



Bribie Island Community Arts Centre June 2016 Newsletter

If you like an artist, author, or musician, but you can't afford to buy the art that they make, share your love of their work with other people. Let everyone know about the work that you love and who made it. Tell people why they should be reading it, listening to it, or looking at it. It really does make a difference. You have the power to help art and artists thrive.

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From the Board

Halfway through the year and we've barely stopped for breath with all the creative happenings and activity here at BICAC. Fantastic to see the crowds of visitors, many for the first time, to our Arts Centre at the Queensland Quilters Picnic last month. What a fantastic day everyone had and many thanks to the Island Quilters, Thursday Quilters and Tuesday Sewing Ladies for their mammoth efforts and the generosity of their donation to the Centre. The huge turnout at our Music in the Gallery afternoon was also wonderful to see, bringing beautiful and ambient noise of a different kind to our lovely Matthew Flinders Gallery space. Love a Full House !!!! Trevor and his team of kitchen helpers did a

wonderful job with the delicious afternoon tea, capping off a lovely event of which we plan more.

The daily traffic of artists and craftsmen and craftswomen through the studios, our activity group hirers, members and artists bringing works for display, new exhibitions hung in splendour, the daily visitors in singles, pairs and busloads and the crowds at our monthly Sunday Vibe Markets give the Centre a buzz that's palpable and uplifting for all to feel.

It takes many hands to keep all this moving and marvellous, so thanks to all who contribute to it.

The Board is working hard to keep this momentum rolling and

on plans for more and better activity to boost the Centre higher and wider.

Regretfully, we have accepted the resignation of chairman Adrian Lowe, who has stepped down for personal reasons. Shirley Heapy is acting chair.

We never lose sight of the Arts Centre's value to the Community, but want to grow it to its full potential and keep the fun and excitement rolling.

Your part in this is always important and shoulders to the wheel are welcome in its every aspect.

Happy creating
Your Board

Matthew Flinders 18th Art Prize

Don't miss your chance to win a Matthew Flinders Art Prize in 2016.

You've still time to enter our prestigious annual art competition. Entries close on June 24 and there's a category suited to your talent. Great prizes, prestigious company and the opportunity to hang your art among the State's finest in our beautiful Matthew Flinders Gallery for a whole month (July 8 – August 6).

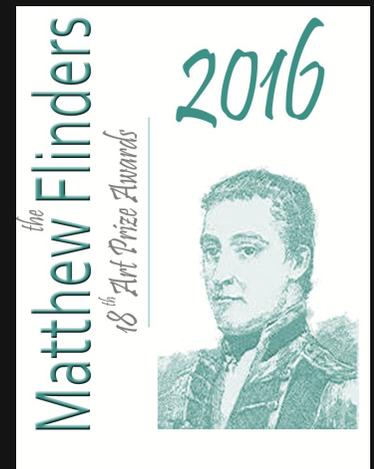
We are delighted to welcome a new major sponsor to the Matthew Flinders Art Prize in 2016, its 18th year, Magickal Earth, created and directed by Banksia Beach local Rebecca Devitt.

Currently an on-line store featuring crystals, fantasy art prints, hand-made jewellery, candles, Magickal Earth will soon become "Discover You", an online community of self-help and personal and spiritual growth and support for artists and people exploring inner creativity.

Other sponsors we welcome, some who have been our supporters previously, are Eckersleys Art and Craft, RSL Waterways Motel, Clay Shed, Arthouse Northside, Oxlade's Art Supplies, Beppie's Frame Designs, First National Real Estate, Thursday Painters and Di & Alan Carr.

Call in or contact the Arts Centre on 3408 9288 for an entry form or visit our website www.bribieartscentre.com.au and follow the link on the What's On page.

Tickets for our gala opening night on Friday July 8, at 6pm are \$10 (\$5 for entrants) and include supper and are available at the Centre.



THURSDAY PAINTERS 25TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION WITH WATERCOLOUR GROUP JUNE 7-30TH

Artists of the Month are invited to bring friends and family to a FREE morning tea on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am, where he or she can speak about their art and inspiration to interested attendants.

Visit our website for an application form on this link <http://www.bribieartscentre.com.au/#!artist-of-the-month/pg1kd>

MEMBERS' MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

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

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.

Last Month's lucky prize winner was Mariellen Meyers. CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIELLEN



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Carol Smedley

Potter, display team, admin



Carol has been associated with BICAC for about 24 years, beginning when her children attended pottery classes. She stayed and helped and her love of pottery began. She has entered many pottery competitions and exhibitions over this time and won several awards.

Her Arts Centre volunteering began in the office, helping out with financial matters after she and her husband retired. Carol has been on the Centre's management committee and also a front desk volunteer.

On the computerisation of the stock, Carol learnt the new barcoding system which she manages with a couple of valuable helpers. Her main task is heading up the Centre's Display Team, members of which she pays enthusiastic credit to/ "They do a wonderful job," she says.

Carol is president of the Bribie Potters who meet regularly at the Centre and still throws a mean pot.

She urges anyone who loves and values the Arts Centre to join the volunteers team, saying she gets so much more out of it than she gives.

News from around the Centre



It's been a busy, bustling time around the Arts Centre recently and we're very proud to house the many activities and artists who contribute to the special vibe here.

We built it and they came. The hugely successful Qld Quilters Picnic in May saw more than 600 eager quilters, fabric artists and textile lovers from many parts of south-east Queensland flood to the stalls, displays and demonstrations and enjoy food and fellowship in our beautiful surrounds.

Music in the Gallery

The wonderful acoustics and ambience of the Matthew Flinders Gallery came to the fore at the Two Plus Three quartet concert, which delighted a packed audience on a beautiful autumn weekend afternoon.



Eclectica

The Contemporary Art Practices Eclectica exhibition was a big talking point, particularly the composite figures (Exquisite Corpse—pictured right) and Jude Pullin's decorative mower/bike (pictured left) was a real attention grabber. Yes, it really does cut grass, too.

Deb Nicolai from Gympie was the lucky winner of our raffle. Thanks to all who tried to win and purchased tickets.

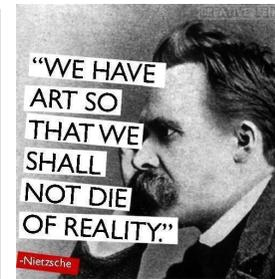


The exhibition was opened by Brooke Savage, pictured here with Contemporary Art Practices members Tina Galloway and Cheryl Mortimer.

Calling Grant Writers

We have many great plans for the Arts Centre and there are numerous grants out there with our name on to help bring them to fruition, but the competition is tough. We are seeking the services of smart and canny grant application writers to help bring the grant money our way. If you have experience in this area, or know someone who has, please get in touch.

It's YOUR Art Centre and its prosperity and success depends on sustaining and replenishing resources and extending its possibilities for everyone's benefit. We'd love to hear from anyone who can help in this area, both identifying grant opportunities and putting together applications with optimum focus. Please email BICAS deputy chair Shirley Heapy on shbribie@yahoo.com.au or leave a note at the Front Desk.



Our gala opening night of the Matthew Flinders Art Prize is a fun-filled evening of excitement as the winners are announced and happy get together over supper and drinks. If you can help with day food preparation or serving on the night of Friday July 8, please get in touch. Email venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au or leave a note with your details at the front desk.

WORKSHOPS

Pottery with Lynne Smith

Children's: Classes filling quickly. Still some vacancies Tuesday 28th June Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Maximum 10 places. BYO drink/ morning tea.

Adults: Wheel Throwing OR Hand Building for beginners.

Wheel Throwing 6 week course starts Wed July 13th, 6.30—8.30 pm. Hand Building 6 week course starts Thurs July 14th, 6.30—8.30 pm

Experienced and talented potter Lynne Smith has taught at Cairns TAFE, Eumundi and Cooroy art studios and privately in Gympie. Now a member of Bribie Potters, she brings her expertise to the Arts Centre to share the joy of potting with the young and not so young.

\$90 for six weekly lessons or \$15 per class. Maximum 6 places.*

Book quickly for children's and adult classes on 0405 479 710 or lynnebribie@yahoo.com.au

*Subject to demand, more adult classes will be scheduled on completion of first six-week course.



Noela Mills Jewellery Making from Recycled Materials

Saturday August 13, 9.30am -3.30pm

Gather those broken bits of jewellery, beads, chains and precious trinkets cluttering up your drawers and recycle them into a lovely and original piece. Noela can show you how, using easy techniques, basic materials and no soldering required.

Funky new earrings, neckpieces, chains, brooch pins and more can be made with a bit of imagination, some silver-plated wire, aluminium crimps and recycled clasps and oddments.

BICAS Members \$60 Non-Members \$70, includes morning tea & lunch

Book quickly on 3408 9288. Places strictly limited.



The Joy of Playing with Ink with Stephen Mills

Saturday September 3, 9.30am – 3.30pm.

Stephen has a mad passion for “Experimental Art” and believes that to make great art, you make your own rules. A passionate teacher, he insists everyone has FUN in his workshops.

An experienced teacher and trainer of many years, Stephen Mills MA Fine Arts was behind the creation of the successful Port Kembla Artisans Village, ARTINPORT. He moved to the Sunshine Coast in 2014 and is currently a University of Queensland Art teacher and assessor and part-time tutor at U3A.

\$85 for BICAS members, \$95 for Non-members, includes morning tea & lunch.

Book quickly on 3408 9288. Spaces strictly limited.



Let Loose with Watercolours with Annette Raff

Saturday September 17, 9.30am – 3.30pm

In this workshop you'll learn to interpret a subject from a photograph using enhanced colour, lively brushwork and creative imagination to generate vibrancy and movement in an otherwise ordinary scene.

The aim will be to incorporate a sense of fun, so that you are not afraid to experiment. You will be encouraged to use colour in unexpected ways and to extend your imagination to produce dynamic and unexpected results.

Annette is an award-winning painter and teacher of watercolours for 18 years.

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Glenda Charles' beautiful seascapes are a feature of our Artist of the Month wall this month. Glenda is an exhibiting and commissioned artist gallery director, curator and art teacher. Now resident on Bribie, she says her art is about things that refuel her and living near the water, the seaside is a powerful influence.



She is especially fascinated by the drama of big skies, golden light and distant horizons and the debris of the beach with its changing patterns and interplay of colours. Her art studio is now set in a large garden, so the branches, tendrils and ever elusive play of colours against rich greens continue to pervade her work.

“Like the physicality of gardening, painting large canvasses has a freedom and

expressiveness that seems well connected,” Glenda says.

Want to Be Our Artist of the Month?

If you'd like to be an Artist of the Month featured in our Arts Centre gift shop in 2017, please get in touch. BICAS Board member Bev Porter is taking bookings for next year for our wonderful wall of celebration that artists of the month inhabit for four

weeks.

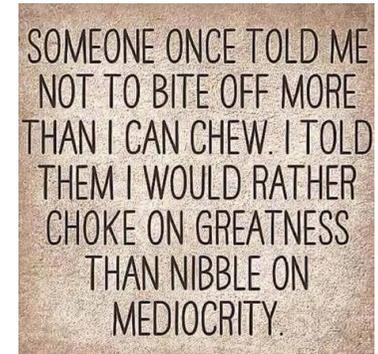
Artists can be Bribie locals or from further afield and have a body of work that will fill the wall. Or you can partner with another if your work carries a similar theme.

Three dimensional works also welcome.

Here's a chance to bring your art to

the attention of the hundreds of visitors who come through BICAC every month. Our Vibe Markets day on the last Sunday of the month draw more than 500 people alone.

Inquiries should be made to Bev Porter, either on email bevqp1@gmail.com or leave a note with your details at the Front Desk, Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 4pm.



Potters' Soup Night

These chilly winter nights our thoughts turn to warming fare – like SOUP.

So we all look forward to the annual Bribie Potters Annual Soup Night.

This year it's in Studio 2 and 3 on **Saturday July 23 at 6.30 p.m.**

It's a great night of delicious fare, fellowship and fun.

Tickets are \$18, available in the Pottery Studio and include a beautiful pottery bowl to use on the night and keep.

Lots of soup, bread and sweets and a heap of prizes on offer in the rolling raffle.

Pottery classes for adults and children starting soon. See page 4 for details.



Raves and Rants

We are interested in hearing your suggestions, so keep them coming in the Suggestions Box. The administrative suggestions have been noted and if you want someone to get back to you, please include your name and contact details on your note.

One was to stage a BIG exhibition of over sized works yearly. This is being looked into by Gallery curator and Board member Day Ananda.

Front desk volunteer Debra Mieth suggests repainting the cafe decks and surrounding fence in beachy tones of blue-greys and brightening the tables with beach umbrella colours.

We'd like also to provide you a forum for **Rants & Raves** here in the newsletter, so send us what you like and dislike about the Centre (keep it polite, please) to venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au

5 Things I Love About Bribie

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Cheryl Mortimer

This is my second life on Bribie. My parents moved to the island shortly after the bridge was built. I was in year 6 at primary school and went to Bribie State School and then to Caboolture High School as there was no high school on the island. My Dad had an Electrical Contracting business and we lived over the road from the picture theatre (now the Baptist Church).

1. The memories of my first life on Bribie where I met the love of my life — places (like the skating rink and picture theatre in Bestman Ave), family, friends
2. That wonderful feeling when you cross the bridge—like a load is lifted
3. The water—especially the Ocean Surfside and the beautiful beaches where you can walk without crowds
4. The memories we now make with our grandchildren who love Bribie—swimming, ghost crabbing, fishing, playing in the parks, fish and chips.
5. The wonderful Community Art Centre—such a fabulous facility and great friends

DATES

June 1	Artist of the Month Glenda Charles
June 7 - 30	Thursday Painters 25 th Anniversary Exhibition with Watercolour Group
June 8	Artist of the Month FREE Morning Tea 10.30 am New members welcome
June 24	Closing date Matthew Flinders Art Prize entries
June 26.	Vibe Markets 8.30am
June 30	Children's Pottery classes begin 9am
July 1	Artist of the Month Fiona Groom
July 2	Matthew Flinders Art Prize entries artwork in
July 8	Gala Opening night Matthew Flinders Art Prize 6.30pm
July 13	Artist of the Month FREE Morning Tea 10.30am. New members welcome
July 13	Adults Wheel Throwing Pottery Classes begin 6.30pm.....
July 23	Potters Soup Night 6.30pm
August 1	Artist of the Month Gail Greening
August 3	Recycled Jewellery workshop with Noela Mills 9.30am



Thank you !

Our marketing and engagement manager, Terry Fogarty, has been overwhelmed by the kindness and concern shown her by BICAS "family" of members and volunteers over her recent car accident.

Terry sustained a badly broken arm in the smash which occurred on the Bribie Road on May 17, and has been absent from the Centre since. She conveys her heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support, best wishes and kindness, through donations of food, money and thoughtfulness.

She is recuperating slowly and hopes to be back on deck soon.

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.
~John Wooden~

