

Board report for BICAS Feb newsletter

Dear Members and friends,

A new year, fresh plans and plenty to be enthused about at the Arts Centre in 2017. We wish all good things for you in the coming year and that you continue to love, support and expand the possibilities here. With your help, this unique establishment will continue to flourish and grow.

We've events and workshops scheduled across the year and hopefully some different activity coming to our precinct, as well as popular and familiar shows to look forward to.



We are very excited to receive a generous \$17,000 plus from the State Gambling Fund recently. This money is going towards finishing the covered patio and surrounds improvement outside Studio 4 and the Boardroom entrance. It will also help significantly upgrade the potters studio and courtyard.

Thanks to our skilful grants committee members who negotiated this donation. State Member for Pumicestone, Rick Williams was personally delighted to hand over the "cheque". Rick is a constant supporter of the Arts Centre,

having officiated at several recent openings and always opening his wallet before he leaves.

BICAS also received a \$5000 grant towards the establishment of a new Junior Matthew Flinders Art Prize for artists under 18, in 2017. It is a thrill to offer new and encouraging exposure to young talent. Who knows whom we'll flush out with this competition, timed to run after our annual MFAP in July. Hopefully more grants will follow this one.

It has been a busy time, too, for Centre exhibitions, with the opening of Masters & Apprentices I and II in December and January. Four "Masters", more than 40 "apprentices" took part. The quality of works is a testimony to the calibre of artists on this fair isle. The Arts Centre was abuzz at the openings and is great to see the big turnout for balmy evening social events here in fun, friendship and shared love of art and creativity.

We continue to be grateful for all the work and commitment our volunteers give to the Centre. From the desk staff, the kitchen help, administration, hanging team, garden help and the various committees, we are blessed to have you. Many, many thanks.

The first round of feedback on our Strategic Plan has been completed and is currently being collated into the template. Once this has been completed, all members will receive a copy of the feedback document and then have another chance to provide additional comments. This is essential as the Arts Centre is your Centre and your thoughts and ideas are considered.

The current 2017 Working Together Showcase is up and is a stunning display and truly inspirational for members, artists and visitors. Do come and see what diverse and truly amazing talent is housed here.

Welcome back to the many Working Together Groups and for those new members, we wish you long and happy associations here, with fulfilling work and learning this year. We look forward to seeing the fruits of your labours on our walls and in our spaces

Don't forget the "outside" art for our Seasoned Gallery, too. We love to see new and funky works showing and selling there.

In conclusion, a reminder from an unnamed savant: *Life is bliss, taste it; life is beauty,, admire it; life is an adventure, dare it.*

Best wishes from your Board

BICAS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

If you are still to renew your BICAS membership for 2017, a friendly reminder that all memberships fall due on January 1. A joining fee applies for those not renewed by March 31.

SEASONED GALLERY

We love the quirky and the quaint garden art coming in for Seasoned Courtyard Gallery. Next collection is Autumn, opening March 1. Are you getting your yard art ready now?

Changeover Date Monday February 13. Please have your works in by February 8

SEASONED GALLERY

Are you preparing your Seasoned Autumn collection for March?

It's been great fun seeing the variety and scope of artists' imagination with garden art for our Seasoned courtyard Gallery.

Fairies, mermaids, owls, bugs, ladybirds, masks, goannas, stools, tables, bikes, plaques, faces the scope is only limited by imaginations.

So we're looking forward to what you'll come up with for the Autumn collection, which open on March 1.

Hope those busy fingers are at work on some eye-popping pieces.

Rumour has it we're in for some amazing recycled art

Watch this space.

If you are already exhibiting in Seasoned, you can replace your sold works at any time.

New artists can contact us on info@bribieartscentre.com.au



REMINDER: ARTIST PROFILE UPDATE

Can all artists who exhibit or sell at the Arts Centre please update your BIO/ profile information and leave it at the front desk for filing.

If you'd like to hire the Matthew Flinders Gallery space for your exhibition in 2017, get in touch with the booking officer, Stephanie White, on info@bribieartscentre.com.au to enquire.

VOLUNTEER of the MONTH—TRISH AMOR

Q: How long have you been a volunteer with BICAS? A: A year

Q: Why do you volunteer? A: I have visited the Centre over the years with family and friends and had wonderful experiences and always thought I would like work here.

Q: What specific enjoyment do you derive from volunteering? A: I enjoy being surrounded by the wonderful artwork, working alongside friendly volunteers and chatting to our impressed visitors.

Q: Are you part of any art group? A: No

Q: Why would you recommend volunteering at the Arts Centre? A: The varied tasks here make work time interesting. You are contributing to a community project and have the opportunity to make new friends. Try it and see.



Art fun and fellowship as friends and family of art teachers Terry Bailey, Gail Greening, Leslee Swallow and Alex Ferguson and their students gathered for the opening of Masters & Apprentices I and II exhibitions in the Matthew Flinders Gallery.



Don't miss Music in the Gallery

Due to popular demand

Harmonious singing quartet Two Plus Three returns to the Arts Centre for a Music in the Gallery concert

Saturday February 18, at 3pm.

A program of semi-classical and popular musical numbers will captivate you .

And enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and glass of bubbly at interval on our lovely deck.

Tickets \$15, includes afternoon tea and glass of bubbly. **Bookings on 3408 9288.** Children under 12, \$10.

This was a sellout last time, so be quick to book your seat.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS at the ARTS CENTRE

Cardmaking with Debbie Ford

Wednesday February 8, 10.30am – 12.30pm Boardroom \$25 includes kit and tools. Book on 0428 524 201
Create three beautiful cards using the Dylusions Inkpad and some fun stamping techniques



Scrapbooking with Debbie Ford

Wednesday February 15, 10.30am – 12.30pm Boardroom \$25 includes kit and tools. Book on 0428 524 201
Aussie Summer at the Beach page with six pockets

Friday Funday

Friday February 17 8.30am – 3.30pm* Studio 3 \$35 BICAS Members, \$40 non members + \$15 for pattern Includes morning tea & lunch. Book on 3408 9288
* pre cutting of fabric required at Studio 3, Tues February 14
Make a Betty Boop Bag with Susan Eagle from SewGood Patterns & The Patchwork Angel



Lighting the Ocean & Moody Seascape painting workshop with Don Milner

Saturday March 18 9am – 4pm Studio 2 \$75 BICAS members, \$85 Non-members, includes morning tea & lunch. Book on 3408 9288
Learn stunning new ways with colour and techniques to expand and improve your painting repertoire.



“Breaking Down the Landscape with Acrylics” with Pam Black

Saturday May 6, 9am – 4 pm Studio 2 \$65 BICAS members ; \$75 non-members , includes morning tea and lunch. Book on 3408 9288. Be quick, spaces limited.

Class places confirmed on payment.

Designed for students who are looking to enhance their individual style and have some experience with acrylics. Beginners are also welcome.



Ikebana with Lily Karmatz

Saturday May 20, 9am – 4pm BICAS members \$35; non-members \$40, includes morning tea and lunch. Book on 3408 9288. Be quick, spaces limited. Class places confirmed on payment.

You will learn how to make two Ikebana-inspired arrangements focusing on line, space and form; flowers are added thoughtfully as an accent to complete the arrangements.

The creative process involves some construction techniques and design ideas on how to use natural materials such as leaves, steel grass, vines, palm, branches, etc.

No previous experience necessary.



We're delighted this month of February to feature on our Gift Shop Gallery Artist of the Month wall the lovely works of long-time favourite artists Helen MacDonald and Stephanie Domagala.

Helen came to live on Bribie 17 years ago and immediately fell in love with the way of life here. She found the scenery beautiful along with the bird life and the culture. To her, it lent itself to many painting opportunities. Helen started painting about 20 years ago and has not stopped since. She enjoys the camaraderie of other artists and challenges such as "Artist of the Month" and painting for other exhibitions.

Stephanie Domagala has attended workshops with many artists and spent a number of years studying with renowned painter Harold Lane. She has won the teachers category for Folk and Decorative Art at the RNA Brisbane and District shows, judged local and national art exhibitions and sold artworks to visitors from England, New Zealand, Norway and Germany.

A registered nurse since 1964, Stephanie and her husband Joe spent many years looking after injured wildlife, which gave her the opportunity to study up close and paint animals, including birds. This helped her create works that accurately capture the subject. Stephanie has always loved art and since retiring, has been able to devote more of her time to it. Since 1996, she's been a teacher of Folk, decorative and acrylic painting. As one of the founders of the Craft Shed, Ningi, Stephanie has had the opportunity to meet many diverse and talented people who have shared her passion.

Although she teaches in acrylics, Stephanie mostly loves to work in oils. She says painting can be both a joy and a frustration.

Next Vibe Market Sunday February 26 8.30am-1pm

Don't miss our monthly Vibe markets for 2017. The markets are growing and thriving as the unique art and craft weekend drawcard for the island and surrounds.

The stalls are expanding, and visitors to the Arts centre gift shop and galleries can't resist the delicious aromas from the Vibe Cafe, which does a roaring trade in its delicious breakfast, morning tea and lunch vegan menu.

Look for our kids art activity with the lovely Belinda and Dina, drumming, meditation and yoga on the lawn, gem fossicking and woodcraft demonstrations and a variety of art groups at work on their pieces, whom you can watch and admire.

If you'd like to join our Vibe selling your art and craft at the markets, contact stallholders manager, Kelly Vass on info@bribieartscentre.com.au or leave a message at the front desk of the Centre.

MARKETS TEAM HELP

We've some bright and keen new market volunteers. Thank you for stepping up. And there's still room for you on the team, if you can help out occasionally, too." Coordinator Shirley Heapy is ready to hand over the reins to willing and committed people who can continue to share the fun and organisation of this valuable aspect of our Arts Centre .

Perhaps you have some new ideas and energy you can bring to this, and a friend who is willing to help. More hands make light work. Sharing the market duties means no one person carries full load every month and leads to fresh and collaborative thinking.

Contact Shirley on info@bribieartscentre.com.au if you'd like to support the Arts centre this way.

She is happy to hold your hand through the changeover.



Bribie V i B E Arts & Craft Market
191 SUNDERLAND DRIVE BANKSIA BEACH
Last Sunday of the month 8.30 - 1pm Ph:3408 9288

Handcrafted wares from local Artists | Gallery and Gift Shop | Drumming Circle

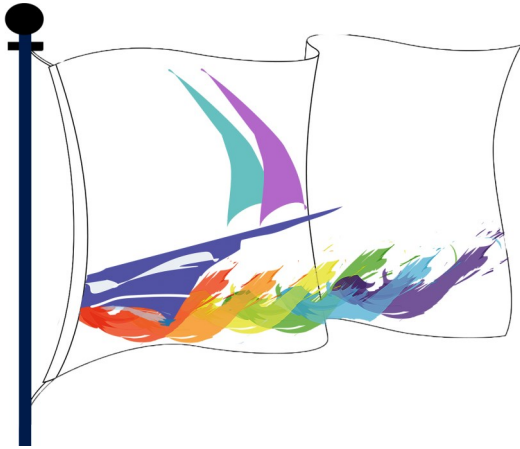
2017 DATES
Jan 29
Feb 26
March 26
April 30
May 28
June 25

Jumping Castle & Kiddies Trainride | Woodcraft & Gem Club

FREE ENTRY | Lovely bush setting

Bribie Island Community Arts Society Inc. | **V i B E market cafe**
Enjoy our yummy vegan and regular menu - real food made with LOVE

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MATTHEW FLINDERS ART PRIZE 2017

Your Matthew Flinders Art Prize Committee are working away to finalise this year's competition. There will be some new ideas and changes so watch this space and start preparing your fine art.

5 Things I Love About Bribie

Di Carr

The calm waters of the Passage, especially the dolphins if I'm lucky enough to see some
The surf at Woorim, especially in summer
Sunsets over the Passage
Moon rise at Woorim
Anzac dawn service



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 1	Artist of the Month Helen MacDonald & Stephanie Domagala
February 8	10.30am Artist of the Month Free Morning Tea
February 8	10.30am Cardmaking workshop with Debbie Ford
February 13	Art Changeover
February 15	10.30am Scrapbooking workshop with Debbie Ford
February 17	8.30am Friday Funday: Sew a Betty Boop bag
February 17	Noon Grants presentation in Boardroom
February 18	3pm Music in the Gallery Two Plus Three quartet
February 26	8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets
March 1	Artist of the Month Elsie James
March 1	Seasoned Gallery Autumn collection opens
March 8	10.30am Artist of the Month Free Morning Tea
March 18	9am Seascape workshop with Don Milner
March 24	ITA exhibition opens
March 26	8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets

Have you seen Lucky's Labyrinth

Have you explored Lucky's Labyrinth outside the courtyard behind the Boardroom? Its meandering pathway is a peaceful place to relax and stimulate your creativity.

The area will be further developed during 2017. If you have any suggestions, or would like to be involved, please contact

Joyce (3408 7743

or

