



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter December 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS

President's Report

This year has been quite an achievement for our committee and members.

We welcomed, Donna Goulding and her pottery, Lucia Barrymore's drawing class and Cheryl Hill's (with Gary Caldwell) Acrylic and Oil painting class.

Members now have Studio activities on all days of the week, Lead lighting every second Monday, Fibre art on Tuesdays, Mosaics and Pottery on Wednesday, Acrylic and Oils on Thursdays, and Life drawing on Friday; as well as Urban Sketchers on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We held two very successful exhibitions this year, the first "Coastal Life" was held in conjunction with the River of Art Festival. The Exhibition was held in the Montague Room at Club Narooma and our artists put on a great show of their work.

The second was in conjunction with Boats Afloat and held in the Fishermen's Club on the Inlet. I'd like to thank the committee of the Fishermen's Club for their offer of their building for our exhibition.

Both of those exhibitions were successful because our members participated in both the content and volunteered their time which enabled us to showcase our artwork once again.

Quite a few of our artists' works were sold, which is encouraging for future exhibitions.

This year we also had a major clean-up of the storage unit. We now have a smaller area at the back of building 2 that holds our equipment.



I would like to thank Fiona Lyall, Bruce Hughes, Jo Junor and Col Macauley for the use of their time and vehicles in cleaning up and taking rubbish to the tip.

As you can see, we have also had a cleanup in the Studio and additional cupboards and shelving has been put in. Fiona and Bruce gave up two weekends to put the furniture together, and tidy up the areas.

Thank you, Fiona and Bruce it is very much appreciated what you have done.

Our groups are a happy lot of individuals, who, when asked to step up, have done so. I would like to thank Wendy Ezendam for taking on the role of Studio Manager.

In closing I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank the MACS Committee for their support over the past twelve months.

Thank you to outgoing Secretary Kitty Ryan for her role; we wish her well in her move to her new house. Well done everyone.

Thank you everyone,
Julie Hartley, President MACS

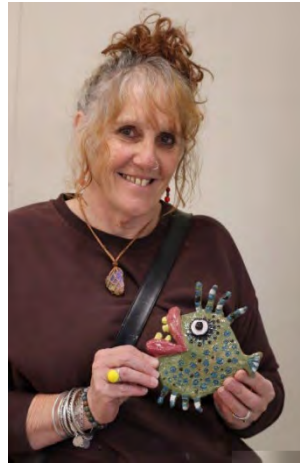
What's On – December 2023

MACS STUDIO

**Studio closed from 19th
December for Xmas**



Mondays with Bob Burnside
Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group



Pottery and ceramics with Donna Goulding
Wednesdays



Tuesdays -
TEXTILES with
Judy Glover
from 10:00 am
0409 031 043 (In
recess)



Thursdays – Oils and Acrylics with Cheryl Hill
1:30 to 3:30 pm Resumes Monday 16 January 24



Wednesdays - Mosaics with Judy Gordon
Mosaics resume 10 Jan 24



Fridays - Life Drawing with Janet Jones
closes 19th December resumes Friday 2nd February 2024

Narooma Urban Sketchers Timetable November 23 – March 2024

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| November 2023 | |
| 6 & 7 th | Pooles Beach Mystery Bay |
| 13 & 14 th | Moruya along the river |
| 20 & 21 st | Tuross Head Fish and Chips + Park |
| 27 & 28 th | Hippy Sticks Bodalla |
| December 2023 | |
| 4 & 5 th | Kianga Lake Lakeside Drive |
| 11 & 12 th | Top Pub – Lynchs', Narooma |
| 18 & 19 th | Blue Pools Bermagui |
| 25 & 26 th | Christmas Day & Boxing Day |
| January 2024 | |
| 1 & 2 nd | Lakeview Drive – Far end Narooma |
| 8 & 9 th | Potato Point bridge over Potato Creek |
| 15 & 16 th | Ballingala Street, Narooma houses |
| 22 & 23 rd | Costin Street, Narooma |
| 29 & 30 th | Glasshouse Rocks Beach, Narooma |
| February 2024 | |
| 5 & 6 th | Lewis Island, Narooma |
| 12 & 13 th | One Tree Point, Tuross Head |
| 19 & 20 th | Narooma Cemetery |
| 26 & 27 th | Open Sanctuary, Tilba Tilba |
| March 2024 | |
| 4 & 5 th | Cheese Factory Central Tilba |
| 11 & 12 th | Josh's Beach, Dalmeny |
| 18 & 19 th | Narooma Wharf Rotary Park |
| 25 & 26 th | Moruya Post Office |

REMINDER: MACS Membership Renewals are due on 1st January, 2024

Current financial membership is required to enter Exhibitions or attend the Studio for groups and/or Workshops. If you are not sure of your membership status please speak with your convenor or email Kris at macsartnarooma@gmail.com

**Boat's Afloat - MACS Art Exhibition
17 November, 2023**



Judy Glover with fabulous scarf and new purchase



Peoples' Choice Winner Alison Spurgeon



MACS Art Exhibition – Boats Afloat Continued



Proud Purchasers



Jo Junor and Mum with Photographic entry



Thanks to Fishing Club for the venue and to let everyone know in advance that it is booked for next year as well.

Oil & Acrylic Painting Group -with Cheryl Hill

MACS is delighted to have experienced teacher Cheryl Hill, one of our members, convening a Studio class in oil and acrylic painting.

Cheryl has a structured course covering core skills, progressing to more advanced techniques in the future.



This program intends to equip participants with "portable skills" allowing them to be able to go on to confidently paint anything, anywhere.



Julie, enjoying the class

Photos here show a lesson on composition and reflections on still water. Participants are encouraged to practice at home and experiment on their own subjects.



Dianne – Looking Great

The classes will continue in 2024 and those on the waiting list will be offered a place as soon as one becomes available.



Gary Caldwell at Boats Afloat MACS Art Exhibition with works by Cheryl Hill, Julie Hartley and Judy Gordon as well as his own work "Ghost Fishermen".

Thanks Gary, for assisting with the Oil and Acrylic Painting group; your skills and talent are very much appreciated by all participants.

MACS AGM and Christmas get Together

Gary Caldwell's Ripping Yarns was an entertaining journey through his successful amateur art career with some favourite works on display at his Studio talk.



Our AGM audience enjoyed Christmas goodies while listening to Gary's amusing anecdotes! Thanks so much Gary for your many years of support for MACS and other Shire art events.

Many thanks to our 3 new Committee members for making that commitment, and to our enthusiastic artists doing their part to help with the running of the MACS Studio.



Donna Goulding, Cathy Amos and Cheryl Hill.



Studio Manager Wendy has plenty of good new ideas to keep our wonderful Studio full of happy creative Art and Crafters!

How Lucky are we all to have our Studio!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



(Thanks Rosy for this editorial).

VALE:

Yvonne (Yve) Robinson

6 April 1934 - 30 November 2023

Yve joined MACS Narooma shortly after she and husband Peter moved from Sydney to Narooma, about twenty years ago. Yve was an active participant in many MACS exhibitions presenting a variety of craft and art works, helping with the hanging, and volunteering at the door.

She was very much a people person and loved chatting to all who attended, selling them raffle tickets at the same time. Yve's home studio was packed with all manner of art supplies. She loved trying new media, drawing with pen and ink being a favourite, and most recently experimenting with abstract acrylic flow painting techniques. Yve passed away in IRT Dalmeny after a thankfully short illness. Pain free now, Yve rests in peace at age 89.

MEMORIAL SERVICE
TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF
YVONNE ROBINSON
6 APRIL 1934 – 30 NOVEMBER 2023



2PM FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 2023

THE CHAPEL
BOULEE MEMORIAL GARDENS
195 Boulee Road, Boulee NSW 2537

Please join the family in the Sidney Lounge
for afternoon tea at the conclusion of the service.

Well behaved dogs on lead are welcome.

In lieu of floral tributes, a donation to Narooma Dog Training Club
would be appreciated.

LIVE STREAM LINK - [HTTPS://VIMEO.COM/EVENT/2206921](https://vimeo.com/event/2206921)

(photo by Heidi Smith), notice and tribute by
Carol Hellmers



2023 Festival: A Resounding Success!

We're delighted to announce that the 2023 River of Art Festival was a hit! Attendees shared their sentiments, describing the festival as Happy, Inspiring and Proud.

Over the course of nine days, around 10,000 visitors graced us with their presence, contributing to a substantial economic impact of \$11.2 million in the Eurobodalla region.

The Art Trail - galleries, open studios and workshops - was a clear favourite and our closing event Luminous: Celebrating Place was a star attraction. For more festival figures and feedback see our Key Outcomes Report.

We extend a huge thanks to our talented artists whose contributions are the heart and soul of the festival. It's a privilege to celebrate your work.

Also a huge thanks to the participating businesses and venues, as well as our stunning team of volunteers.

[KEY OUTCOMES REPORT](#)

River of Art Annual General Meeting

River of Art Inc held its AGM and presented reports on this year's festival and elected our committee as follows:

Co-Chairs - Leanne Joyce, Corin Rossouw

Treasurer - Sean Newman

Acting Secretary - Julia Marshall

Public Officer - Leanne Joyce

Committee - Julia Marshall, Andrew Pringle, Leslie Van den Hooven, Agata Walsh, Christiane Lawin, Claire Caesar.

We've already begun planning for our 20th festival for next year - so save the date!

20-29 September 2024



Welcome to our December eNews!

And that's a wrap! Well almost. As we transition from drought to floods within 24 hours in the south east, it seems a fitting way to close out the rollercoaster ride of 2023. But of course we haven't heard the soprano belt out her aria yet, and December keeps the arts action going. Lot's of gallery goodies on offer throughout the region, none more so than a chance to see the Archibald Prize at the newly opened SECCA - a double treat. And of course we are letting you know about some of the January arts offerings as we will, like many of you (we hope), be enjoying a festive break. So, no January enews for you! But as always keep up to date through our regular socials postings.

For us at South East Arts it's been a huge last few months getting Headland Writers Festival and Giiyong Festival across the line and the audience response for both events was fantastic. Create NSW funding will support Giiyong for two more years and we just recently confirmed Regional Arts Fund support for Headland for the next two years as well. We sadly farewelled Ashweeni Mason from the team, who has done a cracker job for us in the Aboriginal Arts role over the last couple of years. Ash is off to work for Katungul in a community development role so we look forward to some great partner projects there.

From the SEA team we hope you enjoy your December and slide smoothly into a festive season full of creative joys. We look forward to doing it all again in 2024.

Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Ashweeni, & Peter



From the mountains to the sea, Festivals in Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and Snowy Monaro in 2024.

If your Festival is missing, please let us know. Please also make sure your event is listed with the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse (free) to ensure listing on all VISIT websites - e.g. Visit NSW, Visit Eurobodalla etc.

Another great resource is Creative South - where you can also list for free.

[VIEW HERE](#)



At the recent Headland Writers Festival, Emma Rosetta was announced as the winner of Olga Masters Short Story Award for her story, A Major Theft. Emma's winning entry will be published in Island Magazine in November, which is available for purchase through their website and will appear on the Olga Masters website early next year. Linda Atkins was the runner-up for her story The Doula which is available to read now on the Olga Masters website. Journalist Chris Masters attended as representative of the Masters family who provide the prize money for the Award, run in honour of their mother Olga Masters.

[VISIT THE WEBSITE HERE](#)

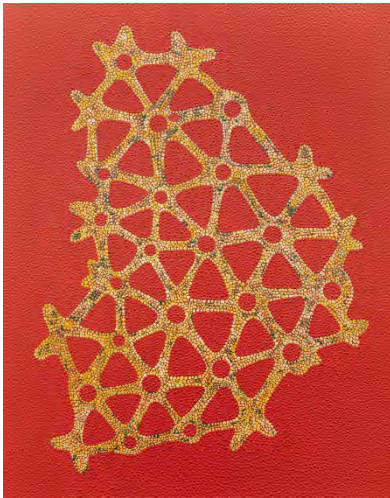


Image: My DNA by Natalie Bateman

Delegate Progress Association presents paintings by Natalie Bateman at the Bundian Way Gallery, 66A Bombala Street, Delegate.

Natalie Bateman is a Walbanga-Yuin woman and a descendant of one

of the largest families on the NSW south coast.

From Natalie: My kinship, our connection to the land and sea strongly influenced the subjects of my art. My family and culture are my life and are at the centre of who I am. It is what gives me the courage and colours to paint. For many years I did dot style in my art however, today I now use line work in my paintings, this is the Yuin way of making markings and my way of telling my story.



Have you been to SECCA for the magnificent Archibald Prize 2023 Regional Tour?

Open 7 days 10am - 5pm BOOK tickets now via <http://secca.com.au/tickets>

An Art Gallery of New South Wales Touring Exhibition.
Image - Archibald Finalist Alanah Ellen Brand, Solomon Kammer: never enough © The artist @davey_rogers



image: Owl by David Stocker

**Summer Exhibitions commence at Spiral Gallery on Friday 1 December 10am.
Coffee and cake with artists on Saturday 2 December.**

Artesanato, Spiral Gallery's artists and friends annual cash & carry exhibition in Gallery 1, begins on Friday 1 December at 10am. A smorgasbord of original artworks from Spiral members and other local artists. Exhibition runs to 17 January 2024

Shedding

Artworks by Sharon Cornthwaite: throughout her varied career, she has hunted and gathered ideas, techniques and materials. An exhibition of her recent works. Runs from 1 December to 23 December.

And after Christmas in Spiral Gallery 2:

Kindly Tilly - Matilda Johnson

Matilda's exhibition is a launching pad for her career using ceramics, paper making, block printing. Supported by the Mumbulla Foundation.

Runs from 27 December 2023 to 17 January 2024. Closed on 1 January.

[VISIT THEIR WEBSITE/ ONLINE STORE](#)



Looking for some beautiful Christmas gifts?

Head to Bega Valley Potters Market!

Saturday 2 December from 1pm-3pm at the Old Bega Hospital, 3 Corkhill Place Bega.

[FOLLOW THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE HERE](#)



Entries open from now until 15 January 2024!

With a backdrop like no other, we invite you to create a piece to challenge, excite and ignite our visitors. Or maybe create a piece to be pondered and meditated over beneath the auspicious gaze of Gulaga.

For entries more vulnerable to the elements, our space within Bermagui Surf Life Saving Club offers an alternative to the headland, while still retaining the connection to the sea and mountain. Oh, and there is a generous prize pool.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)



Jennifer Taylor Sky off Koornoo Barwon Heads 1, 2023, 405x505mm \$950

JENNIFER TAYLOR
"meet me in the middle of the air"



Jennifer Taylor Sky off Koornoo Barwon Heads 2, 2023, 40x40cm \$550

The next exhibition at Gallery Bodalla features Jennifer Taylor's beautiful recent body of work – "meet me in the middle of the air".

Jennifer Taylor describes the inspiration for her work: "The air over the coast is alive with wind, light and moisture. Cloud formations fly overhead or line up in stately processions along the horizon, where the planet curves away out of sight.

thursday 7 december 2023 to sunday 7 january 2024
please join us for opening drinks and artist's talk | saturday 9 december 3pm

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open thurs to sun 11am - 4pm & by appointment | visit the exhibition online at www.gallerybodalla.com.au
post office 66a princes hwy bodalla | valerie faber ph 0421 238 174 | gallerybodalla@gmail.com



ABA YAGA'S TABLE – Vivienne Arnott Solo. Spiral Gallery Bega - 19 January - 7 February 2024

Viv Arnott's

solo exhibition explores her emotional memories surrounding the myth of Baba Yaga told through a series of Still Life Paintings and Illustrations. Fascinated with her character and how she is perceived, an exploration of Baba's story has given Viv the space to examine her own past, links with her Eastern European culture and the everyday objects and plants that surround her which have symbolism within the original myth and culture. All welcome to the Opening 3.30-5.30pm.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. Print in Nature Exhibition at Spiral Gallery in 2024.

Spiral Gallery is mounting a print exhibition featuring South Coast artists from 9 - 28 February 2024

Printmaking can involve the transfer of an image from one surface to another, be it screen printing, woodblock or Lino printing; impressions in clay, plaster, wax, stone; on textiles or paper, or found objects etc.

The theme for this exhibition will be Print in Nature, so any print artworks that have in some way been inspired by nature, our natural surroundings, events, etc would be suitable.

Works could be 2D, 3D. Artists are invited to submit an expression of interest. Contact exhibition curator Anneke Paijmans for further information: text 0444 506 831 or email annekepai@fastmail.com

Summer Holiday Break – Funhouse Zine + Comic Workshop at SECCA.



This summer holidays, join SECCA for a 3 day program of Comic & Zine-making workshops including sessions with guest artists from published illustration, character design, graphic story-telling and illustration. Work by participants will be featured at the new SECCA project space. Featured tutor - Stan Squire is an artist living and working in Pambula, NSW. Known for his graphic and illustrative style and his depiction of surf culture and the coastal landscape of South East NSW. Stan published a childrens book, Bobs Bedtime Stories, in 2018. He was the winner of the Basil Sellers Award in 2014. [@stansquire](https://www.instagram.com/stansquire)

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No special expertise just
enthusiasm and a friendly face

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Thank you



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| Treasurer | Alison Spurgeon |
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| Public Officer | Julie Hartley |
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| Non Committee Positions | |
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| Oils & Acrylics | Cheryl Hill |
| Life Drawing | Janet Jones |
| Lead Lighting | Bob Burnside |
| Mosaics | Judy Gordon |
| Ceramics/Pottery | Donna Goulding |
| Plein Air | Margaret Moran |
| Textiles | Judy Glover |
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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.