



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter May 2022

President's Report



Hello Everyone,

I am writing this from the beautiful town of Mudgee having come here for a week's holiday to get over my little adventure in January, and to attend my high school reunion.

This is certainly a town which knows how to do tourism and they do it very well.

They showcase their artist's work in the Mudgee multi-million-dollar visitor's centre.

With lack of numbers for Bush Telegraph Children's Workshops school holiday program last month, it was decided that we advertise them for the July school holidays which will give us more time to let parents know what will be available.

We will be looking for tutors to help out in the school holidays for local primary school pupils.

Dates are from Saturday 2nd July to 17th July.
September school holiday dates from Saturday 24th September to 9th October.

Suggestions for subjects they would like to teach kids aged 7 – 12 in a two hour session at the MACS Studios, are welcome.

The oyster festival is now only days away and we will need people to help man the stall. If you can spare an hour or so, get in touch via our email, macsartnrooma@gmail.com, a pass can be arranged and if anyone would like to bring a piece of their artwork to showcase just what our talented members are doing, it would be appreciated as well.

With over 100 stalls it will be a good opportunity to help with our stall and see what else is on show for the day.

Julie

PS thank you to those who have already put their hands up; your involvement is very much appreciated.

Julie's House



Editor's Note

I will be away from 22nd May until second week in June. The June Newsletter will be just quick updates on events without all our lovely images.

However, we can still post through Facebook.

Please send any images you have of your work to macsartnarooma@gmail.com. I can include in the Newsletter and if you are interested Gilly can post images to our Facebook site. We love to do that as it lets the community know about the variety of creative skills and enthusiasm in this area.

Kris



MACS STUDIO

Mondays

Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group

Tuesdays

If anyone is interested in textile art please let me know. Any crochet people who can guide a group please email macsartnarooma@gmail.com

En Plein Air with Marg Moran

Wednesdays

Mornings - Mosaics with Judy Gordon

Afternoons - Painting with Margaret Moran

Thursdays

Available

Fridays

Life Drawing with Janet Jones

Weekends

Studio available for groups or Workshops

What's On May 2022

Plein Air with Margaret Moran

If you are interested in joining these sessions, please contact: margarart@hotmail.com



Marg Moran's au Plein Air group would welcome all artists, beginners or experienced, to join her each Tuesday morning between 9 and 11 am at varied local scenic spots. Next one is on April 5th will be at Forsters Inlet, (meeting at the Marina) to paint the boatsheds. For details ring Marg on 0427 208 504.

Or phone 0427 208 504

Leadlighting with Bob Burnside

This group meets every second Monday morning from 10 – 12, contact Bob at burnside03@hotmail.com to enquire



Mosaics and Ceramics Mosaics with Judy Gordon –



Join in Judy Gordon's fun Mosaic group on Wed.

Elly the Elephant – work in progress



Elly the Elephant...

Make Mosaics!

a fun work in progress with Marceline at the Studio.

Marceline Eichmann updating and creating a new "Elly the Elephant"



Give Mosaic making with MACS ... a Go!



Linda's Tiger!

Join the MACS Group each Wed. morning and discover your creative skills. Learn to find some new and fun ways to make craft a part of your life!

...& Find YOUR own Tiger!!



Marceline E. and Linda K. learn from Mosaic group leader Judy Gordon from 10 am each Wed. at the MACS Studios.

Making friends and having a biscuit and a good old chat!

Lots of laughter and friendship in that mosaics group....and they are rightfully known as one of MACS most welcoming learning groups.

More people are welcome with plenty of room in the light-filled MACS Studio!

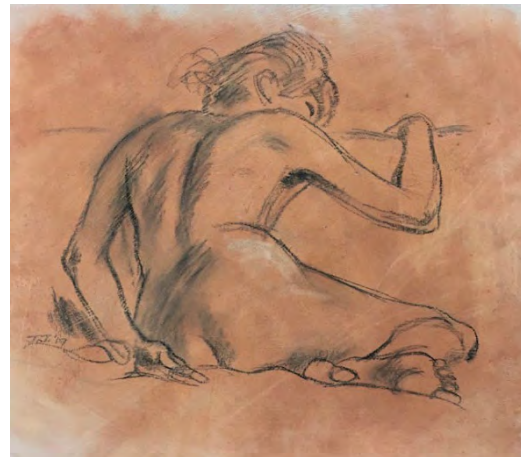
Margaret Moran - Painting group

Wednesdays from 1 pm -
Please email Margaret margarart@hotmail.com for updates and any changes to schedule.

Narooma Library Exhibition

More Art works needed to replace those sold.
Please contact Nalda on nalda@y7mail.com

Life Drawing with Janet Jones Friday mornings 10 – noon



Could drawers please arrive in plenty of time to set up, so there is no interruption to the initial short poses. Fees; \$15 members, \$18 non-members plus; Studio attendance cost of \$3 - to cover tea, coffee, milk, heating etc. (applies to all workshop and studio participants)

Plein Air with Margaret Moran

Tuesday mornings (weather permitting)

This is a watercolour painting from our plein air at 1080 Beach.

Cheers, Marg



Plein Air May - June 2022

May 10th & 17th Mountain View Farm TilbaTilba on the Gulaga track.

May 24th & 31st Pilot Station just north of the golf course via Bar Rock Rd.

June 7th & 14th Cottages in Graham St & Burrawang St Narooma

June 21st & 28th Ringlands Point turn off Flying Fox Rd onto Woodlands Dr to the end.

July 5th & 12th Bar Beach Lagoon/Swamp some nice gums on the beach side. Park in the car park north of the boat trailer car park and walk along the little track along the lagoon

July 19th & 26th Yellow Boat Shed access via Dalmeny Drive then on to Centenary Dr to the western end of the boardwalk.

August 2nd & 9th Coila Silo & Shed on the corner of Coila Creek Rd.

August 16th & 23rd Narooma Water Tower & Church top of the hill in the centre of town. Access past the motel.

August 30th & September 6th Bodalla Buildings maybe start near the community hall

September 13th & 20th Lewis Island park on Riverview Rd or down the little track, if there is room.

September 27th & October 4th Rotary Park Bluewater Dr the town wharf is close by.

October 11th & 18th Surf Beach

October 25th & November 1st Quarterdeck Riverside Drive

November 8th & 15th North Surf Beach a bit of a walk past the Surf Club

November 22nd & 29th Lakeview Drive Boat Ramp we could also use the track below Davidson St.

TEXTILE ART

Tuesday Textiles have been in recess for awhile for many reasons including COVID and we are looking for interest in new activities.

I have added an image of my most recent blanket which I make up out of squares and wondered if anyone is interested. Perhaps we could look at making squares for charity or just as I do for heritage to pass on to family members.

This one I made for my youngest son to include some memories but, also just for fun. It is my brightest so far and perhaps a little random. You decide if you like it or not.

I have many knitting books for stitch patterns and have had great fun trying them out with varying degrees of success. Everything from cables, lace, fair isle, colour work, rib you name it.

Cheers
Kris

Email macsartnarooma@gmail.com for any enquiries



MACS VISION

A place to work together in creative groups.

Workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills.

Opportunities for members to exhibit their work.

What we Do

MACS is a not-for-profit organisation providing members, and the community with workshops and work groups. We encourage creativity in a social fun environment as well as education and promotion of the arts. MACS is a welcoming and inclusive organisation

NAROOMA OYSTER FESTIVAL

Saturday 7 May, 2022

Set up is from 7.30 am, and all vehicles have to be off the site before 9.30 when the Oyster Festival opens.

Thanks so much to those who have offered to help on the stall.

If helping on set up you wont need a pass before 9.30am.

I have passes for those who arrive after 9.30 we will operate on a shift basis, so for the sake of organising bodies and passes would appreciate if you could let me know what times you prefer, even one hour is a huge help.

Call or text Christine (Kris) 0429 806939

Also, when you arrive at the Festival please call so I can meet you at the gate with your pass.

MACS members are welcome to bring their work with them for sale. However, it is a cashless venue, so you will need your own method of payment as MACS will not have card facilities on site. Please also take any articles not sold with you when you leave.

The reason for asking you to bring and take your own works with you is to make a much shorter job at the end of the day. Also, it is better if you handle your own goods in case of breakage or damage.

Kid's Creative Activities (2021 Narooma Oyster Festival)



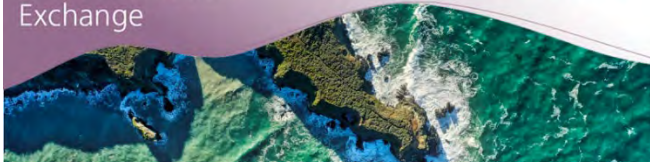
In Memory, we have lost one of our Life Members and we take this moment to remember them.

Vale: Beth Indian who died last month at ESTIA

A wonderful supporter of the Arts, Beth Indian of Dalmeny passed away earlier this year and MACS would like to acknowledge her huge contribution to the Montague Art & Craft Society over more than three decades.

Beth enjoyed painting in oils so much that she joined the newly formed MACS in 1983 and was instrumental over many years in creating self-help groups of artists to develop their own skill levels in both art and craft. Beth served on the committee for several years, including five years as our MACS President and she often exhibited her paintings in the Annual Exhibitions.

Sincere condolences to Beth's family on her passing, from all the MACS Membership both past and present and we salute her lasting legacy of strong community support for art and craft in Narooma.



May 2022

Hello

Eurobodalla Arts Information Exchange keeps you up to-date with the local arts and culture scene. Some of the highlights of our May newsletter include new exhibitions at the Mechanics Institute and the Bas, an arts scholarship opportunity for students, lead-up events to the River of Art Festival and plenty more

Bas about town | Greta Cooper

Life after the wildfires | Mechanics Institute

'Life after the Wildfires' is a series of 16 expressive, colourful artworks on paper, each with a corresponding handmade brush, displaying Cooper's response to the effects of the 2019/2020 Black Summer Bushfires.



Cooper's handmade brushes represent a symbol of hope and also form part of the exhibition, providing the audience an insight as to how the artworks were marked by them.

You will be transported to the bush by recordings of birdsong and wildlife calls as you walk through the exhibition, creating a deeper atmosphere and complementing the artworks.

Cost: Free

Where: The Mechanics Institute, 13 Page Street, Moruya

Exhibition dates: Saturday 30 April to Friday 13 May 2022

Opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 10am to 2pm

Spiral Gallery Cooperative at the Bas - Art exhibition | 25+

Spiral Gallery Cooperative presents '25+' to celebrate 25 years of regional arts and art-making by an artist-run initiative. This group exhibition features works from 55 of its 90 members and showcases a variety of mediums including, ceramics, sculpture, painting, prints, woodwork, textiles and jewellery.

Come along to the Artist Talk and join in conversation with printmaker Annie Franklin, ceramicist David Stocker and textile artist and Chairperson of Spiral Gallery Co-operative Diana Stewart.

This exhibition is proudly supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW.

Cost: Free

Where: The Bas, corner of Vulcan and Campbell Streets, Moruya.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Exhibition open: Saturday 14 May to Sunday 12 June 2022

Opening night: Friday 13 May 2022, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Artist Talk: Saturday 14 May 2022, 11 am to 12pm

Bookings by Friday 13 May 2022, [via Eventbrite](#)



New scholarship in Little Sellers Art Prize

Entries are now open for the Little Sellers Art Prize, an annual competition for aspiring local artists in school years 1 to 12. Participants are encouraged to creatively interpret this year's theme 'Greet the sun. Face the moon' in a way that is meaningful to them.

We are very excited to announce a new scholarship as part of the program. The \$2000 scholarship will assist Eurobodalla visual art students in years 11 or 12 to further their studies and support a career in the arts.

Entry forms for the art prize and details about the scholarship are on [the Bas website](#).

Entries close Friday 24 June 2022, 4pm.

Finalists' entries will be exhibited at the Bas Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 August 2022.

More info:

E: hello@thebas.com.au | **W:** [the Bas website](#)



Artwork by Alexys Hunter titled *self portrait*. 2021 Little Sellers Art Prize winner

Exhibit with us in 2023!



The Bas is inviting expressions of interest for solo or group exhibitions for its 2023 program.

The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre's annual program celebrates local and national creative arts and contemporary culture by showcasing a cross section of artistic practices.

The program utilises two of the region's top arts venues; the Bas and the Mechanics Institute – both in Moruya.

To express your interest, read the expression of interest guidelines then fill in our online form.

Applications close Saturday 30 April 2022, 4pm. For more information, contact Council's Creative Arts team on 4474 7355 or by email.

[Guidelines and application form](#)



River of Art |

Narooma Oyster Festival

The River of Art Festival will be held from 16-25 September 2022 featuring an exciting arts program of paintings, murals, sculpture, music and theatre performances.

In the lead-up to the Festival, River of Art will unveil their new **Pink Cube** at the entrance to the Narooma Oyster Festival on 6-7 May. Take a walk through The Cube to see works from leading artists of the 2021 River of Art Prize.

Visitors to the festival will also see a live mural painted on the Cube by renowned muralist, Happy Decay.

On the Friday evening, a series of mesmerising images by digital animator, Duncan Irving will be projected into the night.

Where: Northern side of Quota Park, Riverside Drive, Narooma
When: Friday 6 to Saturday 7 May 2022
Full program of events: [Oyster Festival 2022](#)

[Tickets to the Oyster Festival via Humantix](#)





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