

Bribie Island Community Arts Centre Newsletter

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MAY 2016



Chairman's message

I'm looking forward to working with the new BICAS Board and all the members to expand an already terrific Arts Centre into an inviting, friendly haven where people of all ages can learn and practise their talents, gather socially and learn as guest speakers and teachers enhance their art and craft, which, after all, is food for the soul. The Board can only do so much, so we will need your help to achieve our aims to expand and create a self-supporting arts centre. You can help by joining a sub-committee to help get ideas to fruition. Help us expand, by bringing a friend to your working together group. I'm looking forward to working with you and making the Centre all it can be.



Adrian Lowe.

YOUR NEW BICAS BOARD

A new seven – member BICAS Board has been voted. They are a mix of old and new blood and all committed to bringing the best to the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, to benefit both its members and the wider community at large. They all have creativity, energy and ideas to burn, and hope to draw the same from you to make the Centre buzz and a hub of engaging fun.

Chairman Adrian Lowe is working to update technology at the Centre, making us more efficient, and will also drive BICAS strategic plan, Incorporating Government advocacy.

Vice-Chairman Shirley Heapy continues to manage the Vibe markets, liaise with MBRC on current and pending Centre works and will head a committee to seek grants, where she has already been successful.

Secretary Helen Powell looks after meeting minutes, reports, and administration procedures.

Treasurer Jan Ayre keeps all the BICAS finances in check, and will be assisted in some of her administration duties by Diane Robinson.

Julie Thomson is Liaison Manager for the Working Together and the other Incorporated groups, such as the Gemmies, Woodies and Island Quilters. She also manages workshops, social events, school volunteers and activity, bus groups, internal communication, social media and website content and

produces the monthly newsletter, ably assisted by graphic artist Cheryl Mortimer. Julie will also look to extend the range of art groups and train volunteers to host Centre tours for large group visits.

Bev Porter manages the desk volunteers, Artist of the Month and liaise with the maintenance team inside and outside the Centre.

Day Ananda will manage Matthew Flinders Gallery events, curate exhibitions and generate competitions. Day is our graphics whiz for all BICAS art work such as flyers, posters, programmes, tickets and brochures.

Marketing and Engagement Officer **Terry Fogarty** is not on the Board, but working on publicity, membership expansion, corporate sponsorship and community engagement with youth and schools.

Make yourself known to the Board members and please bring any ideas or suggestions their way. They welcome your help in whatever capacity and with a common goal, all boats will rise. You can contact Julie at the Centre on Tuesdays, Jan on Wednesdays and Fridays and Terry on Wednesday and Thursdays. These and other Board members are available by appointment, through emailing info@bribieartscentre.com.au or venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au or leave note with the front desk volunteers.

Quilters Picnic countdown to May 10

PAINTING CHANGEOVER GREAT NEW WORKS ON DISPLAY TO SEE AND ADMIRE

Great to see new and different works up and around the Centre with changeover on May 3. It's what keeps our Arts Centre fresh and interesting for visitors and members. A big salute to the bar coding and hanging teams who work furiously at this time. *To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.* Winston Churchill



ANNUAL ITA EXHIBITION until MAY 8th

The ITA (Inspiration Through Art) gang are well named, bringing yet another exhibition to the Centre that reflects it well - inspiring!! A delightful exhibition by 10 of their talented group is varied and refreshing and fun - and definitely something you won't want to miss. See it before May 8.

Interesting segue this time from their paintings is a series of bright and delightful birdhouses, inspired by group leader Helen Macdonald. Helen has curated this show around undergoing a recent knee replacement. No keeping this lady down.



FEATURING OUR "EXQUISITE CORPSES"

CONTEMPORARY ART PRACTICES PRESENTS

Eclectica 2016

An exhibition to excite your visual senses and engage your mind.

17th MAY—1st JUNE
2016

MATTHEW FLINDERS GALLERY
BRIBIE ISLAND COMMUNITY ART CENTRE
SUNDERLAND DRIVE BANKSIA BEACH

PHONE 07 3408 9288

OPENING

Saturday 21st May 2pm



ECLECTICA 2016

As the name suggests, this exhibition, the first for this relatively new group, is an exhibition of eclectic ideas translated into visual form (both 2-D and 3-D).

Pivotal to the core values of the group is the "Exquisite Corpse" section of the exhibition. Without reference to each other's work, artists painted 30cm x 30cm squares with body parts which are then presented as one piece. The results are "interesting, amusing and quite bizarre".

Don't miss this skilled collection of artwork from the 23 members of the Contemporary Art Practices Working Together Group.

Deidre Nelson Tina Galloway Sheryl Davies
Helen Mitchell Jude Pullin Bev Stegeman Helen Hall
Stephanie White Avril Ambrose Cheryl Mortimer
Leslee Swallow John Stegeman Lorrie Bradford
Mavis Keogh Alex Ferguson Kay Koina Verity Ne-
gus Dawn Farrell Linda Smith Christine Miles
Gail Greening Jan Connell Helen Kuhnemann

Countdown to Quilters Picnic Tuesday May 10

Excitement is building as the 2016 Queensland Quilters Picnic at the Centre looms this month.

The Island Quilters, Thursday Quilters and Tuesday Ladies Sewing Circle, and the Pumicestone Piecers have been working furiously to make sure it will be an amazing day and a wonderful showcase for the Centre – and it's not just for quilters. All the community is welcome. There will be great food, music, stalls, exhibitions, raffles and competitions. How could you not have a great time? Quilters and friends will be coming from many parts of south east Queensland, so it will be a warm and exciting friendship occasion and a chance to meet and share with fellow artists and craft enthusiasts.

It will be a day of learning, sharing, viewing wonderful quilt and textile art and a chance to purchase beautiful and amazing materials and resources. **Your entry ticket of \$5 entitles you to a free morning tea.** Gluten free-options also available.

Browse the Gallery quilts and studio stalls, sit on the shady deck and watch the passing parade, or lounge on the adjacent lawns to enjoy your morning tea. You can even perch under the trees in the beautiful bushland surrounding the Centre and for the energetic, there's a delightful bushwalk.

Bring along an embellished tea towel to swap at the Picnic, and some \$\$\$ to buy a ticket at the huge Tombola stall. Every Tombola ticket wins a prize and there are some fantastic ones on offer for just \$2. All proceeds from the Tombola go to the Arts Centre. The Boardroom tables will be groaning with the prizes, but we still welcome more donations from members if you haven't brought yours yet. Please note, bottles of wine, tins of biscuits, sweets or toffees and other non-art items also gratefully received.

Leave your donations at the box located behind the Centre's front desk. They will be stored in the small office for safety.

Contact Faye Clark for inquiries on this, on 3410 7444.

Due to the numbers of buses and visitors expected, please note all parking for members and groups is at the back of the Arts Centre and the ring road entry will be closed to traffic at 8.30am. The road exit will remain open for departures.



Book an early Mother's Day Treat at our

Music in the Gallery

Two Plus Three vocal quartet

Saturday May 7, 3pm

Seats are selling fast for this wonderful afternoon of music and song, surrounded by inspiring art in our beautiful Mathew Flinders Gallery.

The performers are musicians, friends and arts aficionados who will present a programme from recent and past musicals and old favourites from the 40s to the 90s, to appeal to all ages.

Alan Blackman, Julie Earner, Shane Bycroft and Katelyn Walters form a harmonious SATB quartet, with a background in choral, semi-operatic, theatre and performance groups.

Join us for this delightful occasion, bring your Mum, your friends and family. You won't want to miss this beautiful and artful programme in an ambient venue perfect for the occasion.

Tickets \$10 includes *afternoon tea. Book at the Centre or on 3408 9288.

*Champagne available at afternoon tea at \$5 per glass.



It's been a busy month for learning and growing art at our Centre lately, with three workshops in April, with Noela Mills, Jenny King and Pir Tareen.

Pics show workshopers from our sewing and knitting groups having a ball with the ebullient Jenny, and her "Get Squared" (TM) technique, guaranteed to produce a crocheted garment to fit and flatter any body shape first time. Once they learnt the principle on small scale, the class was raring to get started on their full-size outfit.



More workshops planned for BICAC in June. Watch this space.



Matthew Flinders
the
18th Art Prize Awards

2016



How's your entry for the Matthew Flinders Art Prize?

Entries are starting already to come in for our prestigious annual Matthew Flinders Art Competition in July.

Begun in 1998 and now a highly regarded event in the art world, it is a showcase of artists of high calibre and the entry exhibits at our Matthew Flinders Art Gallery are viewed by thousands of visitors and art enthusiasts.

This year's entries must be lodged by June 24 and all works to be at the Centre by July 3. Judging will be on July 7 and Opening night and presentation of prizes on Friday July 8.

Exhibition of entries runs July 8 - August 5.

Now in its 18th year, the Matthew Flinders Art Prize is celebrating its coming of age with reorganisation of categories.

An energetic and creative MFAP committee is working hard to make this event bigger and better this year, hoping to attract the best and brightest for the jewel in our Centre's crown.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BEV PORTER



Bev Porter has been a Bribie potter since 1998 and a BICAS member since 1999. Bev is familiar to many as she has been supervising on the front desk for 17 years and served on BICAC committees as Vice President and President. She is now part of the newly elected BICAS Board.

Bev's art of choice, (or as she says, it chose her) is pottery, which she has practised for more than 40 years. She's won awards in Bribie Potters Clay Creations, BICAS and the Matthew Flinders Art Prize. Bev began volunteering at the front desk, because she believed the Centre was offering her so much, giving her an excellent venue to sell her work, and she felt it was necessary to give in return. "Of course it now gives to me, because you meet the most incredibly interesting people from all over the world and no two shifts are the same because of this," she says.

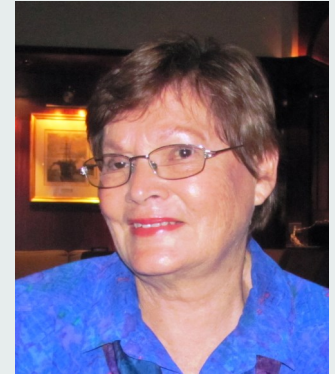
"To anyone thinking of volunteering, I would recommend the adventure, as the Centre is unique in Australia."

ARTIST OF THE MONTH - MAY

BEV KELLY

Meet Bev and hear her talk about her art on Wednesday 11th May, 10.30 am at a free morning tea at the Centre. New Members welcome. Please RSVP on 3408 9288 for catering.

Bev began painting in oils, when she was 12, mainly landscapes of the surrounding farmland near her childhood home in Gin Gin, Queensland. There was a big gap then before she resumed her art in her late 20s, when she extended her subjects to seascapes and portraits in oils, watercolour and acrylics in a realistic style. By her early 50s, Bev had moved to pastels and charcoal, creating mainly portraits. In her late 50's, she joined the Bribie Island Community Arts centre Thursday Painters group and from that her artwork has increased in frequency. Now she paints still portraits, landscapes and seascapes. She is essentially self-taught, learning mostly from books and attending tutorials with artists Amanda Russian, John Wilson and John Morrison. Bev says she enjoys the friendship of Thursday Painters and appreciates the helpful comments therein. And she likes watching her group companions' paintings develop. She has entered in group exhibitions at the Arts Centre over the past six years and is a stalwart of the front desk volunteer staff.



HELP



We are after some brawn to help clear out and tidy the studio storeroom.

If you can help shift and clear the many items that have accumulated in untidy piles there, please get in touch with Bev Porter through the front desk. Or if you own or left any of the items that have been haphazardly stored there, please either remove them – or help put them in order.

We all need to be considerate when sharing space and think before we leave a mess.



Our monthly Vibe markets continue to thrive and grow, drawing bigger crowds from near and far on the last Sunday of the month.

In April, we had the pleasure of welcoming the Classic Car Club members to the Centre for the markets, at which they proudly displayed their shiny numbers in our carpark, where they enjoyed a social morning and drew an appreciative audience.

Stallholders basked in the autumn sunshine, hungry visitors lined up for our providore Trevor's amazing market food, the children's art activity was humming,

artisans stalls in the studios were very busy, the Woodies and Gemmies were proudly showing off their skills and many new people discovered what a unique place we are.



Markets Kitchen team:

Next Market May 29, 8.30am-1pm

We are putting together a dedicated fun kitchen team for the markets, of people who enjoy working with food.

The kitchen has proved very busy with Trevor's popular selection of vegan food turning carnivores into converts. No particular kitchen skills are needed, just a willingness to jump in and do what's needed and to laugh and share with other team mates.

One team member will man the bbq for the sausage sizzle and eggs for the bacon and egg sandwiches.

The team will be rostered in four-hour shifts, early, ie from 7am - 11am, and later, ie 9.30am – 1.30pm

If you can help out once a month, for a few hours on a Sunday, please get in touch with Julie at venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au

If we get more than is needed for one team, we'll break into 2. This makes each person's markets duty less frequent.

Make your mark in 2017

As Artist of the Month



Here's a chance to have a whole wall of your art up at The Bribie Island Community Arts Centre for a month in 2017.

We are calling for **Artists of the Month** for next year.

You may be a fledgling talent or a seasoned artist. Either way, we have a significant and prominent hanging space at your disposal in our Centre during several months next year.

More than 1600 hundred people on average visit the Centre each week, so that's a lot of eyes on your work and a lot of tongues to talk about it.

Artists of the Month hang their own work, prepare a short didactic for display with it and invite friends and family to a FREE members' welcome morning tea at the Centre on the **SECOND** Wednesday of the Month at 10.30am. At this, the artist is expected to give a short talk about their work, their art journey and what inspired and supported them along the way. Members and guests are always interested to know of others' art path, so don't be shy. It's a great supportive activity and your art is SEEN.

The art displayed can be for sale or not, at the artist's discretion, but if you're smart, you won't waste an opportunity to get it out there for a whole month, which includes a Markets Sunday at which hundreds of people attend and browse the Centre.

We will include your display in this newsletter and feature it on the BICAS website and facebook page.

Sound idea

We now have a beautiful stand-alone, mobile sound system in the Matthew Flinders Gallery, courtesy of a grant from the Caboolture Sports Club. The Sony standing Muteki system is an attractive upright solid unit with 720 watts of power, clear of noise and no distortion. It also has light effects usb and cd for the oldschoollers and can connect by Bluetooth if needed.



BICAC T-shirts still available

The First Bribie Printmakers will print signature BICAC T-shirts in two different designs for members and supporters. You can choose either of the two designs as shown in black.



Bring your **plain cotton** T-shirt (with **NO pockets, collars or buttons and NO Polo shirts**) to the centre.

Please firmly attach your name to your shirt or write it on the hem. ***Note black print will not show up well on dark shirts.**

Printing is \$5 per shirt.

It's a great way to advertise our Arts Centre and start a conversation out in the community about the great range of activities here.

MEMBERS' MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

Each month, BICAS members go in the draw to win a great prize from local Bribie businesses.

Member Elizabeth Coghill was last month's winner of a cake voucher from **CAKED BY CARLY**, the designer cake decorating business, created and owned by Carly Stephens. Elizabeth plans to use her voucher for her husband's birthday in a couple of months.

Members this month will go in the draw to win a \$25 dining voucher at the Bribie Island Surf Life Saving Club.

The lucky winner will enjoy the Surf Club's delicious cuisine and wonderful hospitality overlooking the ocean at beautiful Woorim. The club has been voted three years in a row "Best Dining" small club category and is known for its outstanding customer service. It features a safe, grassed outdoor area for children, has daily specials and Seniors special.



It's on the cards

Here are our smart new "fantastic plastic" membership cards, **almost** ready for production.

Featuring our new colourful logo, the cards will be issued to BICAS members on request at the front desk. Keep it in your wallet and show it around Bribie to get special offers and discounts at the Arts Centre and on selected businesses, such as Island Water Bores and UltraCool Car Air-conditioning.

Watch this space for more local deals as they get on board.

The new cards are courtesy of the card-printing machine, purchased with a grant successfully executed by Shirley Heapy last year.

<p>Island Water Bores</p> <p>Sand Spear Installations Water Tank Pumps Repairs and New Pumps</p> <p>Warren 0412 766 779</p>	<p>ULTRACOOL Car Airconditioning Luke Millfull 0409 336 997</p> <p>BRIE ISLAND & NORTHERN SUBURBS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Service & Workshop Facility • Service Including Regas • 20 Years Experience • All Makes & Models • Fault Finding • Light Mechanical / Heavy Vehicles <p>ARC Licence AU 58563 0409 336 997</p>
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BICAS MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Your BICAS 2016 membership was due on January 1. You can phone in your renewal and payment to the Centre between 10am and 4pm, Tuesday to Sunday, on 3408 9288 or email for a membership form to info@bribieartscentre.com.au.

A link to the new 2016 membership form to download from the BICAS website is available, Memberships that were not renewed by March 31, 2016, will incur a \$5.50 re joining fee. You can download a membership form to complete, from the website on this link <http://www.bribieartscentre.com.au/membership/>

Members of BICAS receive considerable benefits such as:

- regular newsletter with news and articles of events held at the centre.
- Discounted workshop fees
- Discounted fees for participation in any of the Working Together Groups
- Eligible to exhibit art or craft at the centre (28% commission applies)

Free morning tea on second Wednesday of the month to bring friends to meet the artist of the month

DATES

- April Artists of the Month CHINESE WHISPERS CAP Group
- April 26 Inspiration Thru Art opening 5pm—7pm
- April 30 Landscape in Oils and Understanding Colour
Workshop with Pir Tareen 9.30am- 4pm
- May Artist of the Month Bev Kelly
- May 7 Two Plus Three 3pm Matthew Flinders Gallery
- May 10 Quilters Picnic 9am—4pm Quilters Textile Exhibition
Matthew Flinders Gallery
- May 11 AOM Free morning tea, welcome new members 10.30am
- May 17 ECLECTICA exhibition in Matthew Flinders Gallery
- May 21st ECLECTICA Opening function Sat 21st at 2pm
- May 29 Vibe markets 8.30am – 1pm
- June 2 Thursday Painters exhibition

Warm thoughts on your BICAC visit

As the temperature drops, we're keen to keep your welcome warm at our Arts Centre, with the chance for you to buy espresso coffee and biscuit after you've browsed, and enjoy it on our lovely deck.



A reminder that our front desk volunteers can serve you a coffee from our pod machine for \$2.50 and a large choc chip or macadamia nut biscuit for \$2 .

Don't go thirsty.

And if you fancy a longer stay.....

MAKE A LUNCH DATE AT THE ART CENTRE

Special occasion coming up or a catch-up with family or friends overdue?

Bring them to browse the beautiful exhibitions and gift shop at the Centre, drop into our studios to see artisans at work, take a stroll through the serene bush-land surrounds and stay for a delicious morning tea or lunch on our lovely deck.

Our talented chef Trevor offers a delicious and varied menu, starting at \$5 pp for morning tea. Lunch is \$15 pp or \$20 for two courses, which includes tea and coffee.

Book your group in for a special Bribie Art date now. It's a great chance to discover and buy some authentic, locally-made art and craft.

We cater for groups from 4 to 50, Tuesdays to Sunday, 10am – 4pm. Bus groups and social clubs welcome.

Inquiries on 3408 9288 or at venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au

