



Montague Art & Craft Society Inc.

MACS NEWS



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From the President

From February groups and classes - and our lives in general - should get back to normal. Note the Felting group will now meet in studio one at 10am on the first and third Tuesdays. The new Books group starts on Monday mornings and Margaret Moran is offering Macs a structured series of Creative Short Courses over three years, starting at 1pm on Tuesday 14 February.

Narooma's yearly influx of holiday makers has peaked now, and I have to say a big thank you to the staff, trained volunteers, and volunteers who did extra shifts at the Visitor Centre. With sometimes three people on duty at a time, we have come through the biggest challenge we faced when taking on Management of the Visitor Centre: how to find and train the right team to deliver excellent service to the visitors who are so necessary to the Narooma Community and its economic existence.

The upside of the busy period is that Macs members' art and craft work has been selling really well - as well as at the Plaza big shop. This is very encouraging for members to know that their work is good quality and saleable in a gallery in the right position. Having this permanent gallery was the key benefit to Macs for taking on management of the Centre.

Other benefits have been to offer an Art Prize at the High School, to support the Busking Festival, and to offer a Visitor Centre Award at Macs Easter Exhibition. There will be other opportunities for some of the funds earned by Volunteers and Friends of Vic to benefit our community.

Your Committee has now started working on ideas to re-vitalise the cottage as a more vibrant and viable working studio and meeting place for members and the community.

Remember, if you have any helpful ideas please put them in writing to the committee.

Looking forward to a creative 2017, and hoping to see you at the General Meeting at 4.15pm on 9 February.

*Irene Berry
President*

MACS offers:

- a place for members to work together in creative groups
- workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills
- opportunities for members to exhibit their work

What's on

February 1	<i>Plein air</i> group starts back
February 2	<i>Eccentric Accessories</i> at SoArt
February 6	Books group starts
February 7	Felting starts back in Studio 1
February 9	Macs General Meeting
February 12	Lions Market at Dalmeny
February 14	Creative Short Courses start
March 17	Easter Exhibition Entry Forms due
March 23 and 30	Adult Ed course - iPad for Beginners

What's News

Welcome to new members - Cheryl O'Kane, Barb Mackenzie, Alison Walker, Gail Jure le Manac'H.

Macs General Meeting - will be at 4.15pm at the cottage on Thursday 9 February 2017. Come and hear what has been happening and be part of plans for 2017.

Macs 36th Open Easter Exhibition - Entry forms have been emailed to members, lapsed members, and non-members who exhibited last year, and are available at the cottage and the Visitor Centre. Entries are due at 4pm on Friday 17 March. Keep in mind the new Narooma Visitor Centre Award to be chosen from any category for an exhibited work that best showcases Narooma.

Paying membership and Entry Fees - Please lighten the load of our Volunteer Treasurer by making any payments of membership fees, Easter Exhibition entry fees, and any other moneys at the Narooma Visitor Centre. This also keeps transactions transparent and easy to audit.

Opportunities to exhibit - The art magazines at the cottage list opportunities to exhibit and sell your work. If you need help with the paper-work email macsnarooma@yahoo.com.au.

Ipad for Beginners - A two half-day course is being run in Narooma by Adult Ed - March 23 and 30 from 9.00am to 12.30pm, for a fee of \$85. For further information www.southcoastcolleges.edu.au

Permission to use your photo - Members please remember that when you sign your membership application or renewal form you agree to have photos of yourself or your work used for Macs promotion purpose. Please note on the form or email macsnarooma@yahoo.com.au if that is not ok with you.

Members can email news items to macsnarooma@yahoo.com.au for the next edition.

**A series of Short Courses is being offered over 2017, 2018, 2019
by Margaret Moran, BA Visual Arts**

Each Course will be a half-day for 6 weeks and each will cost \$75

Short Courses 2017

Starting 1pm Tuesday 14 February 2017

Term 1 - Drawing

Explore various drawing techniques that will improve your skill using a variety of drawing media.

Term 2 - Watercolour

Basic and experimental watercolour techniques will be explored to give confidence in producing transparent watercolour paintings.

Term 3 - Pastel

Pure colour in your hand can produce some amazing effects. Learn exciting techniques to produce realistic and experimental pastel works.

Term 4 - Acrylic

Explore the endless possibilities that modern acrylic paints and mediums make possible. Create spontaneous and more considered works using various techniques.

*Please book and pay at Narooma Visitor Centre
or phone Margaret on 0427 208 504*

Books

Mondays 10am - from 6 February

we will share skills and make books
work in our preferred medium
or try something new
no rules - no limits

Plein air group

Wednesdays 10am - weather permitting

Starting another great year of on-site art
on Wednesday 1 February
at the Bryn at Tilba
Contact is Judy Gordon on 4476 7512

Textiles

Mondays 1pm

Do you only knit on days that end in 'y'?
Then come and share your love of textiles
with this friendly group of
knit wits and sew-n-sews.

Mosaics

Thursdays 10am - weeks 1 and 3

Macs Mosaics group will start designing,
making, glazing, and firing their own tiles.
Visit or join in and
there are start-up materials for beginners.

Felting

**Tuesdays 10am - weeks 1 and 3
(from 7 February)**

This group meets to share skills
and make beautiful things.
There is some guidance for beginners.
Contact is Irene 4476 5432

Life drawing

Fridays 10am

Life drawing with a dedicated group
and a live model
short and long poses
\$10 fee for two hours of drawing.

MACS vision for the future

- to remain an independent organisation
- to maintain open studio space
- to maintain permanent exhibition space
- to provide storage space for assets and equipment
- to maintain financial independence
- to provide the arts community with a drop-in centre
- to provide unlimited member access to premises
- to have access to kitchen facilities

Regular groups and classes

10am to 1pm OR 1pm to 4pm

(unless shown otherwise)

Macs members are welcome to join in.

Visitors are welcome to call in.

Monday

10am Books (*starts 6 Feb 2017*)

1pm Textiles

Tuesday

10am Felting - *weeks 1 and 3*

1pm Creative Short Course

Wednesday

10am Drawing and pastel

10am Plein air - *different venues*

1pm Mahjong

Thursday

10am Painting and drawing

10am Mosaics - *weeks 1, 3 - Studio 2*

1pm Water/dry media - *weeks 1, 3, 4*

1pm Chinese brush - *week 2*

Friday

10am to 12noon Life drawing

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