



LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2014
10 AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

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Roster: Jenene Evans

NOTE: SUBS NOW \$20

**THINK GIFT
THINK GALLERY**

PRESIDENT

I hope you all had a happy and restful holiday break and are recharged and ready to get back into normal routine again.

The gallery is in need of new stock after good sales over the summer, so get busy everyone! Remember to check the dates on your items in the gallery and remove any old (over 12 months) or tired looking pieces.

The AGM this month will mark the end of my year as president. It was a great shock to me to walk away from the first meeting I attended, as president, but I must say I have enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to get to know a lot of you. I encourage you to come to our monthly meetings, which are quite informal and fun, and usually last no more than an hour or two. It's a great way to have a say in what happens in your gallery. My heartfelt thanks go to all the committee members, who have welcomed me, encouraged me and made my job easier.



Thank you to the display committee for the wonderful job they did with arranging my exhibition, which ran through December and January. I was very pleased with the response to it and it even resulted in me making contact with long lost friends who have moved to Leongatha and saw the article in the paper advertising the exhibition!

Tric Hill has been busy applying for and receiving grants from the shire to help in the purchase of much needed signs to replace our tired and tatty ones. Final design details are still to be finalised, but we should have them soon. Thanks Tric!

Lastly, thanks to all of you who do duty in the gallery. It is in all of our interests to have gallery open for as many hours as possible. A special thank you goes to Elaine Staink amph who went above and beyond the call of duty, over the summer rosters, opening up on several Tuesdays. The resulting sales made it well worth while, but we can't expect one person to do it all the time. So if you have some free time, please check the roster for spaces and fill in when you can.

Noelle Walker President

TREASURER

A warm welcome to all new members to the Leongatha Gallery, it's great to have new artwork for display.

As the end of the financial year draws to a close, the gallery finances for 2013-14 are looking very similar to last year, or could be slightly higher, this is good news. As we have not advertised as extensively in the past 12 months our profit margin will be greater than last year.

Our President Noelle Walker had a very successful exhibition of her beading & embroidery exhibition with a lot of her work being purchased. I am sure this contributed to our high sales in November. Sales for Nov through to mid Feb have been very good, with Nov being the highest since I have been Treasurer. A wide range of goods have been selling, and a lot of new members have had sales.

Please keep up the good work at being diligent when recording your stock numbers, and when entering numbers into the day book. Very few mistakes last month.



At our February meeting it was decided to include a renewal form to be completed when payment is made for the 2014-15 annual membership. It would be appreciated if you could complete the form and return with your subscription fee either in person to the gallery or by post as soon as possible.

Heather Bruce Treasurer

PAINTERS

The recent Korumburra Art Show (8th & 9th February) with over 200 entries proved very successful for our group with 2 entries highly commended (Flo Stone and Pauline John) and 4 sales, 2 for Peg Elliott, 1 for Pauline and 1 yours truly. On the 20th February I hitched a ride with Flo and some of her students for some retail therapy (Art Supplies). We went to Yarragon, but found the Art Supply Shop shut for the day. Had coffee and visited the gallery then on to Morwell Art & Framers for supplies then on to Traralgon for lunch. A very enjoyable day out.

Flo is currently in Tasmania (painting holiday with John Lovett) and 2 of her students, Irene and Robyn. Can't wait to see all the lovely work they will produce!

I am going to an all-day painting demo at Inverloch on the 23rd March (4 artists), will report on this later. Also welcome to our newest member Jenny McDonald from Inverloch.

Happy Painting, Robyn Henn.

WOODWORKERS

Following our Annual Meeting in February Office Bearers remain the same: Eric Miles – President, Don Cooper – Secretary, Glenice Emmerson – Treasurer.

Meetings at 7:30pm on 2nd Monday each Month and hands on two Tuesdays each month at 7:30pm. Subs remain the same at \$40 which included \$20 LACS membership. New members and visitors are always welcome. Further details from Eric, Don & Glenice. Instruction is available for anyone wanting to start wood turning (**be careful it can be addictive**).

Thanks to Jim Geary for flying our flag by demonstrating scroll-sawing at Korumburra A & P Society Show in February. He also exhibited successfully in the wood craft section.

*"Perfection is over rated.
I'd rather be creative!"*

Our next public outing will be at the Korumburra Working Horse & Tractor Rally at Nyora on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th March. Hopefully members will have lots of their work on display as well as wood turning and scroll-sawing demonstrations.

Glenice Emmerson

GALLERY – EXHIBITION / DISPLAY

In the lead up to Easter we have changed the display again. We hope that the members like it as much as the general public have. The new look of the gallery has had many comments about how spacious, open and colourful it looks.

Congratulations! Noelle Walker our president on a very successful exhibition. If any other members are interested in a mini exhibition for their art work please contact the display committee. **Over Easter the Leongatha Embroidery group will be showcasing their work**, we hope it will be as successful as it was last year.

Painters need to check the labels on their paintings as the sun has faded some of them dramatically, Painters also need to check the backs of their paintings as the heat has lifted backing materials.

Creativity

*is inventing,
experimenting,
growing,
taking risks,
breaking rules,
making mistakes,
and having*

Fun!

At the moment there is a lot of out of date artwork sitting on the take home shelf waiting to be collected, members please check to see if your work is there (please remember it is your responsibility to check if your art work has been in the gallery for over 12 months, it is classed as out of date according to gallery policy).

Also when bringing in new work, please remember it needs to be put on the 'incoming-shelf' in the store room, priced and labelled ready for the display committee. (Just a note also re labels – please keep them as small as possible, and not too bright, artwork displays more appealing that way.

We also thank, Kelly Smith, Lyn Brown and her husband for helping to keep a fresh look in the gallery in the run up to Christmas and over the New Year.

Alisha Norton, Peg Elliot, Jenene Evans

ROSTER NEWS

Many thanks again to everyone helping with duty. And as always please contact me if you have any queries.

Remember – we cannot sell your work unless we are open to the public.

Jenene Evans