



Bribie Island Community Arts Society Inc.



"We all see things differently"

August 2016 Newsletter

From the Board

What a busy vibe both inside and outside the Arts Centre at present, with creative groups and classes beavering away in the studios and maintenance and renovations out and around the facilities.

The ring road and carpark work is complete and now the dust has settled, it's a pleasure to see the improvement. The new toilets construction at the Matthew Flinders Gallery is about half completed. Some corrective tree removal and trim are due next week and plans for other revamps are in our sights. Shirley Heapy, our community grants guru, is working hard targetting appropriate areas where money could be forthcoming for improvements and enhancements at the Centre. And she'd love to hear from anyone who can assist her. There must be someone in our members' circles who has negotiated the many and varied grants procedures. Please get in touch by leaving a message at the front desk.

Our showcase event, The Matthew Flinders Art Prize is delighting daily visitors from near and far. Congratulations again to Helen Hall on her win for her painting, "Forest Light" and all the category winners. It was wonderful to see all the entries hung so beautifully, to host a large opening night crowd and have the new Bribie Councillor, Brooke Savige, do the official opening honours for 2016.

MINI MASTERPIECES EXHIBITION

DayAnanda, who is curating the Matthew Flinders Gallery exhibitions, is keen to see what Mini Masterpieces spring from BICAS groups and other artists for the fund-raising exhibition to follow the MFAP exhibition, August 11 – 21. Think Small – 6in x 6in – and let's make this a BIG success. All art will be auctioned and proceeds go towards the gallery improvements.

NEW SEASONED GALLERY

Day also came up with the idea of turning the courtyard garden into an outdoor gallery, called Seasoned. It will be a first for the region and feature artworks that will "season" in the weather.

What a drawcard bonus for us!

Potters, sculptors, ceramicists, leadlighters; put your thinking caps on and channel garden art, ie birdbaths, wishing wells, bird feeders, potplant decorations, gnomes, statues, plaques, coil holders, tree ornaments,! Your quirky offerings have been delighting visitors to the courtyard, so why not make them sellable? The garden decor business is huge! Ask Bunnings or Gardenway! And we can feature one-offs, not mass-produced offerings.

The "Seasoned" art will change with the seasons, every three months – and we plan to open the Spring Collection in October. So get busy making.

Elsewhere at the Centre, we welcome new initiatives such as Lynne Smith's children's and adult evening pottery classes. And the Tuesday Sewing circle kick off their first Friday Fun Day of stitching fun and learning on August 19. (See page 4)

We've new scrapbooking and cardmaking activity with Debbie Ford, also starting this month. See page xxx for more detail.

Our workshops are proving very popular and selling out. Those who missed a place in Annette Raff's Watercolours class on September 17, take heart. She has agreed to run another in October or November at the Centre. Stay tuned for more information.

Welcome to all our new members and volunteers this month. Hope you find a fulfilling role at the Centre. We truly appreciate all the work and love our volunteers bring here and welcome any ideas you have, too.

In all the busyness of running a multi-faceted complex as our beautiful Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, we will have different approaches and ideas about how things should run. This is healthy and normal discourse, just as artists have an entirely different perspective from one another. But let us not lose sight of the fact that we are coming together with a common goal: to have fun and fellowship and to learn, play and explore what our potential is.

Happy creating.

REMINDER : CHANGE OVER DATE FOR ART SHOP GALLERY 8TH AUGUST

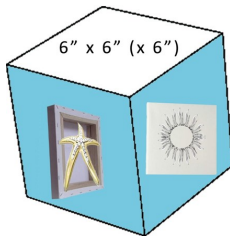


Printmaking as an art form, sees an image/marks lifted from a prepared surface (block/matrix/plate) onto another surface (usually but not always paper) by the application of pressure (by hand or printing press). There are many printing processes the artist printmaker may use including contemporary digital printing processes.

You're invited to come and view the prints that the First Bribie Printmakers have created exploring the theme of *trans.FORM*.

23rd August—4th September 2016

Official Opening Saturday 27th August 2 pm



MINI MASTERPIECE FUNDRAISER EXHIBITION AUGUST 11- 21

Sometimes, less is more, and good things *do* come in small packages. So we're asking all you good things out there to shrink your artistic ambitions and create a **mini artwork** to fit on or in a 6in x 6in (15cm) canvas frame to enter our Mini Masterpieces Exhibition at Matthew Flinders Gallery this month. **All art mediums are welcome.** Potters, gemcrafters, woodworkers, leadlighters, jewellers, quilters and other 3D artisans, flip the frame, build a scene or design inside the back of the canvas. Or, think a 6-inch cube, a la the box illustrated. In fact, think outside the box and come up with a little gem that forces people to get up close and personal with it. You have only a LITTLE time, but then the task is LITTLE. Entry is \$5. We can supply a canvas frame, (available at the Centre's front desk), or you can use your own. There is a maximum of two entries per person.

Artworks must be received by Wednesday, August 10. All mini artworks will be auctioned on Sunday August 21 and proceeds will go towards Gallery improvements. Cash prize for one adult and one youth (under 18) winner. So trawl your imagination – or the internet (here are a few links to explore) and make this inaugural fund-raiser exhibition a BIG success. <https://au.pinterest.com/explore/mini-canvas/>

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Who better for inspiration than the master, Vincent Van Gogh: ***“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together”.***

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BEV KELLY

Front desk supervisor Bev Kelly has been a volunteer at the Centre since 2010. Bev is a keen painter across the mediums of acrylic, watercolours and oils. She enjoys the fellowship both on the desk and in the studios, when she attends the Thursday Painters group.

Bev enjoys her art because she says art lasts, where other pursuits are transitory. She says she finds the cheerful and inspiring company of her fellow volunteers and her painting group members - people with ability and vision - very uplifting.



A great night of art conversation, inspiration, degustation and congratulations.



The judges Virginia Rigney and Bruce Reynolds were impressed with the standard of entries



Cr Brooke Savige did the opening honours



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Back row L – R: Judy Clapperton, Kym Braithwaite, Helen Hall
Front: L- R: Helen Mitchell, Stephanie Domagalia, Bronwyn Doherty.



Trevor and his kitchen staff did a marvellous job with supper.



Crowds gave the MFAP entries a good going over.



2D Winner
Shirley Heapy



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Board members Shirley Heapy and Bev Porter, and volunteers Diane Carr, Kay Koina and Trish Amor ensured the night ran smoothly.



3D Winner
DayAnanda



ENOUGH FUN IN YOUR LIFE? JOIN OUR BICAS VOLUNTEERS

We are delighted to welcome new volunteers this month who have taken up roles in various areas of the Centre. Christine and Sharon are on the front desk and Di Mayo has been great admin help. There are a few long-standing volunteers on extended leave at present so we are very grateful other volunteers have stepped up to take on more responsibility in their absence. Thank you. It is much appreciated.

If you'd like to take a more active part in the Arts Centre, make new friends, learn new skills and gain a better insight into the workings of the Arts Society, become a volunteer. Even if you can give just a few hours a month, you would be much appreciated. If the front desk meeting and greeting is not your thing, there is kitchen team, Vibe markets team, grants and marketing and many other roles where you could be a great help.

Upcycling Jewellery with Noela Mills

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. Imaginative fun artist Noela can show you how, using easy techniques, basic materials and no soldering required.

Interesting, stylish 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 on 3408 9288. Places strictly limited.**



Cardmaking and scrapbooking

Wednesday August 10, 10.30am 2.30pm: FREE Make 'n' Take Scrapbooking and cardmaking in the Boardroom. Kaszazz Creative tutor Debbie Ford will show you the basics to make and take home a beautiful card project. And you'll be in the draw for a great raffle prize. If you love it and want more, book for Debbie's Scrapbooking and card-making workshop, **Wednesday August 17** in the same venue.

Book on 0428 524 201 or ukandu@bigpond.com



Let Loose with Watercolours with Annette Raff

Light & Loose watercolours workshop, Saturday September 17 with Annette Raff is **BOOKED OUT**.

But, stay tuned. Annette will conduct another at the Arts Centre on a date to be confirmed in October or November.

Price will remain \$85 for BICAS members, \$95 for non members, includes morning tea and lunch.



Friday Fun Day with Nikki Tervo & Brandy Gully Designs

Friday, August 19, 9 - 3pm: Join the Tuesday Sewers, quilters and fellow stitching enthusiasts for a fun day of stitchery, learning seven embroidery stitches and more with Nikki Tervo. After a quick trunk show, Nikki will teach the seven basic embroidery stitches for you to work on a choice of pincushion designs. **BICAS members \$34; non members \$39, includes morning tea and lunch.**



MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR BICAC VISIT

Browsing our lovely Arts Centre Gallery and gift shop can be thirsty work, so be sure to enjoy our **DELICIOUS COFFEE** while you're there. Take it on the deck or on a seat in the winter sunshine. Our front desk volunteers can serve you a coffee from our pod machine for \$2.50 and a yummy biscuit or chocolate to accompany for \$2.

BOOK for MORNING TEA or LUNCH

And if you fancy a longer stay, book a morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea package. We can cater from four to 60 people. Gluten-free options are available on request. Make it a friends' get-together or to mark a special occasion.

Morning/afternoon tea: freshly baked scones with home-made rosella or plum jam and cream and filter coffee/tea, \$5 per head

Lunch Menu: \$15 ph for main course, a choice of any two, includes tea or coffee; \$20 ph for two courses (ie mains & dessert). Menu available on request. Inquiries on **3408 9288**.

Vale Jackie (Jacqueline Hanson)

One of the Bribie Island Community Arts Society's founding members, Jacqueline Hanson (Jackie) passed away last week. She would have turned 90 this month.

Jackie was one of the energetic and innovative artists behind the building of the Arts Centre in 1988, as a Bi-Centenary Project. She was a passionate artist and art supporter, a life member of the Royal Queensland Art Society and painted right up to her last years, when she was a Nursing Home resident on the Gold Coast.

Originally from Taringa, Brisbane, Jackie moved to Bongaree on Bribie Island in the early 1980s, with her late husband, Bruce. She was a prolific artist and many of her works are in private collections across the Moreton Bay and Brisbane region.

She is survived by her sons, David and Colin and their families.

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 Jacqueline Horne. CONGRATULATIONS TO JACQUELINE





Gail was born and raised in England where she studied art at school but, although she loved painting, she chose a career in science which took her around the world to New Zealand, where she worked for 40 years as a research scientist, during which there was little time or opportunity to develop her painting skills. She retired to Bribie Island in December 2010. Since then she has attended watercolour workshops by Greg Allen and Annette Raff, a mixed media workshop with Trish Reust at BICAS, and participated in International Artist painting holidays with watercolourists Amanda Hyatt and John Lovett.

Her favourite medium is watercolour which she loves because of the beautiful and varied colours and effects when the paint interacts with water. She prefers to paint in a looser, impressionist style of painting and enjoy trying different approaches to watercolour, especially for floral paintings. She has also been working with oils, acrylics and mixed media.



She has been the coordinator of the Bribie Island Watercolour Working Together Group since 2012 and is also a part of the Contemporary Arts Practices Group. In 2015 she started tutoring a Beginners Watercolour group at U3A. In this display she has included paintings showing a range of styles using different media and techniques.

See Gail's art on the Gallery gift shop Artist of the Month wall from Tuesday August 2.

Meet her and hear her talk about her art and what inspires her, at a FREE morning tea at the Centre, Wednesday August 10, 10.30am. RSVP for catering please.



IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS AN ARTIST OF THE MONTH IN 2017, CONTACT BEV PORTER ON bevgp1@gmail.com or leave a message for her at the front desk.

Quilters light the way

Faye Clark and Thursday Quilters presenting a cheque for \$1400, which is Tombola proceeds at the recent Queensland Quilters Picnic at the Centre. Receiving it is Arts Centre Venue Manager Julie and Marketing Engagement Manager, Terry. The money is going towards new lights in the Matthew Flinders Gallery.



COURTYARD to BECOME THE BICAS SEASONED OUTDOOR GALLERY

The Centre's delightful courtyard is home to many quirky and fun creations that visitors comment on and inquire after. So why aren't they for sale, like all the other works at the Centre?

Garden art is huge with decorators, so we're turning the courtyard garden into an outdoor gallery, called Seasoned. It will be a first for the region and feature artworks for sale that will "season" in the weather. The essential ambience of the space won't change, but will be festooned with your clever outdoor pieces that hopefully will sell and be talked about far and wide.

Let's make the BICAS Seasoned Gallery it the must-stop shop for garden lovers.

Potters, sculptors, ceramicists, leadlighters; put your thinking caps on and channel outdoor ideas, ie birdbaths, wishing wells, bird feeders, potplant decorations, gnomes, statues, plaques, coil holders, tree ornaments,! If Bunnings and Masters can catch the trend with mass-produced offerings, how much more interesting can we be with original and thoughtful pieces.

The "Seasoned" art display will change with the seasons, every three months – and we plan to open the Spring Collection in October. So get busy making.



What are the Odds?

The Arts Centre management is in good hands - just fewer of them lately, though. Marketing and Engagement manager Terry Fogarty suffered a smashed left wrist in a car accident in May, and has recently returned to work at the Centre.

Last month, Venue and Events manager Julie Thomson tripped and broke her left radius. So the pair are sporting matching arm splints and sharing one-armed jokes and stories.

Happily, Terry and Julie are healing well, but hope they break the old adage about mishaps coming in threes.



5 Things I Love About Bribie

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By DayAnanda, BICAS Board member & Galleries curator

1. The view from my veranda at Toorbul. Bribie looks as undeveloped and inviting as it did when I was a child.
2. The stillness of the waters when you cross over the bridge, and the adventure of driving a short distance to the turbulence of the waves.
3. The friendly and welcoming vibe of the Island.
4. The layback locals.
5. The opportunity to grow creatively in one of the most beautiful places on the east coast.



Love the Outdoors? **HELP** keep our Centre surrounds lovely

We are seeking helpers for Neil's maintenance team who keep our lovely leafy bushland grounds and surrounds pristine and inviting.

If you are an early bird, love the morning light, fresh air and outdoor activity, and would like to help here, we'd love to hear from you.

Neil and his team begin at early light, when it's quiet and fresh and are finished by around 8.30am, so you have the rest of your day free. Duties are reasonably light and varied, covering usual gardening and grounds tidying, repair, renewal.

Perhaps you know a retired gent looking to be more active, someone who has moved away from a beloved garden, or one with time on his hands who this would suit down to the ground.

Get in contact with Julie or Jan on 3408 9288, email venuemanager@bribieartscentre.com.au or leave a note at the Centre front desk.



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 1	Artist of the Month Gail Greening	August 27	official opening of <i>trans</i> .FORM 2pm
August 3	Receiving starts for shop changeover art	August 28	8.30am—1pm Vibe Markets
August 8	Art changeover date	September 1	Artist of the Month Day Ananda
August 10	10.30am FREE Make'n'Take cardmaking day	September 3	9.30am Fun with Ink Workshop with Stephen Mills
August 10	10.30 am FREE Artist of the Month Morning Tea	September 10/11	GEM FESTIVAL
August 11	Mini Masterpiece Fundraising Exhibition opens	September 14	10.30am FREE Artist of the Month Morning Tea
August 13	9.30 am Upcycling Jewellery Workshop with Noela Mills	September 17	Loose Watercolour Workshop with Annette Raff
August 17	10.30am Cardmaking and Scrapbooking Workshop	September 16	Clay Creations exhibition
August 19	Friday Fun Day with Nikki Tervo	September 17	9.30am Light & Loose Watercolour workshop Annette Raff
August 21	Mini Masterpieces Auction	September 24	9.30am Playing with Ink workshop 2 with Stephen Mills
August 23	<i>trans</i> .FORM Printmaking Exhibition	September 25	8.30am – 1pm Vibe Markets