

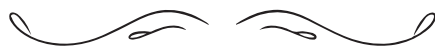
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FRONT COVER:

Pretty Woman
by Margy Bartlett



President's Report

Hi. As you may have heard me introduce myself previously, my name is Mike McDonald and I have accepted the role of president of Caloundra Arts and Crafts Association (CACA), in late February. My initial approach to date, has been to observe the workings of the CACA, and the interaction of members, classes and the apparent needs and wants of our members. I have attempted to move around to the groups at different times and meet the individuals and put a face to the name.

For this edition of Art-I-Facts, I thought I would introduce myself, provide a summary of where I see the CACA is in my eyes, plus also give a quick update of what's occurred over the last 3 months or so.

Before providing an update, I would like to reiterate a comment I have tried to make when meeting members: "if you have anything you would like to discuss, raise etc, please just contact me so we can discuss". If we are not aware of any issues or positive actions, we cannot take cognisance of the necessary changes that may be required.

1. I believe the Centre has been very well established and operates also very well. This is a credit to the former Committee and those before it. Having said that, I believe over the forthcoming year, we need to establish where we are heading, as there are a number of challenges for the Centre, starting to be visible on the horizon.

2. You can ask many people, what is the purpose of the Centre, and I would suggest you may receive as many varying opinions.

3. Many more senior members who have been on the Committee(s) have a vision for the Centre and where it may be heading, but not documented and formalised, so as to provide an agreed go forward path, common agreed vision, agreed strategies to achieve the Vision and Goals of the Centre.

4. Management committee meetings are well structured, and act as an "operational platform or body". The Management Committee includes members who are representatives of the 23 groups who operate within the CACA. We have contact from the representative heads, but we do not interact with the group heads themselves.

5. Masterplan: So many people I talk to, when I ask what is the vision etc for CACA, I hear a reply of "masterplan". Then when I ask what does this mean, not a large number of people can explain what they understand and mean by this. For a number, it appears to be something that has been expressed and people have taken on board. Many cannot express what the masterplan means for the Centre.

6. Internal Health of our members: An extremely major important component of the Centre, is how we interact as a community, providing companionship, communication, relationship in a happy and caring environment. We also provide many needed donations to those in need. However, we do not communicate this out "loudly" to the community and a major stakeholder in the Centre, Sunshine Coast Council. I would suggest a lot of people I would dare say, are not aware of the excellent work provided at and by the Centre.

If I keep talking I will take over the whole of this article. However I suggest this edition will bring you up to date as to what great things has been happening.

In closing I would like to thank all members (and their partners etc, where applicable) who have assisted in the events to date, such as the Mothers Day Fair, and who throughout the year, assisted where necessary in the conduct of the CACA.

Warmest Regards,
Mike

Open Days 2024

Free entry

SAT 29 June 9am - 4pm

SUN 30 June 9am - 2pm

Lace Making
Jewellery Making
Quilting & Quilt Art
Painting & other Fine Art
Machine & Hand Embroidery
Needlepoint & Tapestry
Spinning & Weaving
Knitting & Crochet
Scrap Booking
Print Making
Textile Art
Pottery
Music

Everybody welcome!

**Come see our groups in action
and join in the fun:**

- > Participate in make & take sessions
(children must have a supervising adult with them)
- > Group demonstrations
- > Various displays

5 North St, Caloundra

See you there!

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Embroiderers

Greetings from us here at Embroiderers.

We would like to take this opportunity offer congratulations to the Fair Convenor and her committee with another successful fair. Here at Embroiderers we have started working on pieces to sell at the Christmas Fair in November!!

We are also planning a group style of project to be shown in the display cabin later in the year.

Some of us are off to join the Bribie ladies in June for a workshop with Natalie Bird of Bird House Designs watch this space for some results.

Please feel free to join us one Thursday afternoon if you may be interested in embroidery to call in and check us out. We are a small group who happily stitch and share our wide variety of embroidery skills – any Thursday between 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Caloundra Embroiderers



Pottery

Greetings one and all,

Recently we held another successful Mother's Day Fair with 27 potters exhibiting and selling their artworks. Potters sold many pieces including large and small sculptures, mobiles, plates, bowls, cups and platters, vases of all sizes, houses and tiny house villages and everything in between. Commission from pottery sales is a direct donation to CACA. Thanks to all who contributed their pottery, as well those who assisted with the set up and taking down of the display area. We are grateful to all who worked in the many and varied roles which added to the success and smooth running of the event.

Some members ran a very successful plant stall which offered an array of healthy donated potted plants for sale. Others cooked food for the sausage sizzle which added to the fun of the Fair.

A small group of potters, for the last few weeks, under the tutelage of Vicki B have been working on medium sized sculptures and we are seeing some unique and innovative pieces emerging from the clay.

Recently we made a number of purchases to maintain the on-going well being of our kilns. The lustre kiln is now repaired and in use. We've invested in a laptop to improve and stream-line our record-keeping and administrative files. Daily fees can now be paid via online banking. Some of us are up skilling to share the many tasks required for the smooth running of our group

Jan R. has kindly offered to coordinate a Jewellery making day for interested potters. Dates yet to be confirmed.

In late July, we will hold another Plate Challenge. Potters will make a plate which will be displayed and numbered. Corresponding numbers will be randomly picked out of a hat and plates will be given a new owner. We will then share morning tea on our new plates. Last year we had a Soup Bowl Challenge which was a most enjoyable event.

Currently a group of people lead by Cathy C. are planning, together with CACA, an Open Day, to be held at the centre on the last weekend in June. Pottery members will be available to demonstrate the intricacies involved in bringing a piece to complete fruition. These will include hand building, wheel work, glazing and associated techniques

Some of us exhibit our pottery in North Street Made Artisan Shop connected to CACA. People can see and buy our artworks at their leisure, as it is open daily.

At present, membership is at capacity, however there is a waiting list. We add new members twice a year, in February and July.





Hard Pressed Printers

The Autumn period has been busy for H.P.P. members with many unique printed artworks produced.

We welcomed new members, Carmel Campbell, Sharon Neagle and Antoinette Ackerman to our group and began the year with our first "art challenge" the theme being "ONE".

There were many interpretations of the theme as in "one world", "one line", "last one", "only one", "special one" and "numerical one". These ideas were expressed using several different print forms in 2D and 3D prints, objects and textiles. Many of these "challengeworks" as well as a variety of works from members collections were displayed in the front cabinet during April. We are proud to say our display was a bright and beautiful presentation of proficient and expressive artworks from H.P.P.

We also extended special congratulations to Megan Corrie who was selected as a finalist in the Sunshine Coast Local Contemporary Art Prize 2024. Megan entered an aluminium plate etching of one of her favourite subjects - the old beach houses still in use in Caloundra. You may have noticed "The Pink Palace" as you toured around. As progress continues on the Sunshine Coast, recording images of these "hidden gems" from our past motivates Megan to produce her exciting prints.

Thankyou to members who contributed their time and efforts to C.A.C.A. Mother's Day Artisan Fair. The H.P.P. display attracted many visitors and several sales were made.

We also wish safe and happy travels to members currently visiting overseas destinations and hope they return with lots of artistic inspiration for their printing ventures.

We are planning our activities for the "JUNE EXPO" and looking forward to our next "art challenge" on the theme of "TWO".....Till next time





A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Jenny Duke for all her hard work cleaning and sorting our kitchens and for her generosity of a donation of an gazebo shelter to CACAPhonics group.

Colin Burke for quickly, efficiently and quietly attending to all the maintenance tasks thrown his way.

Barry Price for stepping up and covering the maintenance role and the extra jobs he does willingly to keep our centre well maintained.

*You're
Amazing*

Quilters

Quilters have been very much on the move since the last note. Figuratively and literally.

If you attended the Mother's Day Fair, you would have seen Quilters in every position and every corner helping to make the event a success.

We went off on a Bus Trip to Mt. Gravatt for the Queensland Quilters 40th Birthday picnic. It was a lovely day, catching up with Quilters from as far away as Toowoomba, listening to two great presentations from Overseas Tutors, looking at Quilts both old and new, picking up 3rd prize in the "Going for Gold" Challenge and even taking part in some Retail Therapy.

In recent times we have been distributing badges to members for 10 years, 20 years and 30 years of membership. It is a proud item to year.

Our Charity efforts are ongoing. 50 Baby Quilts have recently been donated to SCUH and more are still in the making. One of our members is making lovely soft fleecy bears to be distributed with our Quilts.

The latest Workshop we held was entitled "Tessellations", tutored by Anne Hunt. It was a very educational and fun workshop. There was all manner of variations produced and most ladies now plan to go on and experiment with more challenging concepts.

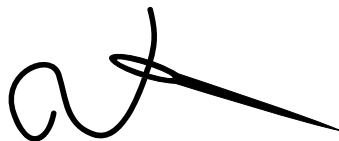
Our Show and Tell sessions continue to amaze and inspire us all. There are so many talented ladies in our group, and we all learn something from each other. Isn't this the best part of being a member of such a group, apart from the camaraderie?

Some of our members have made blocks to celebrate International Women's Day. The theme is equality, development and peace (if only). The colours are purple, green and white. The completed Quilts will be displayed at Parliament House in March next year and we have been invited to attend a reception to view the finished products and hear the speakers.

Both the Night Owls and the Friday Night Group held Cancer Cuppa functions with a very substantial amount to be Donated to the Cancer Council. The Dress Code was "Tea at the Palace", and a lot of fun was had, with all trying to shine in their Tiaras, Crowns and Glad Rags. It was topped off with a massive, delicious spread, games, raffles and Lucky Door prizes.

We welcome any new members, but if you are not sure, come along to a Tuesday evening or Friday morning session and check us out.

Until next time, keep your needle threaded.





Expressive Art

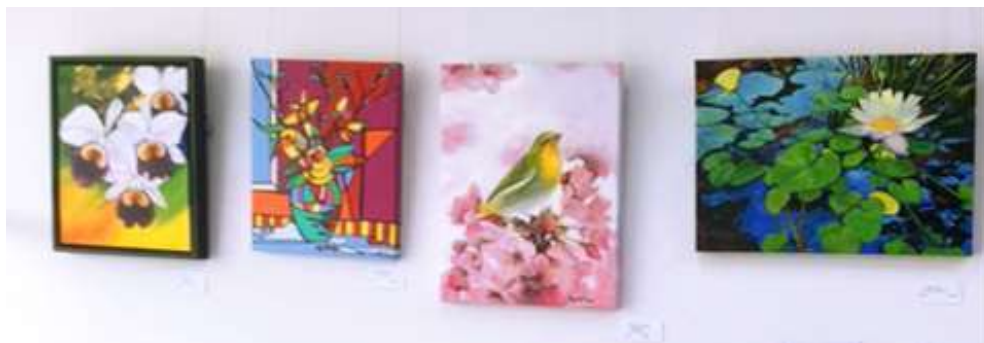
Expressive Art members have been meeting weekly at the CACA for many years to support each other and enjoy our shared love of art practice. We are a diverse group of artists who use a variety of differing mediums such as acrylics, ink, watercolour, pastels and mixed media.

In March/April this year we participated in a group exhibition at the Beerwah Library where Jacqui Bird the Library Officer wrote of our exhibition there: "Thanks for sharing, your groups' paintings ... looks wonderful. It's interesting how art can lift the spirits and really add life to the space. The foyer looks very welcoming and people are appreciating the paintings."

In our group, we generally work individually, however we occasionally share in a group exercise such as exploring palette knife work or have a clothed model sit for us. Working as a group once-a-week benefits each of us creatively through skills sharing, problem solving, motivation and artistic satisfaction.

Group paintings below at the Beerwah Library in March/April this year.

Pamela Blake - Expressive Art Group Member



QuilTArts

A picture is worth 1,000 words!



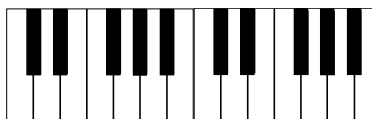
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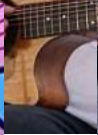
The last couple of months were dominated by practising for our performances at the May Fair. Our members put a lot of time and effort (including additional practice sessions) into song selection and arrangements. From feedback received (other than a couple of quibbles re noise levels on the Saturday) our set lists and performances on both days met with widespread acclaim.

A special thanks to Jenny Duke (CACA Providore) for the donation of the gazebo to CACA Inc. It was certainly put to good use on the rainy Saturday of the Fair after we managed, with the assistance of Barry, Jenny and the “pole supporters”, to erect it properly! The gazebo is now stored in the Centre shed and is available for general Centre use.

As a corollary to the Fair we have been asked to consider putting on a concert for CACA members and their families on a Saturday night or Sunday afternoon. The idea has met with approval of CACAPhonics members and ideas are now being canvassed as to what form this might take.

Last November the CACAPhonics applied for a Federal Government Volunteer's grant. We have been notified that our application is successful and the grant monies will be forthcoming this month. The money will most likely be spent on new PA equipment which will give a clearer but not necessarily a louder sound!





Happy Yarners

Unfortunately, our numbers aren't as large as they used to be, BUT, we are still a strong group. We have some very talented ladies and gentlemen who attend regularly, and we have a most enjoyable meeting each Monday night.

Just recently we had a "show and tell" and the items on show were rather wonderful. This frog is already fishing. Bluey and Bingo Hats Peanut dolly and octopus. There is a lot more to show - just not enough room this time.

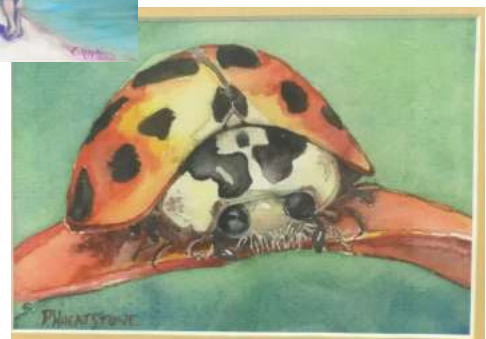
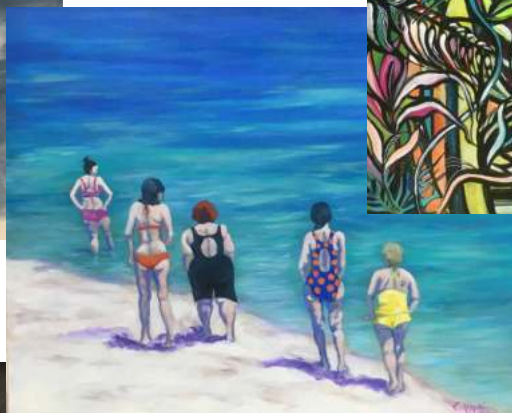
Our members had a great time at the fair and thanks to all the workers on the week-end.

Cheers and best days ahead

Linda B – another Happy Yarner

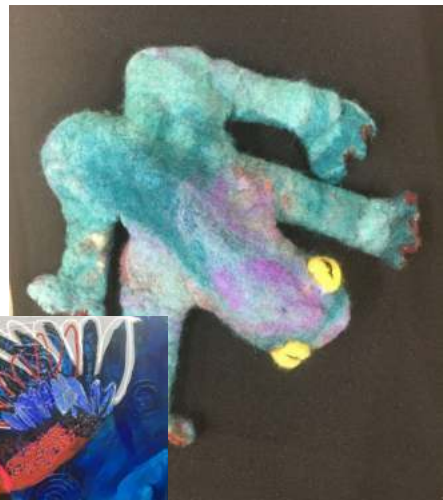


Mother's Day Fair





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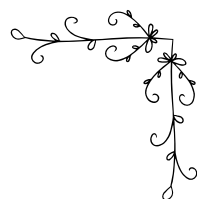
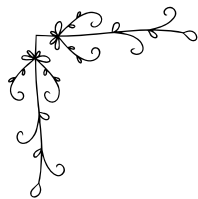


Happy
Mother's
Day





*"When I was a kid, I made mud pies
and decorated them.
I'm still doing the same thing!"
Sue Dickie*



In an effort to bring new members to CACA a group of us are trying to organise new and interesting workshops to encourage participation from not only our own CACA members but also the general public.

The idea is that workshops held at the centre:

- * would be over a half day / full day.
- * a finished item is taken home at the end of the day.
- * everything would be provided to complete the piece.
- * paid 'outside' tutors to bring different craft specialities to the centre.
- * the cost of the workshop would have different costing for members and non-members.
- * can also appeal to those people beginning craft work.

We have a few ideas of workshops already but we would like your input into the topics of workshops you think would attract the attention of everyone.

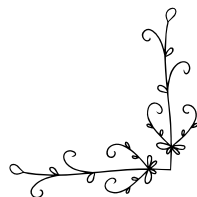
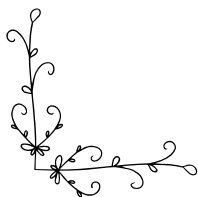


**A list is on the notice boards for you to add
your workshop ideas and tutors.**

From your ideas we can put together an agenda for this project for the Management Committee's consideration as to being worthwhile or not.

Many thanks for your help with this,

Sue Chilman and Joan Doyle.



Creative Art

This year so far has been a busy one for our group.

March saw our group exhibiting in Beerwah at Vianta Café and Bar. For some of our members, this was the first time they have exhibited outside of Caloundra Arts Centre and outside the Sunshine Coast Library system. We held an opening on St Patrick's Day, with our members and their partners sharing two large tables with magnificent grazing Platters. Of course, the wine made our artwork look absolutely superb! While some of our members have already exhibited as a solo exhibition at Vianta previously, this exhibition was about our members who haven't done so, to dip their toe in the water and experience their art in the outside world. It was wonderful to see their faces and the pride of seeing their work on the walls. The exhibition looked great - the photos didn't do them justice and we had fantastic feedback. A superb setting as well. Our former CACA President Jonathan Jones who was also an outgoing group member exhibited with us as a last hurrah. We wish Jonathan well in his new ventures.

AS one steps out, another steps in . Our group warmly welcomes Clarabelle (Clari) Van Niekerk into our group. Clarabelle has added a lovely vibe into our already lovely group and is an accomplished artist, bringing expertise and generosity and positivity. We welcome you!

In June, two members, myself and Tricia Wheatstone are having a joint exhibition held at the Old Fire Station Gallery, Redcliffe, so we invite CACA members to pop down and check out our exhibition, there are lots of eateries along the foreshore – so make a day of it!

Big thanks to our members that contributed and volunteered for the May fair. Thank you.

In May at our monthly social get together, we celebrated the theme of Mother's day, so some of us got into Traditional Mother's day presents of PJs , dressing gowns, slippers etc. Despite the fact a few members were away on holidays etc., a good time was had by all.

Now we are gearing up for the CACA's Open weekend at the end of June!

WE wish everyone all the very best life can bring.

Christine Hopkins





Creative Art Exhibition



Wednesday Art

Wednesday Art Group meets from 9.15am to 12.15 each Wednesday of the month.

We are a friendly lively group who welcomes new students young and old. Our two diverse tutors are experienced in all mediums and styles and encourage all students to learn and grow at their own pace within their own capabilities and mediums of the students own choice.

This past month our members have completed two separate workshops using pen and ink, watercolour, oils, acrylic, prismacolor and graphite.

For a small weekly fee, are you wanting to fulfil a lifelong dream to become an artist?
We currently have a couple of vacant positions.





We have two more Sip n Paint Fundraisers for 2024!

Support Caloundra Arts Centre Association by booking in for a great afternoon of fun!
All monies raised are for the benefit of the Centre and its members!

You don't need to know how to draw, we have an artist tutor to guide you to create your masterpiece to take home.

And, if you are an artist, you are also welcome, come along and just enjoy the afternoon
- bring your friends!

Dates: 4 August 2024 (3 places left)
6 October 2024
\$75pp

Generous glazing platters included plus tea and coffee,
art materials including a canvas,
artist tutor - all included.
BYO Alcohol.

For Bookings ring Christine Hopkins
0439 643 117



MEGS

We have had a Shop Hop: Morning Tea at Sherlock Holmes, a visit to The Nest (great bargains), then on to Coffee Club for lunch before we headed to East Coast Fabric. A great day was had by all.

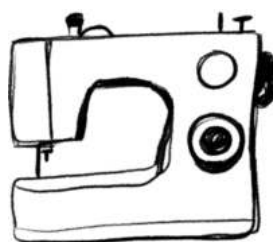
It has been a busy time with our members making things for our Fair and helping with the display of soft goods as well as working at the Fair. A great job was done by all.

We have a couple of member away on holidays travelling - Retha going south and Sandy going north. Hope you are all having a good time.

We celebrated a couple of Birthday's – Margaret and Carolyn.

Until next time,

Carole



North Street Made

We have a great variety of items for sale in our Artisan Gift Shop from painting, quilts, pottery, jewellery, kitchen items, table runners, place mats, coasters, scarfs, wraps (tie dyed and felted), baby shawls, jackets, burpers, towel sets, to name a few. There is wool from our spinners group ready to be knitted. Plus items like steering wheel covers, pin cushions, a variety of note books, lots of bags and cards for all occasions.

We now have 52 members with items for sale in the gift shop.

With only 22 members working, we could do with a few more, as at the moment the rostered members are doing extra shifts

We recently had our Mothers Day Fair Our shop was very busy, taking about \$2600.00 for the two days, which was less than last year. There were 32 members contributing items for sale on that weekend. Well done.

Until next time,
Carole



North Street Made wishes to extend a welcome to CACA members who would be happy to spend a day with us to see what we are about.

Come along and spend four hours (10.00am - 2.00pm)

with one of our ladies on roster duty

look around our display to see the variety of items we have for sale,

meet new members and customers and

even bring some handcraft along to do when we are not busy.

Contact Dianne Wilson ph. 0421 965 363.



Stitchers

Now that the weather is getting a bit cooler, we have more energy to invest in our respective crafts.

On June 22, Janelle Kapernick, a school teacher with a passion for Sashiko, gave some members of our group a wonderful workshop in the Japanese art of Sashiko. Twelve of our members attended the workshop and their feedback was absolutely brilliant. From these simple stitches, blended with traditional quilting, Janelle dazzled us with many of her colourful quilts (5 photos attached). Her teaching is based on her vast experience and infectious enthusiasm, giving generously to all the participants to practice their new skills with gusto and confidence. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the new locally produced Sashiko creations!

Amongst our talented members, Gabriel Francis has often shown us her exceptional craft work. Her newest achievement is just as exquisitely executed. Gabriel's Egyptian Lady, made of "counted cross stitches", is the ultimate achievement in delicate nuances and gradual change of colours. The result speaks for itself with brilliance.

In a totally different style, but with a remarkable variety of shapes and vivid shades, Kay Webber created a Mexican Flowers cushion, in colourful "cross stitches", depicting some of the wild flowers from Mexico.

Congratulation to our wonderful members and their diverse and varied talents.

Now for the next event, we are all looking forward to our bus trip on June 5th. So watch this space for stories and photos.





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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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