7/22

Artists please remember to use the new painters tags. Additional

supplies are on the way.

Congratulations to our members who have excelled in covering these enticing Themes. Father's Day, Spring Affair and School Holidays are coming around again. Bring your family and friends and show off our wonderful hub of Exhibits.

Marianne and Judy Painters Exhibition



Bonsai Group

Our new members have settled in well and are enjoying the challenge of bonsai. We are all looking forward to Spring and seeing our deciduous trees in leaf once again. It is a busy time of year re-potting the trees as they come into buds well and checking wiring on trees as they start their new growth. Many thanks to Reita for the information from Canberra Bonsai and Bonsai Society of Sydney.

Happy Bonsaing!

Carol Rigby.



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Spinners and Weavers Group

The Spinners and Weavers report for this newsletter is coming to you from Western Australia where we are currently travelling. It is a great opportunity to check out the art and craft scene in other towns and cities and find spinning and weaving groups and share our experiences.

Not surprisingly the items being made are all fairly similar although the weather has a major influence. The spinners and weavers in Albany sell their items at the local farmer's market and have started using electric wheels and knitting machines to keep up with the demand for beanies and scarves! It was a cool 10 degrees C when we visited.

In Margaret River the artisan collective had very few knitted items but more felted shawls and wraps and were putting out their eco printed cotton items ready for the warmer weather. Current temperature 14 degrees C

Mostly you realise how fortunate we are at PSCAC to have such a fantastic gallery and our great range of activities. The weather is pretty good too.

Melanie Delaney.



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Spring Affair

Saturday 10 September 10am – 3pm

Cultural Close Nelson Bay (up the hill from Bill Strong Oval)

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY Plus: Paintings Craft Cakes Plants for sale

GROUP	LOCATION	DISPLAY	ACTIVITY (A=Adult C=Child)	TIME
Bonsai	The Barn	Bonsai Trees		All Day
Cafe	Cafe		Plunger Coffee, Tea & Sandwiches	From 10am
Cake Stall	Westralia	Cakes, blocuts, slices etc for sale		All Day
Creative Textiles (Fusion)	Mansora	Items for sale	Making fabric feathers A & C	All Day
Mosaics	The Barn	Members at work		All Day
Painters, Pastels	Westralia	Small paintings for sale all under \$100	Watercolour Painting demo Abstract painting demo Pastels demo Watercolour / Acrylic demo	10am 11am 12noon 1.30-3pm
Papercraft	Westralia	Cards and Make-your-own card kits for sale	Card making techniques demo	All Day
Patchwork / Embroidery	Mansora	Quilt Display	Fabric trading table & members working and demonstrating	All Day
Plant Sales	Front Garden		Potted plants for sale	All Day
Plain Air Painters	Garden areas	Painters at work		All Day
Pottery	The Barn	Potters at work	Small pots bargain sale	
Printmaking	Westralia	Works for sale	Tools & equipment - visitors to have a go at making prints. & Guessing competition	All Day
Quilting		Display of work	Gold coin donation A & C	All Day
Spinning & Weaving / Knitting	Mansora	Spinning demo		All Day
Tai Chi	Garden		Demonstration	11am 12noon
Woodwork	Outside Barn		BBQ sausage sizzle	From 10:30
	Woodies Shed	Workshop open - items for sale	\$15 Children's Construction Bird nesting box or feeder E	All Day

Peoples Choice

Open now to all PSCAC Exhibits

Winner: Faye Clifton

Embroidery Item 321



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Monday Watercolour Painters

What a great time we are having at the moment, everyone keeping very busy preparing for our next exhibition, Fabulous Fakes and Our Natural Environment. Our group is very well attended every week; it's great to see all enjoying the experience of gaining and sharing knowledge. Our new members are settling in well and everyone is producing some lovely works. We have had some visiting Watercolour tutors over the last few months; these sessions have been enjoyed by all.

Our next one is on the first weekend in September; well-known tutors Barry & Lucy McCann will be holding Watercolour and Acrylic classes that weekend. These classes filled up as soon as I announced them. Much valuable information and knowledge is gained by all.

Nada O'Loughlin- Yonge Group Leader



Garden Group

Spring is in the air and the gardens are starting to wake up with lots of colour. Take the time over the next few months and have a wander around to see everything coming out to see the sun! Check out our new Bromeliad garden at the back of the Westralia room. Wayne has recently planted it out from the very generous donations of all the Broms that were left at the centre. Thank you to whomever that was.

Our Spring Fair is just around the corner so a reminder to you all for donations of healthy potted plants. Leave them at the back of the garden which runs along the front of the Centre. All gifts are more than welcome.

Thank you **Helen Love**.



Mosaic Group

We have had a quiet few weeks actually. Several members are away on extended holidays and a couple have had accidents. Despite that we have had a happy time and I rather think our sales have been steady.

The next thing on our

agenda is the Spring Affair so we are organising ourselves to have a few extra unusual mosaics for sale.

Ruth Conley.



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Embroidery Group.

Our Group Leader Penelope while travelling via Kununurra to Broome and having a wonderful time, has completed her lovely Tuscan Scene cross stitch.



Some of the group are working on a beautiful pansy needle case experimenting using new threads.



We are all working hard on keeping our embroidery section beautiful with lots of our donated items and waiting for our leader to return with new ideas.

Sue for Penelope



Potter of the Month Teresa Kutcha

From an early stage I was always interested in arts and craft and using my hands to create ideas I had in my mind.

I started with creative pattern making, and undertook a retail fashion course. But my creative ideas turned more into using my hands to bring my ideas into reality. Knitting and crochet was always an activity that consumed much of my spare time. I also ventured into cake decorating, where I honed my skills in creating very fine objects such as bouquet flowers.

I turned my interest to lead lighting. I loved the colours and textures of the various glass and how it reflected light to create almost living creatures as I concentrated on flowers, animals and fish rather than traditional coloured glass patterns. The leftover glass cuttings found their own form into mosaic creations, such as a lizard sitting on a bush rock in my garden.

Always looking for new challenges, I took up pottery with the view of again creating objects with my own hands. Hand building is my passion, as I enjoy the feel of the clay being moulded and worked to objects that have a life of their own. My ideas and inspiration stems from my broad appreciation of nature - be they flowers or animals, and I look at what can be, rather than what is.



One of my first creations was the teddy bear and many have been enjoyed by young child, moving their arms and legs. I like to celebrate special times, and that is why my work around Christmas is creating snow men and Christmas trees, while Easter births chicken and rabbit figurines. Clowns depict festive times, and my ladies display elegance, as do the butterflies on my cut-out spheres.

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Artists of the Month Jenny Crozier

Jenny's artistic talent was evident at a very early age; she was always drawing and painting. Recognising her potential, her parents enrolled her with the Parramatta Art Society where she studied tone and composition. Her first exhibited work was shown at the age of twelve.

As an adult, Jenny worked as a ticket writer and illustrator in her chosen career. Later Jenny moved to Noosa where she continued her artistic skills and won her first award. Wishing to pass on her knowledge and passion for art, Jenny began classes for children and adults.

Over the ensuing years Jenny's work has won a total of 100 awards, 58 of which were achieved in the Newcastle area. Most recently her works were awarded in four categories at the Tilligerry Art Festival and 1st prize Major Award in the Raymond Terrace Art Show.

Not surprisingly, Jenny's work is much in demand and is displayed in many private and corporate collections in Australia and overseas. Jenny's philosophy towards art is "Always paint with a sense"



New Banner

A new Banner has been purchased and is on display within the Bryce Parry area of the Gallery. The Banner is being introduced to the gallery as a way of informing visitors about our groups.



Art Prize 2023

The Arts Centre will host the Art Prize from 24th March—2nd April 2023.

All Sponsors are in place and the categories decided by the committee before the event was cancelled in 2022 remain in place.

A meeting for the Art Prize Committee will be held on

Monday 19th September at 12 noon in the Westralia Room.

Categories are very wide and will be announced early October. Get your inspiration going.

Meryl Miller

Art Prize Coordinator



New Lighting

Since installing brighter energy efficient lighting in the Gallery and Hall our display space is more enticing!



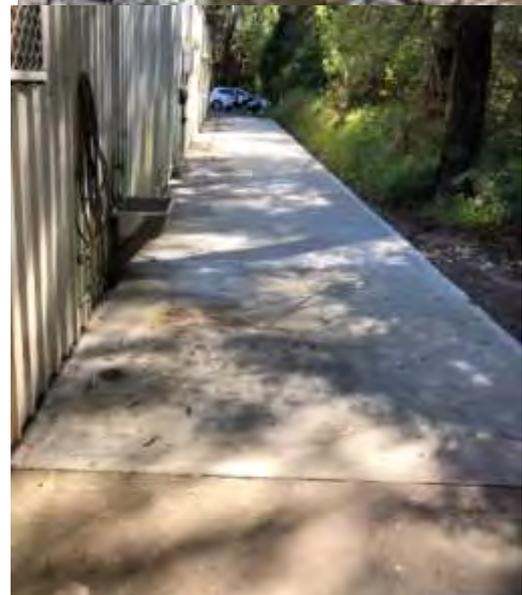
Woodworkers Group

Schools projects really are back now, after a two year break due to Covid. In the last newsletter we mentioned that that Karingal Pre School had asked us to do a parent/grandparent/child session. Since then we have a confirmed date for Bob's Farm School and the Tomaree Library have also asked us to hold a session for them in the October school holidays. So, with those sessions and the Spring Fair coming up, members are now busy making up kits to get our inventory numbers up to scratch. We need 50 tool boxes for Karingal alone! The picture is from last year's session in the library – we're not allowed to publish pictures of the children, so here's one of the adults!



The Woodies new concrete driveway alongside the Barn has been completed and is now an all-weather surface – see the before and after pictures!

Many thanks to Western Suburbs (Ncle) Leagues Club Ltd, and the AC for their help and also a very big thank you to Mark Plant from Plant from Plant Concrete and Civil who did the work. Mark built our extension a few years ago and offered us a very good deal on the driveway by throwing in his time for free. **Roger Delaney.**



Fusion Group

We had a delightful visitor from UK join us for several Fusion sessions. Chrissie was so inspired by our creative use of textiles and fibres, that she decided to start up her own creative fabrics group in her home town. Chrissie contacted her local U3A group leader, and by the time she left us (armed with a wealth of new techniques), there was a group organised and ready to start. Now we have gone international, and hope to have Chrissie join us again when she returns next year for a family stay.

Our group has almost completed a project that will be used next year as part of a raffle prize. We have mastered using our computer printer to transfer pictures directly onto fabric, and are now moving on to creating a mono-coloured square with a variety of fabrics, trims and sewing techniques. There's always something new and creative going on in Fusion!

Di and Sheila.



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Desk Duty Report

As you will know we have our Spring Affair on Saturday 10th September. Hopefully the gallery will be very busy so it might be useful to have a third person available to help out. I'm thinking that someone floating, who can help out if necessary, not a full 3 hour commitment, would be enough. Can you let me know if you are available?

Secondly, I am short of weekend workers I need someone for a Saturday morning and another for either a Saturday or Sunday morning. I'd rather have someone experienced, rather than a newbie, as there is less support around at weekends. Its much easier filling weekday slots so if you are willing to do a weekend instead of (or as even as well as!) your usual mid week session that would be very helpful.

I've also been asked by our gallery manager to point out that we do not put goods aside for people to come back & buy later. We can do lay-bys where a deposit is paid and it's adequately recorded but no putting stuff in the wrap room with a note that its going to be picked up and paid for in the future. The procedure for lay-bys is in the Procedures Folder under the desk.

Look out for the new evacuation notices. Our last ones were not compliant apparently. Its pretty obvious where our nearest door is but you may have to assist visitors so please

make yourself familiar with the evacuation procedures.

Finally I need to update the emergency list. Before I went away in May I had some new volunteers but didn't add them to the computer & have lost their names. Several people have left the list & I find I'm ringing the same few people all the time when I need to fill a slot gently. This is happening two or three times a week at the moment. Please consider adding your name if you don't mind doing the odd extra session. You can always say no if asked to do a session & you don't have to tell me why. Last week I rang about 10 people before finding someone to fill a slot and every single one of them told me what they were doing! It was an interesting picture of life in the Bay but a yes or no is sufficient. I don't hold a refusal against you & it can be interesting working with different people.

Chris Morgan

0473 201 589



Monday Mixed Media Painters

An enthusiastic group of painters attend weekly. All are extremely appreciative of the coaching received from our

Group leader Bev Henry. All attendees look forward to show and tell at the end of each session.

Meryl Miller.



SPOTLIGHTS numerous— Giveaway

Preloved Gallery Spotlights are available for a new home. They require the tracking to make complete.

Please Contact: Marianne if interested:

mariannewton@hotmail.com

Marianne Newton.





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Artists Being Recognised



Ileana Clarke.
Winner of the pencil, pen, ink category, Singleton Art Prize.



Any Other Medium
First Eleanor Anson,
"Golden Lilliums"



Kay McFarlane Smith
Miniature at the
Currabubula Art Show
with Lakes of Killarney



Christine Leaming's
Pastel being
used as a
fund raiser
for Cancer
Council's
Daffodil Day



Kay McFarlane Smith
Highly Commended for
Landscape at the Dobell
Art Festival with
Sunshine and Shadows



Marianne Newton



Currabubula
Art Show
Watercolour
First Prize
Eleanor
Anson, "What
The...!"



Gay Stehr



Meryl Miller

Echo Net Work Port Stephens Arrrrrt finalists winners announced 11th September