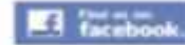




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BOARD NEWS

Pleased to advise that your Board of Management for the 2020 – 2021 year is

President – Carolyn Virgona

Treasurer – Noelene Fraser

Secretary – Robyn Killen

Gallery Manager – Di Adamson

Group Liaison – Colleen Sessions

Publicity/Advertising – Meryl Miller

Thank you to all who participated in the changed format for the 2020 September Meetings.

We are all looking forward to a bright new beginning. Can't wait, 2020 – 2021 is going to be GREAT.

BEST NEWS EVER OUR GALLERY WILL OPEN ON

Wednesday the 21st October 2020

Gallery doors will be open for the AM shift at 10am sharp.

Cheers Rob

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It now feels like the Arts Centre is moving back toward a more normal life. Spring is here and although we haven't had the bustle and excitement of the Spring Fair this year, there is plenty to do to prepare for the re-opening of the Gallery on 21st October. The re stocking of the Gallery display is well underway.

I'm looking forward to seeing how members' creativity has been driven and inspired by the pandemic and the changes we've all had to cope with.

Currently the Board is dealing with a termite infestation in the fairy garden, water pressure issues, accounting changes and soon we'll be going ahead with the installation of solar panels as per voting at the AGM.

I would love to see a kinder atmosphere emerging in the Centre, with more communication, less gossip, less "me", more 'us'. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep our show on the road.

Your President - **Carolyn**

TOMAREE LIBRARY PAINTINGS

A selection of 7 paintings will be hung in the Library to coincide with the Arts Centre opening on October 21st.

Deliver these selected paintings to Painters Storeroom on Monday 19th October.

Please contact Judy Jones on 0400 652 383 with your painting details for labelling prior to delivery.

Previous Paintings from Library to be collected from storeroom from Monday 26th October.

Cheers

Marianne and Judy - Coordinators

FAIRY LETTERS



I am looking forward to receiving letters from some of the younger visitors to our area. Even if the letters are not written on fairy letter paper I will be happy to reply to any letters posted in the special fairy letter box.

Best wishes from **FELICITY THE FAIRY.**

Thank you to everyone who's been working behind the scenes to prepare our Art Centre for opening to visitors on 21 October. Gardeners, organisers of displays and rosters, those creating items to sell, and those who make their own quiet contributions – make a strong team that's much appreciated by everyone.

Soon we will begin planning for our 2021 Exhibition Calendar. If you have suggestions for themes, or would like to be a featured artist, or have a group interested in having a display in the Annex, please let me know.

The updated procedures for delivery and display of craftworks items in our gallery is on the last page of the Info Bulletin. These items are goods with a craft, baby & toddler, or knitting sales tags. Please read this information carefully and feel free to contact me if you need any further clarification.

INVITATION TO 2021 EXHIBITION PLANNING MEETING

All gallery members are invited to participate.

Details: Tuesday 3rd November at 1pm in the Westralia Room. Due to current protocols, the number of people in this room is limited. Should the need arise, a ballot will be held to ensure fair representation of as many members and groups as possible. Please contact me before October 19th if you would like to attend.

Di Adamson Rnd2315@gmail.com



THE SATURDAY STITCHERY

Our next gathering will be on Sat 3 Oct 1-3pm – all are welcome to join us. Bring along whatever you are working on, and enjoy some pleasant friendship & creativity. Jenny Quirk has kindly offered to become our Group Leader – thank you, Jenny!

Di Adamson

GALLERY/HALL EXHIBITIONS - 21 OCTOBER 2020

Exciting times are ahead for our first Public Opening Exhibition, since the Covid Closure.

Theme: Abstract/Modern.

Guidelines for these Exhibitions have been distributed to Painters Group Leaders and a copy is pinned to Painters Notice Board.

Please see Marianne or Judy Jones if you have any queries re hanging your artworks.

1. Delivery of paintings for the Gallery Exhibition Monday 19 October to Painters Storeroom. Please do not deliver before Monday as we need storage space for other projects.
2. Delivery of artworks for Hall and Annex - See your Group Leader for appointed areas.

Marianne Newton & Judy Jones Gallery Exhibition Coordinating Team



PASTEL GROUP

We are continuing to meet on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Our skill building exercises included interpreting rocks in pastel and using large loose marks to depict roses from Meryl's garden.

Next month we will continue learning how to depict flowers, this time in a hyper realistic way.

Christine Leaming

THE EMBROIDERY GROUP ladies have returned to the Arts Centre each Friday morning. We have decided to update our sign in the alcove where we display our work. We are each embroidering a letter for the sign. Employing a number of distinctive stitching style to showcase our art. Here are some of the completed letters. We are all looking forward to seeing the finished piece on display when the Gallery opens to the public later this month. **PENELOPE HIGHLAND**



BONSAI GROUP OCTOBER

What a strange Spring we have had – boiling hot one day and freezing cold the next! Our trees don't know what they are doing!

TIPS- Maples should be pinched out regularly by pinching out the new bud between each pair of new leaves to control the length of the internodes and produce smaller leaves.

Elms and hornbeams can be pruned back to the 2nd leaf when shoots have produced 5 to 7 leaves.

Remove spent flowers on Azaleas and repot immediately after flowering. Pinch back Junipers with finger tips not scissors to avoid browning and start candle pinching on Pines for compact growth. Now it is warmer Figs can be cut back hard if they have become leggy as they shoot back on old wood.

Regular fertilizing can be done with a fish emulsion etc. and liquid potash for flowering plants. Use only a specialized Native fertilizer for Aussie natives as they don't like phosphorus. Keep watch on trees that were wired over winter to ensure the wire doesn't cut into branches with their accelerated growth.

Happy Bonsaiing **Carol Rigby**



The **POTTERY** Groups now have the use of a brand new and improved glaze spray booth. It has a more efficient filter, fan and motor.

Thanks go to the Board for approving the funding for this project.

Huge thanks must also go to Dave Briskham for all the work he put into getting the new booth installed and working so quickly.

All three pottery groups are being well attended, while observing Covid restrictions, and producing some wonderful pieces. We are all looking forward to being able to have our pottery on show in the Gallery again very soon.

Congratulations to Dave Briskham for being selected as a finalist in the recent Gosford Ceramic Art Show.

COLLEEN SESSIONS



UNFRAMED PAINTING STANDS



Tuesday the 13th October at 1pm is the set up date for the unframed paintings; all are welcome to add to this display. All works must be well presented in a mat and neatly wrapped in clear plastic or cellophane. Painting tags on front to be on top left hand side and on back in centre at top. Please drop off you works on or before Tuesday the 13th. They may be left in painters store room.

If you need any further information please ring Nada on 0413656396

PAPER CRAFT AND QUILLING UPDATING

We are happy to report that both the Paper Craft and Quilling groups continue to be well supported and have produced some impressive work. From October we will be making Christmas cards, decorations, gift boxes, etc.

Notes written on hand made cards have been sent out to people who are feeling the pressures of not being able to see friends and family due to travel and visiting restrictions. We hope those notes will add a little brightness to their lives during the pandemic.

The out dated cards not collected from the drawers have been donated to charity as the final date for their collection was 18th September. We now invite you to place up to ten additional cards in your plastic zip lock bags in the drawer below the card display shelves. Please date these cards 10/20 on the back of the white sales tags. Multi dimensional cards are always appreciated.

We are all hoping to be able to meet as one large group for Paper Crafting before too long but fear that it won't happen this year.

Stay well and be creative,

Helen (Paper Craft) and Wendy (Quilling).



Monday pm Watercolour Group

We are all very excited to be able to go ahead with our groups Watercolour Exhibition. It will be held in the Annex from Wednesday the 21st October till the 11th November (all being well)

The potters will be exhibiting with us; this will be a very exciting and different display, combining the two. Everyone is very pleased about being able to display their works; many are very new to watercolour and have created some amazing pieces.



A lunch was held this week to farewell Carol Wad who is moving back to Dubbo. Carol is pictured front row on the left. Carol is one of our newer members and will be missed by all. We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys some happy times painting.

NADA

Conditions for Display of Craftworks PSCAC

All work displayed at the gallery must contain an element handcrafted by you. It is your responsibility to ensure that there is no copyright attached to what you are selling. Please keep your own record of stock that you bring into the gallery for sale.

Tags:

Display your item number and price on the front side; current date code on the back side. Attach the tag firmly to your item for sale.

NO DATE = NO DISPLAY

Washable Items must display a **Washing Instructions** tag also – these are in a box in the outer office, near the New Tags concertina folder.

<u>Made from</u>	<u>Instructions</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wool	<input type="checkbox"/> Machine washable
<input type="checkbox"/> Mohair	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand wash
<input type="checkbox"/> Cashmere	<input type="checkbox"/> Gentle hand wash
<input type="checkbox"/> Cotton	<input type="checkbox"/> Short spin dry
<input type="checkbox"/> Linen	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not spin dry
<input type="checkbox"/> Alpaca	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry flat in shade
<input type="checkbox"/> Silk	<input type="checkbox"/> Squeeze dry in towel
<input type="checkbox"/> Acrylic	<input type="checkbox"/> Press with warm iron
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry clean only

All items brought into the gallery are to be placed in the New Stock drawer in the wrap room – not put on display.

Only those authorised by the Gallery Manager are to place items for sale in the gallery. Currently these people are Di Adamson, Sally O'Neil and Bev O'Neil.

Display of any item is at the discretion of the Gallery Manager. Any items deemed unsuitable will be returned to the owner, with an explanation for this decision. Items on display shelves will be removed after 6 months, if unsold. This is to ensure consistent rotation of stock.

You need to frequently check the Old Stock drawer in the wrap room for any items belonging to you – take them home for a 6-months rest. If you wish to return an item to the gallery after this date, a new tag with current date code must be used.

Di Adamson

Gallery Manager

MAIN GALLERY PAINTERS EXHIBITION

21 Oct - 1 Dec

THEME: ABSTRACT/MODERN

GUIDE: Texture, patterns/shapes, colour, form, mixed media, street art, recycle materials

SIZE: Up to a metre on any one side

NO: 2 per person

SPECIAL OPENING: HALL EXHIBITION - MIXED GROUPS

MIXED EXHIBITION - HALL

21 OCT - 1 DEC

THEME: Artist own GUIDE: Painting or Craft piece Conditions for works to be displayed in the hallway Mixed Exhibition:

1 only item per member

All items must be for sale, with correct tag

Size limit is no greater than 30cm x 45cm

All hanging artworks are to be either framed or on stretched canvas

Shelves in the hallway are 25cm deep

MARIANNE NEWTON