



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter May 2023

President's Report



Welcome to another month closer to the MACS Exhibition in September.

MACS groups are busily working on exhibits for the display which will be included in the River of Art Festival held this September.

The Exhibition will be held in the Montague Room, Club Narooma, 15th to 17th September.

I will be letting members know closer to the date where and when to drop off their entries.

Closer to the date of the Exhibition I will call out to volunteers for help with setting up and taking down the exhibited items. MACS would very appreciate any help you can give toward making this Exhibition a success.

As you know, we have had the expertise of local artist Lucia Dale for our Wednesday afternoon studio time. Lucia has been very giving of her time and expertise. I would like to personally thank her for her valuable contribution and knowledge.

To those of you who have had the opportunity of being in her classes I am sure you will have found her teaching excellent and a very positive experience.

Lucia has been snapped up by the Department of Education and will not be able to continue with the Wednesday Day afternoon classes. However, she should be able to keep those classes going until the end of May.

Lucia sent this message to her class;

Thank you all, for the opportunity you have given me to engage with the creative people in this area - I hope they all continue with their fabulous endeavours: it has been a great pleasure to be a part of their developing artistic processes.

Best Wishes to All of you at MACS: you are a wonderful organisation.

Donna has now mastered the art of the pottery-kiln, with the help of our long-term member Jennifer Hawkins. Thank you both for persevering and getting it up and running.

Donna has fired her own work and is very pleased with the results.

M A C S m e m b e r s interested in this medium (pottery) are invited to come along on Wednesdays to the MACS Studio between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.

From what I have seen of our groups over the past few weeks, everyone is happily working on their projects. It is nice to see the enthusiasm of the groups.

Until next month,
Julie Hartley, President MACS Narooma





Wednesdays

Mornings -

Mosaics with Judy Gordon



What's On - May 2023

MACS STUDIO

Mondays

Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group
with Bob Burnside



Every second Monday morning 10 – 12

Tuesdays

Textiles with Judy Glover from 10:00 am



Ceramics with Donna Goulding

10:00 to 1:00 pm (in recess)



Donna is offering a course which creates unique pottery. Donna will guide you in the fun process of creating, drying, glazing, firing, painting and re-glazing with use of the MACS kiln and materials supplied.

Donna is keen to give individual help and welcomes new interested pupils!

Email macsartnarooma@gmail.com and Donna will contact you with details. Classes Wed. mornings between 10:30 and 1 pm each week in June and July onwards.

Studio and Workshop Groups

Thursdays

Reserved for overflow from Wednesday

Fridays

Life Drawing with Janet Jones

Friday mornings 10 – noon

Life Drawing - Could drawers please arrive in plenty of time to set up, to avoid interruption to the initial short poses.

Fees; \$18 members, \$21 non-members



WEDNESDAYS from June onwards



Donna with one of her wonderfully unique pottery fish.

Donna is inviting you to come along and learn how to make your own unique pieces.

Tuesday Mornings (out of Studio) - En Plein Air with Margaret Moran

Narooma Plein Air and Urban Sketchers Group 2023

Start time 9.30am

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| 6 & 7 Feb | Blue Boatshed with red roof 7 up from Salt Café |
| 13 & 14 Feb | Bermagui boats. Meet at the co-op. |
| 20 & 21 Feb | Brou Lake |
| 27 & 28 Feb | Brou Farm 5733 Princes Highway near Whittakers Creek |
| 6 & 7 March | Central Tilba |
| 13 & 14 March | Tracks in Bodalla SF from water tank at end of Kookaburra Place, Bodalla Park Estate |
| 20 & 21 March | Oyster sheds next to Salt Café on track at bottom of Davidson St |
| 27 & 28 March | East's Holiday Park cabins from cycleway |
| 3 & 4 April | Barn 3kms on from Oyster Farmers Daughter, property name Wagonga |
| 10 & 11 April | 'The Gables ' 176 Bodalla Park Drive |
| 17 & 18 April | Tilba Tilba |
| 24 & 25 April | Anglican Church Bodalla |
| 1 & 2 May | Board walk from Mill Bay |
| 8 & 9 May | Dalmeny Footbridge to the beach |
| 15 & 16 May | Mystery Bay seaside from campground |
| 22 & 23 May | Bridge at start of Blackfellows Road to Beachcomber Caravan Park, Potato Point |
| 29 & 30 May | Salt Café Narooma |



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.

Editor's Notes

Hi, the Newsletter is late this month because I have been cruising again and just got back.

Yes, the trip was wonderful we went from Tokyo to Singapore via stops in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Vietnam. I have included some craft photos from different areas for ideas and enjoyment.

Regards
Kris



This beautiful Kimono was displayed in the Okinawa Prefectural Museum and Art Museum.



I found this example of Mosaic work at Long San Pagoda in Nha Trang, Vietnam.





Cane Weaving - Nha Trang – Craft Centre – Vietnam

Truly amazing work



Oxen made from woven cane, the people next to it show its lifelike size



Sorry about the tourist in the photo

More examples of weaving. Space does not permit more but, I hope you find these examples as fascinating as I did.



**Narooma Library – MACS Members on Display
Ally Aitken and Peter Robinson**



PLETHORA OF POSTCARDS 2023

Dear All,
the 'Plethora of Postcards' Exhibition will be back
at Spiral Gallery from 23rd June to 18th July this
year.

You are invited to create A6-sized artworks and enter them in the 12th annual Postcards Exhibition. 2D and 3D entries encouraged. Any medium welcome. The maximum number of entries per artist is 10. Our special category is a 'food-themed' postcard.

We haven't finalized the paperwork yet and will send you the Entry form with Entry conditions once available.

Happy creating ;-)

Cheers,
Claudia
Spiral Postcards Team

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Welcome to our May eNews!

Arriving in May seems like something of a relief after the crazy arts action of April. While the start of April brought a little cool weather challenge for some of the region's outdoor Easter Festivals, it was great to see so many people at various events and of course the second half of the month was near perfect Autumn days for indulging in creative experiences.

But don't let that enthusiasm wane because festivals in May kick off with Oysters in Narooma and Steampunk in Nimmitabel. If you are considering what's on offer indoors then check out the various galleries, museums and live music offerings across the region. Remember that our cultural tourism website [Creative South](#) gives you listings of all these venues and events as well as public art and creative markets across the region. Wanderer Festival have announced some headliners for the October event and Headland Writers Festival will have some exciting news later in the month during the Sydney Writers Festival Live Stream sessions at Tura Library.
Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Ashweeni, & Peter



Sydney Writers' Festival Live & Local, 27 & 28 May

Australia's most beloved celebration of literature, stories and ideas. South East Arts and Bega Valley Shire Library present a LIVESTREAM of the [Sydney Writers' Festival sessions](#).

Join us for one of Australia's most loved forums for literature, ideas and storytelling.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

Now showing at the Bega Valley Commemorative Civic Centre - Ian Alderman's Recovering the Past Exhibition.

"This ground-breaking exhibition brings together two separate groups of men with origins a century apart, but who are united through a tragic conflict. One being the famed 'Diggers' of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) who fought in Flanders in some of the worst battles of the Great War; the other, the personnel of the ongoing bomb disposal efforts on the same former battlefields today. "

SECCA (South East Centre for Contemporary Art) Invite Expressions of interest to artists based in the Bega Valley Shire for MOTEL Art Fair 2023.

Now in it's spectacular third year, seize the opportunity to promote & sell your work. Register your interest to be an exhibitor at the regions best commercial art fair!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Here Now & Always celebrates and showcases, Aboriginal arts and Culture from NSW to a global audience through an annual program of activities and an online festival program and art market.

This digital platform will be a place where both presenters/artist and audiences/receivers will come together in appreciation of Aboriginal art and culture, inspiring artistic excellence, fostering education and creating meaningful partnerships.

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Nardoo, Spiral Gallery - 28 April - 24 May, Opening Friday 5pm 28 April



An exhibition of ceramic and multi-media art works by Keith Coleman. Keith is a member of Spiral Gallery who uses colour and form to re-connect with the natural world. He is inspired by the flora, fauna and the sheer beauty of the Bega Valley. The exhibition is named after Keith and his wife Sue's garden situated on the banks of the Tantawangalo, where they have re-created a haven for the varied wildlife of the area. Many enjoyable trips to the local coast have created Keith's interest .



Embers, Epicorm II

Bas

Opening night Friday 5 May 2023, 5.30 - 7.30pm
Exhibition at the Bas 6 May - 4 June 2023
Artist talks Saturday 13 May, 11am
Corner of Vulcan Street and Campbell Street, Moruya, NSW 2537
The Bas is open 7 days, 10am - 4pm

Cheryl Davison-Overton

Jennifer Hawkins

Raewyn Lawrence

Jo Victoria

Mirabel FitzGerald

Julie Mia Holmes

Amy Schleif

Curated by Nicole Wallace



Jo Victoria, *hope in the bones*, 2022, porcelain and wire (detail)

Seven female artists from the Eurobodalla region of New South Wales share their personal creative responses of experiencing the devastating Black Summer Fires and their aftermath - capturing elements of regeneration, hope, resilience and collaborative healing, with a stark reminder of the fragility of our enviro-human co-existence and the urgency to enact our environmental responsibilities. Supported by Create NSW and South East Arts.

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Volunteers welcome
No special expertise just
enthusiasm and a friendly face

Contact: Julie Hartley – President
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Thank you



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