

Art-I-Facts



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Unite Inspire Paint
Art Exhibition and Sale 2024.
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President's Report

Now two months already into 'The Year of The Dragon', we have survived the rigors of the long Christmas Break, special holidays, visiting family and friends and entertaining little grandchildren (rampant). We have come back to operational strength in '24 to confront a diminished membership base – some 150 failed to rejoin. Growth and strong commitments from membership are important expectations. We must attempt to fill that void as soon as possible. Prior to COVID we were 610 – and that's a sound target to work on, going forward this year and the next.

Of greatest import to comment on in this Edition is the preparation, holding and the most satisfying outcome of the AGM, Monday 26 February 2024. It was an AGM very well prepared and managed by Secretary Maureen Markwell. Over 50 were in attendance – a record when compared to the past few years.

We now have a new, enthusiastic President and refreshed Management Committee to take CACA and all that it stands for, into the future. President CACA INC, and Chair of the Management Committee, is Mr Michael Joseph Mc Donald OAM. Mike is a keen volunteer with a very impressive resumé at the very best skillset level for CACA we have seen for some time – an accountancy past at the higher levels of that profession and recent high level experience in Executive and Leadership Roles with another significant NFP, right here in Caloundra. I wish him a great experience and every success as he takes the reins of CACA.

Maureen continues on as our excellent Secretary, Amanda T is Treasurer once again, Jacqui Marshall who held the Treasurer baton so well for us is now Assistant Treasurer. Rosemary Gowlett is the new Membership Officer, Jenny Duke is new Providore, Carolyn is the 2024 Fair Convenor, Christine H retains Bookings (VG), Brechtje Z-V retains Media Officer (VG) and Colin B retains Maintenance Officer's duties ('Dial before you Dig'. I do encourage all to begin the nurturing of planted seeds for the 2026 Year of Exhibitions now, and also embracing the notion of Succession Planning (after two years is best) as early as possible, please.

A few observations follow:

"To grow is to survive !"

'Promotion' : Now, everyone knows who, where and why we are".

Awareness : CACA aims to make 2026 a great "promo" year – "The Year of Exhibitions" at CACA – but that may happen, only with all Groups on board. We need creative Group Leaders' ideas, enthusiasm and participation.

I wish to thank all at CACA for the privilege of leading three Groups, being your VP for two years and your President for two years — indeed, an enriching experience for this old chap who feels younger for the experience - and I hope that you all believe that we in Committee have moved CACA INC a step or three in the right direction for our people and most importantly, for our Community.

Sincerely, please continue to try hard to boost membership, share the Joy, and encourage heightened attendances Especially, be kind to and care for each other - always !

Bon voyage, mes amis !

Jonathan W. Jones, AM



Welcome to Patron

Gillian Davies



Gillian Davies has lectured and taught Art and Design in high schools, colleges, and Universities for many years. She has been represented on many assessment boards for National Curriculum and Collegiate Exams in Europe in both the Public and Private education sector. She has delivered over 35 published conference papers in academic art and design research in Europe, America, Africa, China and Australia. Gillian was an assessor/ second reader for graduate theory at QUT school of Architecture and taught Architecture and Design History at the U3A in the Sippy Downs University campus.

Her Bachelor of Education was completed in Fine Art and Photography from London University. Her BA Architecture and Design and her MA in Design History was from Southampton University and her Doctorate research was in Gender and Modernism from 1900- 1950.

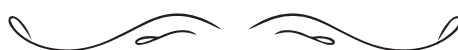
Gillian was a Professor of Design History and the Director of Decorative Arts in the School of Architecture and Interior Design, SCAD USA, from 1999 -2006. Gillian won the 'President's Award' for adapting her doctorate studies to the MA curriculum, writing fourteen new BA and MA university courses in design theory and history. She was invited to become a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, (FRSA) for services to education in (2003.)

Gillian sat on various Interior Design educational committees (such as IDEC USA and FIDER) for college accreditation purposes. Gillian became a Board Director of four major Historical House museums in Savannah USA and also sat on the board of directors for the major Savannah Telfair museum curating special exhibitions from Forty million dollars worth of Tiffany objects to American Impressionists. She also received 19 million dollars of bequests of Hogarth prints from the collection of the collector and philanthropist Earl Newton for a permanent exhibition at the Earl Newton gallery.

Her work in high school teaching has brought over thirty years of art curriculum experience with all age groups. Responsible for Art teaching throughout junior schools and Head of Art departments in Five UK schools, Gillian is uniquely qualified to assess and appreciate the beautiful art work produced by our creative members at CACA. here on the Sunshine Coast.

Moreover her own personal experience consists of a very happy group member for many years in CACA, with extremely beneficial classroom experiences and memorable social occasions to treasure in pottery, needlework and porcelain painting classes.

Having just retired from a senior university job involving art and design to she arrived at what she experienced and perceived as the very best of 'mini art colleges' here in Caloundra. It was special because of the care, love and sharing from every class member -and with no exams to impair the creative process. CACA has always been a smile and warm sentiment for Gillian as it is for the many creative members who enjoy this exciting place.



Embroiderers

Embroiderers would like to welcome our new CACA President, Mike McDonald and his Committee. Our thanks to Jonathan Jones and the outgoing Committee for all of their work on behalf of all of us. We wouldn't be here enjoying ourselves with our various crafts/arts without your hard work. We look forward to a visit from Mike in the not too distant future.

Importantly for us, we welcome Anne Warburton as our leader for 2024. She has wonderfully stepped up to take the reins and lead us through the year. Karen Edwards, our outgoing Leader who has guided us through the past year – we thank you for your leadership.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone who may be interested in embroidery to call in and check us out. We are a small group who happily stitch and share our embroidery skills – any Thursday between 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

We have included some photographs of work completed by members including a beautiful cushion made by our newest member (ie brand spanking new) Paula. Jenni has finished the beautifully embroidered pack-pack – as seen in a previous Art-I-Facts as a piece of work underway. We also showcase some examples of Joan's hardanger as well as Helen's art piece.

We enjoyed a fun last afternoon of Embroidery in 2023 with a fine afternoon tea, games, a Secret Santa Swap and a special lucky number gift from Jan won by the very lucky Ronda. It was an outstanding and generous gift.

The following week, most of us enjoyed a lunch at '3 Bar & Grill' to complete our year.

Caloundra Embroiderers



Stitchers

With the festivities of a new year over, we were all very eager to get back to our regular Wednesday meeting at Stitchers and get our craft projects progressing.

On February 14th, we held our AGM, and a new Committee was elected.

President : Jenny Giacobone,

Secretary : Enrica Brecciaroli

Treasurer : Jacqui Marshall.

Our gratitude goes to the dedication of the members of our past Committee, in particular to Rosemary Gowlett who assumed the presidency for 2 busy years and also to Jacqui Marshall for continuing to look after our finances.

Before Christmas, Di Field showed us a beautiful quilt, hand pieced and machine quilted by Carmel. An original Australian design by Monica Poole called Africa. Di sent it to her cousin's family in Boston USA. They used to live in Africa. They all loved it.... no surprise there! (see photo).

Always busy and productive, Minh showed us a great quilt intended for a children's hospital on the Sunshine Coast. An interesting design with a cats in every corner (see photo).

The Craft Fair will take place early in May. Many of us are busy getting ready with our latest creations to be part of this very special event in the calendar of the CACA.

For the year ahead, we are planning our first workshop on May 22, Janelle Kapernick from Murgon will teach some of us the Japanese art of making Sashiko. We are looking forward to learning new skills and creating interesting crafts.

In recent weeks we have had the pleasure of welcoming 2 new members : Judy Scott & Joan Leadbeatter. We wish them a happy time amongst our friendly community.

On a sad note, one of our long standing members, Pearl Harvey had some health challenges. We all wish her all the best and a speedy recovery (see photo).

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and productive 2024,

Till next time.....



Friday Art

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Let's welcome 2024!!!

From the Group Leaders Easel: -

We finished off 2023 with our Christmas Luncheon at Tides Waterfront Restaurant which has become our favorite place to celebrate the end of our creative year. Again, everyone had a lovely day out socialising together. Then of course we continued with our traditional Christmas get together in our lovely Sturgess to not exclude those who could not make it to Tides, which is always a lovely fun day.

LUCKY DOOR WINNERS 2024 Christmas Luncheon... some happy faces there



Congratulations to Ruth Bowie boasting THE MOST VOTES for most voted LIKED PAINTING at the UIP 2024 Exhibition. Although Ruth did not sell her Art that was on display, she has been contacted by a one of the viewers who was very impressed with her artwork. This is really very exciting for Ruth and Friday Art Group well and truly encourage her future ventures.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: -

Libby Zemike -currently a Member of CACA

Jo Mutz – New Member to CACA

We are fast approaching the end of February and already our members are getting into the swing of being back in our lovely creative space. I have attached a number of photos of last year's festive celebrations and our members hard at their canvases in early 2024.

Janelle Dempster
Group Leader of Friday Art Group

As an artist you see things of beauty all around us and some of us are lucky enough to transfer what we see onto canvas to share with the world! So keep being happy in your creative life!



Quilters

The Quilters had quite a long break during the Holiday period but are now back and have hit the ground running.

We had our usual fun filled Christmas parties for the day and night groups. In the weeks beforehand we had a demonstration by Brenda on how to make her Cross Body Mobile Phone Purse which inspired members to run some up as Xmas presents. The second Demonstration we had was from Helen Wilson who showed us how to make very intricate Folded Xmas Decorations. This one blew some of our minds.

Maria (our Charity Convenor), passed on 69 Breast cushions and 3 bags of Satin to Zonta for the patients in need. We have also received a thank you letter from Kyabra for our Donations of Quilts, Toys, Toiletries etc. for victims of Domestic Violence. Our group is now working on making Baby Quilts for Wishlist after we gave 4 Children's Quilts to them before Christmas.

Even though we had no official meetings over the break, our Sit and Sew weekends continued and an awful lot of work was achieved, along with an awful lot of fun, laughter, and sharing. There was one weekend when most of the ladies in the room produced an array of large bags which hold an awful lot of needed items, and even the Pizzas ordered on the Saturdays.



Our Library continues to be well used and culled and refreshed. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful Librarian in Eileen who also keeps us in stitches with her weekly jokes. Our Sew and Tell displays each week not only stuns and amazes us but inspires us on to greater efforts.

We held our A.G.M. on the 23rd of February and all Committee members continued in their roles, apart from our new Providore Teresa who is taking over from Carol who has done a wonderful job for the past year.

We have lots of fun Workshops planned for 2024 with the first being a Shibori Dyeing Class in March. Our group is always keen to learn new things.

There are lots of exciting plans in the pipeline with Our Bus Trip to Qld. Quilters 40th Birthday picnic, Our Big Morning Tea for Cancer in May, and our Retreat in July.

All our Committee Members work very hard to make this wonderful group happy, productive and educated in our chosen craft.

Cynthia Gray





MEETING

My name is Carolyn Price and I am the 2024 Fair Convenor. I belong to Machine Embroidery Group, North Street Made and Quilters.

Welcome to my first Fair news.

I would like to invite you to the Mothers Day Fair meeting on **TUESDAY 19th March at 10am in the Kingfisher room.** The Fair is on the 4th and 5th May which is 9 weeks away.

Hope to see you there!!!

Carolyn Price

Arts Group of the Year 2023

It's a wonderful recognition by our State Member, for CACA to win the inaugural Community Award of Arts Group of the Year 2023, won on a majority vote. The award was officially presented at CACA by Councillor Jason Hunt.





We ended with a wonderful Sip n Paint in December last year with all the participants having a lovely time and producing some great work under the tutelage of Sue Lawton.

The subject matter was Christmas Candles which everyone loved. Once again, we had generous grazing platters for the participants to enjoy and celebrate the festive season.

Thank you to Sandy Litfin and the Textiles and Fibre Art group for the CACA feature display, I appreciate your time and participation.

I had a lovely surprise as the Sip n Paint team had asked Carole Osborne (who unasked supplied us with the door prizes last year – how awesome is that?!) to make another set as a thank you gift for me – Thanks to the Sip n Paint team and Carole! Made my day. Xxx Then, Carole had a further surprise up her sleeve and also did a gift for each team member. This takes a lot of time and materials. We are indebted Carole and we appreciate your support for the Sip n Paint events.

Last year we made a profit that went straight back into CACA coffers for the benefits of the members. We were heavily supported by CACA members of which we thank you.

We ask for your support again this year, be it by being a participant or spreading the CACA word further afield to bring in new participants. We advertise, but we can't spend a lot of money on advertising as it would eat into profits.

The next event is Sunday 2nd June. Our tutor will be Tricia Wheatstone and the subject will be the lovely voluptuous Desiree celebrating life!

Remember, you don't have to be an artist, you will be skilfully tutored by our artist tutor (Tricia) and you will take home your masterpiece!

BYO \$75 pp with all art materials supplied and generous grazing platters and tea and coffee provided – plus a fun afternoon! A lovely way to Fund raise!

To my Sip N Paint team – thank you for stepping up again this year. You are just wonderful.



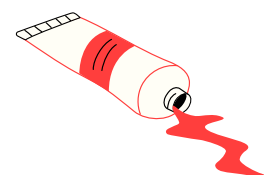
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2 June 2024

4 August 2024

6 October 2024.

In appreciation
Christine Hopkins
Sip n Paint Coordinator



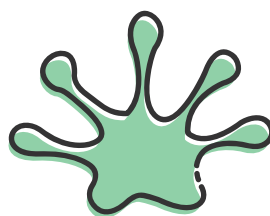


QuilTArts

First meeting for a New Year of QuilTArts produced a creative morning of fabric painting, stamping and stencilling following a planning session to list activities we will explore each month. The items from each session will be of a manageable size as a sample of the technique to be assembled by each maker in their own fabric book which will be displayed in November.

Techniques will include ice dyeing , indigo dyeing, fabric post cards, eco dyeing, gelli printing, Sun and cyanotype printing.

We look forward to a creative year culminating in our fabric journals.
Visitors are welcome on 3rd Sunday mornings each month.



Pumistone Painters

Greetings everyone for the first Art-I-facts of 2024!

Christmas 2023 ended with a bang at the trusty Powerboat Club with a joint group celebration with both Pumicestone Painters Art Group (PPAG) and Creative Arts Group!

A wonderful time was had by all and Santa Gail Ferry gave us lovely gifts. The room was decorated beautifully by Sue Lawton. Another successful year under the belt!



The Christmas Break was not much of a break for the members of the PPAG as, under the steady hand of group leader Sue Lawton, arrangements and implementation of the first Unite, Inspire Paint (UIP) Art Exhibition and Sale was held since early 2020 after which the world shut down. A lot of hard work went into it and PPAG wish to thank its members and members from other art groups for their hard work. It is appreciated. It is also the last UIP for outgoing PPAG member and CACA President Jonathan Jones AM.

The event was supported by the wonderful CACAphonics on opening night with their beautiful music in the background giving a lovely vibe to the evening. Thanks to Ken Taylor and his team.

A great night was had by all and it was also attended by the former CACA member, Rod Hall who first envisaged UIP as a platform to promote the artwork of the CACA painting groups.

A special thank you to Jill Pearson for the wonderful work of setting up the wide choice of fruit punches for the evening. A lot of time and effort and creativity went into providing them. We won't talk about how the fridge was switched off by someone and we nearly lost all the trays of ice for the punches!!! Luckily it was noticed and saved in time!

PPAG members wish former group leader/member Jonathan Jones all the best in his new ventures and thank him for the start up of the group.

Have a lovely 2024 everyone.

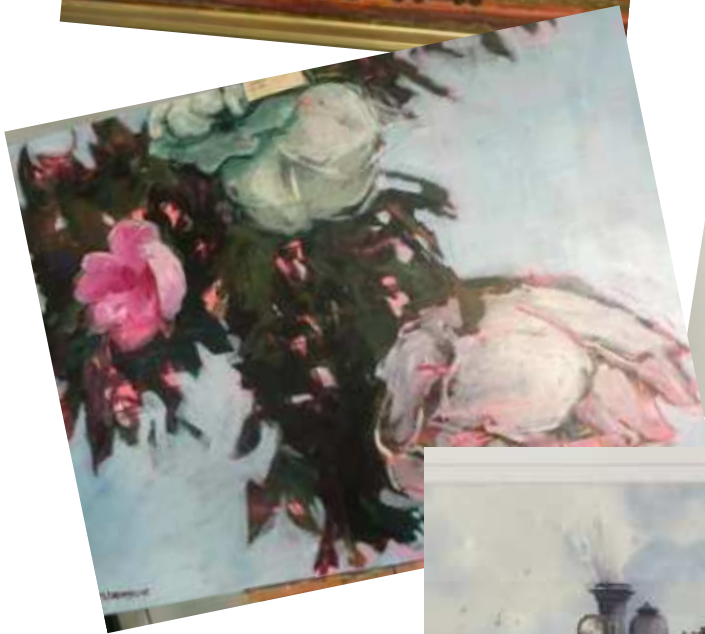




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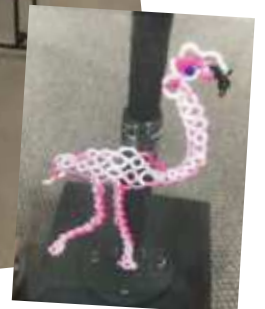
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Pottery

Happy New Year everyone! Hope you all enjoyed seasonal festivities and had a relaxing break from life's general routine.

Potters gathered for a delightful luncheon at a popular local restaurant, "Three Bar and Grill" for end of year celebrations. Secret Santa gifts were exchanged, thank you gifts were distributed and everyone enjoyed a relaxing time together.

We resumed our potting activities in mid-January in the coolness of recently installed air-conditioning. It is such a pleasant relief for us as this Summer seems to have been particularly hot.

During the break, a team of people prepared the kiln shelves for the year ahead. Many thanks to those who worked hard in that Summer heat, grinding and whitewashing shelves. We are very grateful for your efforts 🙏

The AGM was held at the end of January and all positions were declared vacant. Some members were elected back into the same roles, while others took up the challenge to serve the group in new jobs. Most positions were filled. Thanks to those who contribute their time and effort to the smooth running of our Pottery group.

Three new members will be invited to join the group. Experienced members will mentor them in the use of equipment, health and safety measures and the general culture of the group.

We are off to a productive and creative start with potters already making plans and preparing works which will be exhibited and ready for sale at the Mother's Day Fair in May.





Unite Inspire Paint



Creative Art

December was celebrated with the Pumicestone Painters Art Group (PPAG) at the Caloundra Power Boat Club. As always it was a lovely affair with the two groups getting together to celebrate the festive season. We thank PPAG for the invitation.

Once again Creative Arts group has started the year with a bang, getting ready for a group exhibition starting March 10 to be held at Vianta Café and Bar in Beerwah. This follows on from an exhibition at the library in Beerwah in December and then Unite Inspire Paint Exhibition in January (hosted by Pumicestone Painters Art Group). Some of our members are also members of PPAG and were heavily involved with the exhibition set up. We thank Sue Lawton and her team for hosting this event.

Back to Vianta Exhibition: Stepping out

This exhibition is a coming together of a group of artists in a range of stages of their artistic journey. For some, it is the new experience of stepping out and exhibiting in the community. Other members are more experienced and four of the members have previously held solo exhibitions in Vianta, with Vianta playing an important role in their artistic experiences.

The exhibition is on until Sunday 5 May 2024 – so have a drive to this normally busy hub and see some of CACA group members out in the big wide world!

I wish to thank our group members for stepping up and meeting the earlier deadline and producing some lovely work.

Our group welcomes new member Teresa Durie who does some exciting and evocative drawings of ballerinas which is her passion!

On the other end of the spectrum, we farewell Jonathan Jones both as a member of our group and outgoing CACA President. Thanks for your input to CACA Jonathan and wish you well. Jonathan will have a painting in the Stepping Out Exhibition as a final hurrah as a Creative Arts Group member.

Enjoy 2024 everyone, and we hope you can pop over to Beerwah to check out the Stepping Out Exhibition – plus another CACA group is exhibiting this month at Beerwah Library -Expressive Arts Group under Janet Matthews!!! It looks great- make a day of it and see both exhibitions.

Christine Hopkins
Group Leader





Hard Pressed Printers

HARD PRESSED PRINTERS welcomed back old and new members for 2024. Membership increased last year and we currently have approximately 24 members in H.P.P.

Our A.G.M. was held in early February to assign leadership and support positions. Jann McLennon has again kindly offered her expertise and support as our Group President and person in charge of exhibitions. The excellent work done by Jann was acknowledged and a gift card presented. Also acknowledged were the contributions of Ellen Kelly as retiring Vice-President. Ellen has given her services as President and Vice-President of H.P.P. for many years and is one of the groups founding members. We also thank Barbi Hemming as retiring Secretary and look forward to the continuing general support role Barbi offers to the H.P.P. group. Thanks also to Sue Dickie who is continuing as H.P.P.s untiring and efficient treasurer. Jann, Ellen, Barbi and Sue's contributions are much appreciated.

Other positions for 2024 are new Vice-Presidents Blanche Hawthorne and Deb Hume and Secretary Margaret Waters. Also assisting are Deb Woodside looking after "resources" and Dianne Hine writing Art-I-Facts. Once again these members efforts are much appreciated.

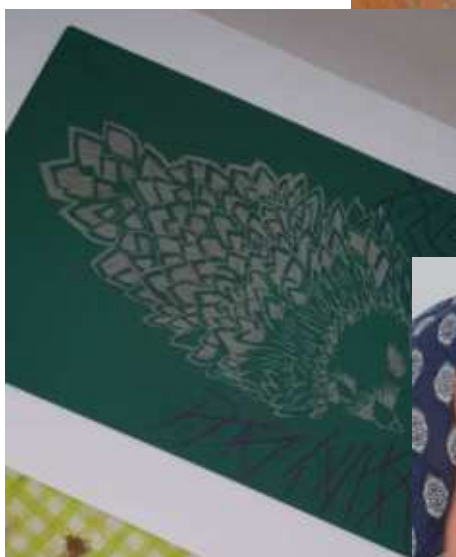
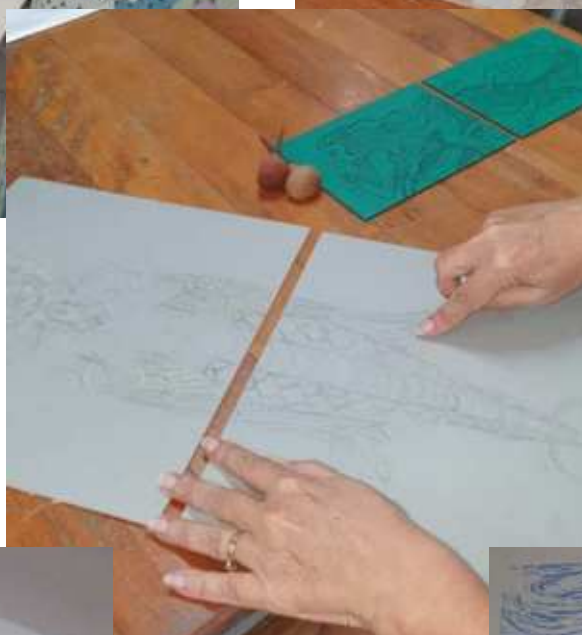
Wednesday afternoons are usually busy and active times with members being able to access advice and resources as well as share current projects. Experienced practitioners generous support to new members helps make H.P.P. the welcoming group it is. A cuppa and a shared treat often baked by a fellow member adds to the friendly atmosphere.

Our roller press is a much appreciated and utilised resource tool in the printing process and there are currently some exciting "lino prints" under way. We have also set our four "challenges" for the year.

Our group is looking forward to a productive and creative 2024 and our active participation in C.A.C.A. events.

Till next time.....





MEGS

Beth Twivey from Salvation Army came to pickup some Christmas gifts for families less fortunate. We hope this made Christmas a little better.

We had our break up lunch along with Secret Santa where everyone makes a present. As we draw our lucky door ticket each member then picks a present. Along with a few games a great day was had by all.

We welcome two new members Dawn Sheridan and Sandy Stephens to our group. We have a Shop Hop coming up in a few weeks. Always a great day out.

We have a few vacancies in our group if anyone is interested. Come along and check us out.

We are here every Monday.

Carole



Textile and Fibre Art



Greetings for a Happy New Creative Year.

Textile and Fibre Arts meet in Sturgess wing 2nd, 3rd and 5th Mondays, 3rd and 5th being afternoons. We have welcomed new and returning members and enjoyed Kim's visiting.

An exciting and varied program is planned for the year,

Fabric bowls from twisted cords and from stitched layers of wadding covered and painted had Sue and others in a twisted spin making many enchanting items. A few very attractive necklaces from silk, felt and fibres caught the eye that day. We enjoyed talking tea, teabags and all the artistic responses they elicit as we drooled over the exquisite fine art photos in Fay's books.

Our activities are represented by the items displayed in the Sturgess cabinet.

Members share their wealth of experiences and expertise. What an enjoyable group where we share and grow creatively.



Unite Inspire Paint



Lace

Lace Group worked hard to have Flamingo 'Tammy' ready for display at Unite Inspire Paint. While Tammy may be not quite the standard of the wonderful Art on display, she was a distraction.

To celebrate our member's birthdays, the group will be challenged later in the year by attending a CACA Sip n Paint. A few groans in the room over that !!!



'Tammy'

Tammy Bryant (from Broken Hill)
is Australia's most successful female skater.
In recognition of her achievements,
she was inducted into the S.A. Sport Hall of Fame in 2023.

Our Flamingo 'Tammy', named in her honour,
is aspiring to be the
Greatest Flamingo Skater in recorded history.

Made from recycled materials,
Tammy is adorned with handmade lace feathers
made by lacemakers from Caloundra, Fraser Coast, Zillmere,
Brisbane, Perth and Gold Coast Lace Groups.

CACA Lacemakers

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Covid 19 Safety

Government Health advises social distancing, hand sanitation, wearing a mask when in closed environments, social distancing, testing if you have symptoms and staying home if you are unwell.

Please continue to wipe down tables after use and adhere to to Government advice to keep CACA Covid safe.



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