



# LEONGATHA ART & CRAFT SOCIETY NEWS

**NEXT MEETING (ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING) –  
THURSDAY 28TH JULY 2016  
10 AM AT LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE**

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**Next LACS August meeting will be 1 week earlier on August 18th.**

## PRESIDENT

Hello Members

I trust you are all keeping warm! Whilst the rain is very welcome, the colder weather can be a bit depressing for some. (I actually love winter; it gives me a great excuse – not that I need one – to be indoors doing the things I love to do!)

As always, the gallery is looking great, thanks to Alysia and Karen. Remember to keep an eye on your own stock and if it has been there longer than 12 months, maybe it's time to replace it with something new. New stock for display and sale is to be left in the back room so that Alysia can find just the right spot for it.

Thanks too to the display girls for the hard work they did putting the Creative Gippsland Exhibition together, which showcased the talents of local students as well as our own members work. Well done!

Welcome to our new members. I hope you will enjoy being a part of this talented art and craft community, and if you are able, spend time doing duty in the gallery once a month. Manning the gallery continues to be a concern, so if you have not done duty in the past, please consider it. Remember you pay less commission on sales if you do!

After the AGM in March, some new office bearers were elected, and are as follows. Robyn Henn is the new Secretary, with Margaret Nelson to assist. Tric Hill is the new Treasurer with Tess Flaherty to assist. I remain as President, but would like to step down next year, so please give some thought to the identity of my replacement! I would encourage you to come to our monthly meetings, (10am at the Leongatha Community House, 16 Bruce St.) This is the way you can really have a say in the way the gallery is run. *All* meetings are open to *all* members and the committee appreciates input and suggestions from everyone.

Congratulations to our Painting and Woodworking groups who have achieved success in exhibitions and shows over the last few months.

Thank you to all the committee members for their help and support over the past year.

*Noelle Walker President*

## PAINTERS

Members continue to meet at the Guide Hall, and enjoy the open fire which is kindly lit by Graham Elliot each week.

**Olive Omerod has an exhibition at Meeniyah Art Gallery which will continue for 1 month.** She has already sold 2 paintings.

Bev Mitchell held a very successful exhibition at Meeniyah with many sales and some commissions.

Members are reminded that **entries for the Rotary Art Show close on August 5<sup>th</sup>**. The show will be held at Mesley Hall this year from Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Happy Painting, Teresa Bateman.*

## DISPLAY COMMITTEE

As always we are in need of new art work, **new creations would be fantastic**, also needing more scarves, hats and felt books.

All Members please check to see if you have any items on the 'take home shelves' in the back room, this need to be cleared out. Any items that have been in gallery more than 12 months, need to be taken home.

Would be great to have some amazing art work for the **Daffodil Festival** coming up at the end of August, there will be lots of customers looking for that special gift, for xmas, overseas family and friends, babies etc.

**Let's get busy!!**

*Alysia Norton & Karen Pedretti*

*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).*



## TREASURER

Sales at the Gallery are going well, if a little quiet over the winter months. Remember to engage with our visitors, possibly helping them with their purchases by making suggestions so that they might have an enjoyable arty experience. Remember we know what's in the gallery, so can use that knowledge to try to match it to our visitors' needs.

So that we can sell and share our wonderful creations, having the Gallery open is most important. If this year your circumstances have changed, why not have a monthly stint manning the desk. **As a little winter incentive, you may be in the draw for a quarterly voucher of \$25 to use in the gallery.** For every time you do roster duty, you're in the draw, so good luck! 🍀

Our grant application with the Shire of South Gippsland has not been successful this time, so it's back to the drawing board to work on our next creative plan! In the past we have had success with grants, so we are not giving up just yet! If you hear of any interesting grants in this area, please let me know...

As the new Treasurer, I would like to thank my predecessors for doing a great job in keeping the gallery finances running smoothly, and I hope to be able one day to become just a tiny bit as good as our wonderful Heather Bruce who looked after the gallery for many years in this capacity. Thank You Heather!

*Patricia Hill Treasurer/Grants/Publicity Officer.*

## WOODWORKERS

Very little has been happening of late, with members either keeping warm inside or travelling – Eric to Japan, Jim to Wangaratta for a scroll-sawing weekend. A few attended the Australian Woodturning Championship exhibition in Nunawading and again marvelled at what can be done with lateral thinking, creativity, skill and time at the lathe.

Time to come out of hibernation Woodies, to allow enough time to prepare for the Daffodil Festival. We need all your fine, finished, creative masterpieces. We also need to complete a few club projects. Set up in the Gallery will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August; tent in the courtyard will appear on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and working display and sales will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Hands on Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Glenice Emmerson

*Please, pretty please, add your name to the Hall door roster for the Daffodil Festival, so that we can encourage lots of visitors to the Gallery on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August. The yellow sheet is at the desk in the Gallery. All you need is a warm smile and lots of warm clothing.*

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please Note the August LACS meeting will be 1 week earlier on August 18<sup>th</sup>, due to the Daffodil Festival being the week of our usual meeting.

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

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

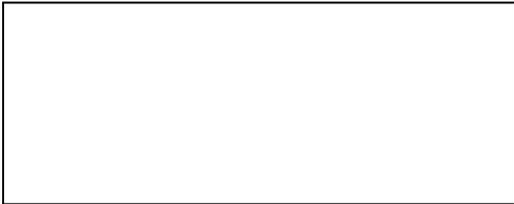
Jenene Evans

*I smile because I don't know what  
the hell is going on!*

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Jenene Evans

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