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PRESIDENT
Hello Everyone,

It’s that time again! I know some of you have already started putting stock in the Gallery for the Christmas trade, but for those of you who think Christmas is still a while away, and you have plenty of time – think again! The Gallery looks great and the comments made by visitors are always very positive. Thanks as always go to our wonderful display girls, Alysia and Karen who go in each week to add new items and rearrange where necessary.

Gift givers are increasingly looking for items that are not run-of-the-mill and we certainly offer that to visitors and customers of the Gallery. So, now is the time to add new stock for the Christmas trading period if you haven’t already done so.

Tric has made a booking at the Rusty Windmill for a Christmas get-together lunch on Monday 7th December. If you would like to join us please call Tric so she can keep track of the numbers. Please come! Our last meeting for the year will be on Thursday 26th November at the Community House. I encourage you to join us at these meetings and have your say.

Why are you trying so hard to fit in, when you were born to STAND OUT.

Best wishes to all for the festive season. Noelle Walker President

PAINTERS
The Camberwell Art Show (Mon 13th July) was a great day out. Lunch at a local hotel, a bit of retail therapy on the way home. Thanks again to David (our obliging bus driver). An exhibition of paintings for sale by our art group and Florence’s students proved a great success – 195 paintings on display. 12 were sold, also 46 cards sold and raffle raised $147.00 and gold coin donation $140.50.

The weekend of the 14th & 15th November, Florence and her students held an Art Show at the Loch Hall, Vera Derrick and I went over for a look on Sunday and was very impressed.

By Sunday afternoon they had sold 8 paintings (out of a total of 102) and 25 cards. Well done to Flo and her students.

Happy Painting, Robyn Henn.
The Display Committee would like to apologise for missing the last newsletter. Alysia had an operation and was unable to do much leaving the majority of the work to Karen and Pat.

We would like to thank our members for the great range of artwork and craft items. It has been a pleasure to showcase our local talents. Keep creating everyone as more art work is needed.

Over the Daffodil Festival our Wood Workers showed their wonderful talents in a live demonstration of their wood working techniques and a static exhibition of their craftsmanship. By all accounts this was a successful part of the festival again this year.

In Dec 2015/Jan 2016 one of our young members will be having an exhibition. Kelly Smith will be displaying her work.

The Display Committee would like to thank the following people who helped us to display our artwork successfully.

To Pat Dale for her advice and expertise in helping us to display your artwork.
To Karen Pedretti for keeping our face book page up to date.
To John for keeping our webpage updated as well.
To Jenene Evans for keeping us informed with the wonderful newsletter and the name tags.
To the members who have brought in Christmas Cards and Decorations.
To the mystery members who always read our notes and complete the jobs that we run out of time to do.

The display committee is in the process of preparing a jobs roster for duty members to complete when rostered on.

It is proposed:-

Every Day:
Desks are to be wiped down and to tidy up pamphlets. To clean up the kitchen including washing any unwashed dishes and putting them away. Empty the bin if it is full or contains food scraps, no food stuff to be left overnight.

Mondays:
Change the tea towel and hand towel.
Clean the sink, wipe out fridge and microwave.
Vacuum or sweep kitchen floor.
Then if time permits to tidy up the stock shelves.
Dirty laundry will be picked up for washing by the Display Committee on Tuesdays.

Wednesday:
General tidy up.

Thursdays:
The front doors are to be cleaned inside and out.
The window sills need to be wiped.
Dust the plinths and around the art work.

Fridays:
The rubbish bins need to be emptied and new liners put in (plenty of shopping bags in the holder beside the tea towel).
Vacuum the gallery including around the plinths and cupboards late in the afternoon (no need to move them the Display Committee will move them for cleaning if necessary).

Members need to know that if they wish to put labels on their artwork, the Display Committee has set the size of the labels that is required. The size is 5cm x 3cm.
Members are still taking it upon themselves to rearrange the display. THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE Display Committee. Where a hole exists due to a sale or the item being removed members are then allowed to fill that spot and that spot only.

As previously mentioned we colour co-ordinate the display and also set items facing the window so people passing by are able to see what we have available inside.

We do not appreciate our efforts being undone by artists moving their own work to where they want and also placing unauthorised signs on their pieces.

Painters need to be reminded that there are now uniform labels for their work. These are located in the stock book drawer behind the desk. Could they be filled out and placed with artwork out the back on the incoming stock shelf so the display committee can arrange them in the gallery according to frame and subject.

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 left the backing materials in a sorry state on some. Please ensure that proper backing material and tapes are used.

The Members Notice Board seems to be working well. Members please check the board above gallery stock shelves when you are next in the gallery for notes that may concern you.

We are also in the process of updating the name tags again. If you don’t have a name tag and would like one could you please leave your name on the note on noticed board and we will attend to it as soon as possible.

New stock is very much appreciated and currently there is a need for more art work.

Members on duty are signing up new members without the approval of the Display Committee! The Display Committee needs to assess the quality of prospective new members art work before they are approved to ensure that the required standard as set by the Gallery Committee is met.

In the general public’s eye the Gallery is considered as a craft display. We are continually striving to lift the quality of our display so that visitors will feel that it is an art gallery with funky crafts. Therefore any craft related items need to be of an artistic nature and not general craft items (as you would see in markets).

As with new members, existing members must ensure that their work meets the requirements as set by the Gallery Committee (further information can be obtained from the Display Committee).

The Display Committee consists of Alysia Norton and Karen Pedretti with Jenene Evans, Peg Elliot, Kelly Smith (Display Committee Support) and Pat Dale (Mentor and Advisor).

Alysia Norton & Karen Pedretti

ROSTER NEWS

Many thanks again to those that help with duty. We understand members have busy lives and some have work to go to, but if you feel you could spare a few hours to do duty once a month, or fill in at odd times when you are available it would be very much appreciated.

Members also please remember to help while on duty by sweeping, including leaves outside gallery, dusting or cleaning if need be, this is a huge help to the display committee, who put in their time to display your items, it is everyone’s responsibility to keep our gallery tip top.

Another reminder to members that the monthly meetings are held at 10am on the 4th Thursday of the month at Community House, please consider coming along, we are in need of more members at these meetings in order to keep the Gallery functioning.

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

And as always please contact me if you have any queries.  

Jenene Evans
WOODWORKERS

The fine weather during the Daffodil Festival meant that we stayed warm and dry in the courtyard and it encouraged many interested visitors who boosted club sales.

Welcome to Mathew Thomas whose woodturning is already progressing well. Work rate for club projects will need to move into overdrive in preparation for the Korumburra Working Horse & Tractor Rally on March 19th and 20th – bird boxes, boot pulls, boot stand, spinning tops and hopefully more inspirational ideas. We also have some orders to complete before Christmas.

Members are also reminded that it is time for more Christmas gift items in the Gallery, and more volunteers are needed for the Gallery duty roster.

Jim and his scroll saw will soon be spending a craft weekend at Churchill, catching up with mates and sharing tips and ideas.

The next hands on nights are Tuesday Nov 17th and Dec 1st at 7:30pm.

December 14th will be our Christmas BBQ, 6:30pm onwards, bring your family and your own eats and drinks. Venue to be notified.

There will be no further hands on night until after the January 11th meeting.

Glenice Emmerson
Members wishing to have their newsletter emailed instead of posted please let me know, my email is bundilla50@bigpond.com

Cheers Jenene Evans

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Jenene Evans