PRESIDENT

Well, winter is well and truly here! If you are like me, you will actually not mind too much as it means there is a good reason to stay warm and cosy indoors and DO SOMETHING CREATIVE, without the guilt that can be felt if the sun is shining.

At the end of winter comes Spring which means the Daffodil Festival is just around the corner.

The Woodies will again be erecting their tent in the court yard and demonstrating for visitors. (That is, if they can fit around the table and benches which have been bolted down in the middle of the space!) We are again asking for Gallery members to man the door from the hall into the courtyard. If you can help, please add your name to the roster on the front desk.

Congratulations to the Painters whose members have had successes in several exhibitions.

I am sure all of you who have been in the Gallery lately will have noticed that the floor has been covered in parts with a silicone finish to lessen the risk of tripping in the areas where the grout was missing. Down the track, we will need to decide on a more permanent solution. If you have any thoughts on this please let us know.

Thanks to Alysia who has painted all of the plinths which has given them all a fresh new look. Thanks again to Alysia and the display committee for the great job they are doing.

Noelle Walker President

THINK GIFT
THINK GALLERY

Please, pretty please! HELP! We need an hour of your time for Hall door duty during the three days of the Daffodil Festival, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th, Saturday 30th August. (By having the hall side door open each festival for the past 12 years, we have had 500 to 600 visitors over the three days.) All you need are warm clothes and a warm smile. The yellow roster sheet is on the Gallery desk.
**PAINTERS**

Some success was had at the Corinella Art Show (Queens Birthday weekend). Of the 11 paintings sold, 3 were from our group, 1 Peg Elliott, and 2 Florence Stone, who also received a Highly Commended. *Congratulations girls.*

Heather Bruce has 4 pieces of her work at the Stockyard Gallery, Foster at present.

One of our members Ann Todd recently had a surprise 70th Birthday at Café OK, Fish Creek. We were all invited to attend and had a great day.

Plenty of our cards are selling well at Gallery and a few paintings too.

*Daffodil Festival – springtime theme.* The Gallery display committee would love paintings of springtime flowers/ Daffodils please; we are hoping to display a floral wall of paintings for the Daffodil Festival at the end of August, how fantastic would that look!!! And for other members, please any other springtime items.

Happy Painting, Robyn Henn.

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**WOODWORKERS**

Welcome to new member Andrew and to prospective member Mick, both of whom are having some tuition in woodturning and working on projects.

During an enjoyable visit to the Gippsland Woodies' Open Day at Nambrok on June 7th we checked out the on-site timber milling, admired the creative artistry of a chain saw sculptor, and chatted with fellow woodies. Their well-equipped machinery shed, work shop and comfortable club rooms are clear evidence of a very popular, active and progressive club.

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition at Nunawading in June again show-cased the brilliance of turners throughout Australia. The “Eiffel Tower”, a major prize winner, was constructed from 700 individually turned wooden pieces, many only 2 mm in diameter – certainly a work of art, and a test of patience and perseverance. This exhibition is a must see for all woodturners. As well as highlighting the natural beauty of hundreds of different types of timber, it provides a great opportunity to chat with the experts, and hopefully not be tempted to hide one's own “masterpieces”.

Our meetings are still on the second Monday of each month. We also have Club work sessions twice a month at Koonwarra. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For details contact Eric Miles 56642239, Don Cooper 56644308 or Glenice Emmerson 56622082.

Currently we are preparing some garden furnishings as Club projects for the Daffodil Festival. Our tent, with woodturning, scroll sawing, display & sales will be in the Gallery Courtyard on Thursday 28th to Saturday 30th August. Set up will be Wednesday 27th August. Items for the Gallery display are required by 10am on Tuesday 26th, or to Glenice before then.

Glenice Emmerson
“WOW! How spacious, open and colourful the Gallery is looking”, are the comments we are hearing.

Thank you to all our members on the great range of quality artwork and craft items available for display. It is a great pleasure to showcase our local talents. Keep up the great work.

The Leongatha Embroidery Group exhibited their beautiful artwork over Easter. It was a huge success and brought lots of new and repeat visitors to our gallery.

**Painters there are now new uniform labels.** These are located in the stock book drawer behind the desk. Labels are to be filled out as required, member no. & price sticker to be put on the back of the label so that it can be pulled off if the artwork is sold & the new label can go with the sold painting. Painters are now required to leave their work on the black shelves for the display committee to hang.

The take home artwork shelf has been relocated under the lay-by shelf and beside the white shelves for the paintings that also needed to be taken home, leaving plenty of room for incoming artwork on the black shelves. We would like to remind members that the top shelves of the black shelves are being used for any excess artwork that cannot fit in the shelves on the back wall.

At the moment there is a lot of ‘OUT OF DATE’ artwork sitting in these shelves waiting to be collected. Please check to see if any of your work is there (Please remember it is your responsibility to check if your artwork has been in the gallery for over 12 months and to sign it out of the stock book).

There is a member’s notice board in operation above the ‘stock for gallery’ shelf. Please check the notice board when you are in the gallery. This will hopefully reduce the clutter on the front desk.

It must be noted that any comments, suggestions and complaints must be directed to the display committee or president, either in person or through the suggestion/comments folder located beside the microwave in kitchen.

The display committee have been looking into a new picture hanging system that will be suitable for our gallery.

Later this year we are having **A CHRISTMAS / TOY SPECTACULAR**. We would appreciate all toys and Christmas artwork to be brought into the gallery by early October so that the display can be organised.

We would like to thank the people who helped us to display our artwork successfully:-

The President’s husband, for taking a section of the bottom of a couple of plinths.

Glenice Emmerson for cutting up foam for the painting stands. More foam cutting will be needed in the future when we get the other stand completed. At the moment we do not need any more foam. Thanks to the members who brought in some.

Thank you to Peg and Graeme Elliot and Kelly Smith for helping me with the painting.

Thank you to Jenene Evans for making more subject headings for the card stand & the gallery backroom. Hopefully this will make it easier for members and customers to find what they are looking for.

Thank you to Karen Pedretti for keeping our Facebook page up to date and for joining the display committee.
Thank you to Kate Norton for all the photographs of our artwork for the new signs and our Facebook page.

Thank you to Elaine Stainkamph and Karen Pedretti for helping me to clean up in the back room after the painting.

Thank you to the committee for purchasing us a new ladder. It has been used and we feel safe using it.

*The Display Committee are:* Alysia Norton and Karen Pedretti, (Display Committee Support) Lyn Brown, Jenene Evans, Peg Elliot, Kelly Smith, (Mentor and Advisor) Pat Dale
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Cheers Jenene Evans