



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Newsletter May 2026



President's report - May 2026

The recent bus trip to Canberra was very successful, with everyone having a great time. Unfortunately, Donna, who had organised the whole trip, had an accident a few days before and wasn't able to go.

Current MACS artworks in the Narooma Library will be changed over on 1st June (until 31st August). It would be great if we could organise for three artworks from each of the following groups: Oils/acrylics, Plein Air, Leadlighting and Textiles. Entries must be ready for hanging with "D" rings and wire. I'll try to get around to each group with entry forms and conditions of entry.

MACS will have an information table at the upcoming Community Volunteer Expo. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to represent MACS on the day.

Cheers
Cathy Amos

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXPO 2026
NAROOMA

FREE EVENT

Have you ever wanted to **EXPLORE** everything our community has to offer?

Come **CONNECT** with the incredible individuals, organisations, and services that enrich our lives

DISCOVER meaningful volunteering roles aligned with your skills, values and schedule

Saturday 23rd May
10am - 2pm
Narooma Sports and Leisure Centre

Hosted and Supported by:

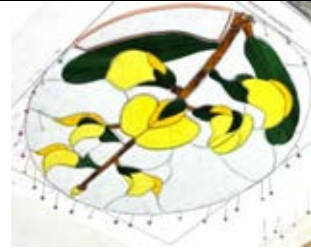
- Community Volunteering
- MACS
- QUOTA
- Rotary
- Narooma Community Centre

For more information

WHAT'S ON – May 2026

Alternate Mondays –

Stained Glass Group with Bob Burnside



Monday afternoons

Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill



Tuesdays –

TEXTILES from 10:00 am with Judy Glover



Wednesday mornings

Mosaics with Judy Gordon



**Wednesday Afternoons and
Thursday mornings**

Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding



Thursday afternoons

Water colour with Cathy Amos



Friday Mornings –

Life Drawing with Janet Jones & Lorraine Willcock



PLEIN AIR
February – June, 2026

February

2 – 3	Bullengella Lake
9 - 10	Ringlands Rainforest
16 - 17	Jersey Cattle, Tilba
23 – 24	Potato Creek

March

2 - 3	Nangudga Views, Tilba
9 – 10	Bingi Rocks
16 – 17	Cemetery Beach, Glasshouse Rocks
23 - 24	Mossy Point Coffee Van
30 - 31	Cowdroy Creek

April

6 – 7	Forsters Bay Sheds
13 - 14	Moruya Old Buildings
20 - 24	Braidwood
27 – 28	Henkley Farm, Tilba

MAY

3 – 4	Camel Rock
10 – 11	Tuross River Bridge
17 – 18	Punkalla
24 – 25	Turlinja – old house

JUNE

1 – 2	Lewis Island
8 – 9	Cresswick Cove, Dalmeny
15 – 16	Corunna Creek, Old Highway
22 – 23	Town Wharf
29 – 30	Bermagui River, upstream

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.

MACS' NEWS – coordinated by Rosy Williams

Plein Air with Margaret Moran

Field trip to Braidwood



Here is a drawing of the Plein Air group on the balcony where we stayed in Braidwood. A fabulous time with fabulous people.

Come along and join the Plein Air sketchers next time at the Tuross River Bridge, 10–11 May, and keep checking our location calendar.

From convenor Marg Moran.



Plein Air artists enjoying lunch in Braidwood (at the Royal Hotel) during our week away (20–24 April), drawing and painting local buildings.

Leadlight with – Bob Burnside

Here are some pics from this weeks' Leadlight group.



Wendy's latest project

MACS' News



Donna with her nameplate for a friend



Margaret practising her foiling skills



Wendy's beautiful suncatcher.

The Leadlight group has been busy working on various projects.

Welcome to Margaret who has just started with the group.

We meet every second Monday at 10 am at the MACS Studio. Newcomers are most welcome.

Mosaic and Pottery Photos



Ladies working on design, looking forward to seeing the finished product.

Thanks to Cathy Amos for the photos



A finished piece

Textiles with Judy Glover

Photos by Fiona Lyall-Hughes



The Textile Group has a new Gentle Roller Wet Felting Machine, purchased through a grant from Community Underwriting.

This machine will take a lot of the hard work out of felting and encourage many more people to try this fascinating craft.

Watch this space for an opportunity to learn more. Judy and the team are looking forward to utilising this new technology, which will make creating beautiful felt pieces so much easier.

Yes, MACS also has sewing machines and an overlocker. For creatives, MACS offers a very wide variety of equipment and activities.



Another example of the variety of crafts and skills available to learn in the Textiles group.



**Montague Art &
Craft Society Inc.
1981 - 2026**



**Celebrating 45-years
in the Community
Art Space**

A Brief History

Initial public meeting held on 23 March 1981, at the Dalmeny Bushfire Brigade Hall – 57 people attended to discuss creating a Narooma and District Creative Arts and Crafts Society.

Official name agreed at that meeting was “The Montague Arts and Crafts Society” (MACS).

Inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 27 July 1981.

First MACS exhibition held at the Narooma High School over Easter 1982.

The official logo, adopted in the 1980’s, was “a graphic representation of flashing beams of light from the famous Montague Lighthouse”.

Regular classes, workshops and exhibitions held in hired halls and outdoors through 1980’s –1990’s.

Incorporated 19 May 1999.

ABN 1 November 1999.

Rented premises at 44B Princes Highway, Narooma, from May 2000 – 2004.

Opened Gallery on the Flat 2000.

Rented premises at Narooma School of Art, the Old Narooma Library (now Cinema 2, Narooma Kinema), from September 2003 – 2007; Official opening 24 February 2004.

Rented premises at the Narooma School of Art Cottage, 92 Campbell Street Narooma from July 2006 – 2017.

Spent 10-months cleaning and renovating The Cottage; Official opening 31 March 2007.

Official letterhead incorporated the MACS Cottage.

MACS Facebook Page created September 2013.

Won tender to manage the Narooma Visitor Information Centre (VIC). Narooma VIC Gallery opened 2016.

Adopted new logo – still with Lighthouse theme, but in colour, and incorporating a paint brush into the design.

Rented by sub-let from the Narooma Men’s Shed, Building 2, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma October 2017 – 2019

Rented directly from owners (MFI) Building 3, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma October 2019.

Note: Eurobodalla Shire Council closed the Narooma Visitor Information Centre May 2021.

NEWS & Events

Please click on the website links below to read about news, activities and events in our region.

[South East Arts](#) [Four Winds](#)

[Regional Arts Roundup](#) [Spiral Gallery](#)

SPIRAL GALLERY



Gwiyaala Fish Season by Bronwen Smith

Celebrating First Nations Artists living on Yuin Country

Exhibition runs from Friday 15 May to Wednesday 10 June.

Opening event on Saturday 16 May, 10 am–12 noon, with morning tea and an opportunity to meet the artists. Welcome to Country will be at 11 am. The exhibition will be opened by Alison Simpson, Indigenous artist.

Featuring 20 Indigenous artists with paintings, prints, weavings, message sticks, ceramics, glass, jewellery, textiles and cards.

Don Atkinson, Sabrina Canavan, Tabatha Cann, Gavin Chatfield, Amanda Close, Jidi Cooper, Cheryl Davison, Lynette Egglestone, Shanice Hilder, Toni Hill, Meaghan Holt, Therese Honan, Susan Kennedy, Ronny Mason, Vivian Mason, Sonya Naylor, Loanna Panton, Patricia Pitman, Bronwen Smith, Emma Stewart.

This exhibition is scheduled to coincide with Reconciliation Week, from 27 May to 3 June.

Presented with the financial assistance of South East Arts & Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support.

Spiral Gallery 47 Church St Bega.
Open Mon–Fri 10 am–4 pm, Sat 10 am–1 pm.
www.spiralgallery.org.au

Plethora of Postcards – 15th Anniversary

This year marks the 15th anniversary of “Plethora of Postcards”.

This is a very popular annual exhibition at Spiral Gallery. It is a true community exhibition, open to everyone, and fills the gallery with hundreds of A6-sized artworks showing an amazing variety of subject matter and media.

The exhibition is on from Friday 12 June to Tuesday 7 July.

Submissions are due by **Friday 29 May**.

We expect the entry form and flyer to be finalised by the first week of April.
Please see website for more information.

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Studio Groups	Donna Goulding
Newsletter, Web Page, membership	Christine Kris Macauley
Social Media	Fiona Lyall
Studio Manager	Lucinda Constable
Non Committee Positions Print Media & Photography	Rosy Williams
MACS Conveners	
Oils & Acrylics	Cheryl Hill
Life Drawing	Janet Jones and Lorraine Willcock
Lead Lighting	Bob Burnside
Mosaics	Judy Gordon
Ceramics/Pottery	Donna Goulding
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
Textiles	Judy Glover
Water Colour	Cathy Amos
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