



## Gallery on Track Gazette

March-April 2020

As Members are aware through an earlier email, Gallery on Track has closed its doors due to the corona virus pandemic. As this situation is rapidly evolving, we do not know at this time when the Gallery will be able to re-open. However the Committee would like to reassure members that it will DEFINITELY open again when this situation has passed and life as we used to know it, returns.

In the meantime, the items currently in the Gallery have been covered where practical and will be checked regularly as Committee members will be there maintaining the garden etc. If members would prefer to remove their items from the Gallery while it is closed, please send an email to [galleryontrack@gmail.com](mailto:galleryontrack@gmail.com) and an effort will be made to arrange collection at a mutually agreeable time.

The Committee sincerely hopes that members maintain their connection with the Gallery during these unexpected circumstances. We look forward to seeing you at the monthly exhibitions, volunteering on the shift roster, attending workshops/classes and generally continuing to be a part of the local arts and crafts community when the doors open again.

We trust that you all take good care and stay safe during the coming weeks ahead and use any unexpected "spare time" you have to whip up a creative storm, the results of which we will relish in due course!

### *Results of Members' Survey - February 2020*

A survey was sent out to members in February giving them the opportunity to express their views on what the Gallery was doing and to offer ideas for future Gallery activities. Over half the members (76) responded to the survey. The responses have been compiled and a brief summary appears here.

We have a solid membership base with almost a third having been a member for more than 5 years, and two thirds of members living within 30 minutes of the Gallery. As was to be expected, members are active purchasers of Gallery items and encourage friends and family to visit.

Based on the survey responses we will not be changing the current membership fee of \$30 or the timing of the monthly exhibition openings – generally 3pm on the first Sunday of the month.

The most valuable information for the Committee, resulting from the survey, was the number of suggestions for future classes/workshops and exhibitions. A sub-committee has been formed to consider all these suggestions and we look forward to being able to introduce some new and exciting offerings and exhibitions in 2021.

At this stage, we are hopeful of being able to re-open before the AGM in September. We ask all members to give some thought to nominating for the Gallery's Management Committee at this meeting as some current Committee members will be stepping down. A brief description of the roles undertaken by the various Committee member will appear in the next Gazette.

**Needless to say, the CALENDAR OF 2020 MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS & ARTIST OF THE MONTH DISPLAYS is currently on hold. However when the Gallery re-opens, the exhibition "Reconstructed Tails & Rhymes" by Gillian Baldock and Michelle Giles will be appearing.**

**Following that the remaining 2020 exhibitions will be held either later this year or into next year, depending on time availability. We urge members to still consider creating items for inclusion in the member based displays – "Warmhearted Wool", "Beyond Recycling" and "History/Heritage Theme" as it is expected these displays will still be held at some point.**

### Goulburn Show 2020

It was great to see a marked increase in the number of entries in the Art and Craft pavilion at this year's Goulburn Show. We know the following members had wins – Congratulations to Sylvia Brook, Carolyn Greig, Stavros Papantoniou and Shirley Winterton. If you also had a win, please let us know!



Many thanks to Heather West, Lyn Brown, Elaine Cornwell and others who watered the Gallery garden over the hot summer months and kept it alive until the rains came. The roses are looking lovely.



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