

gallery ON TRACK

The Centre for Community Creativity

The Newsletter of
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Hello Everyone, This is a rather late welcome to 2014, but better to do it now rather than wait until after our general meeting in April. So a Happy New Year everyone, belated though it may be. I am sure that we are going to have another very successful year with the various events that will occur at our gallery. Alex (Editor)

NEXT GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 12TH APRIL at 11am

This will be held in the Crib Room. We hope that members will make every effort to come to it. The more who attend, the more it represents the opinions of our membership.

Other meeting dates:

21 June at 11am – General Meeting.

20 September – AGM at 11am.

29 November – Christmas Party.

SOME POINTS FROM THE FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETING

Garden: Cherie advised that all is going well, some new plants purchased and another working bee to be organised. Rabbits are a problem! A vote of thanks was made to Elaine Bill for her efforts in watering the garden. Thank you Elaine for all of the effort that you regularly put in. (last sentence from the editor)

Computer: Members on the duty roster have been given updated information on procedures for the sales system. All who have visited the gallery recently will have noticed that the computer has been moved out of the gallery and into the office area. This computer is isolated from the sales register.

Cash Register Training: to be organised for volunteers once the computer is finally sorted.

Duty Roster: It was decided to close the gallery on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Anzac Day.

The Quiet workers

I consider I'm voicing the opinion of most or all members in expressing our appreciation for the work done by some members such as Elaine Bill and Elaine Cornwall often out there watering and gardening even on hot days, Cherie slogging at the computer, Carol curating, Lynette organising and all those others forever doing things for the Gallery.

Fiona wrote the following for the Southern Highlands IMAG. It may be a little different in the publication.
Great publicity work, Fiona! We can help Fiona by responding to her requests for comments and suggestions.

Always a Feast for the Senses at Gallery on Track in Goulburn

Discover sensuous felted creations, beautiful textile arts and crafts, and an enviable selection of jewellery at Gallery on Track. Any of these items would make fabulous Mother's Day gifts, but there is so much more to choose from at the Gallery. Gez Norman's finely made roll-top timber boxes are the quintessential storage for jewellery. Beryl Skinner's beautifully detailed leather bags, purses, hair clips and more are very special items. Marolyn Turner's silk scarves are luscious in the extreme. And this is just the tip of the gift-worthy iceberg to be found at Gallery on Track. Do come along and see for yourself.

From April 23 to May 26 the Artist-of-the-Month exhibition will be '*Red Centre*', featuring some extraordinary paintings by award-winning artist **Ekaterina Mortensen**. Her inspiration for this exhibition was her trip to Central Australia in 2011. Ekaterina's artworks often incorporate unusual techniques and materials, with many in this exhibition featuring non-traditional supports such as alfoil that – for her - resemble the rocky landscape of the Red Centre. Meet the artist at 3pm on Saturday May 3.

Also in May the next exhibition to feature artworks from numerous artists is "*Dressing the Teapot*". Artworks will be more than just tea cosies – expect sculptural pieces and a large slice of humour amongst the pieces on display.

GROUPS YOU MAY LIKE TO JOIN: to practice your skills or to learn new skills from other members: Interested members are invited to the following groups running in the crib room
Patchwork/Creative Art/Needlework group – 2nd and 4th Tuesday 10am-2pm. All members welcome, Beginners welcome. \$2 amenities fee. Enquiries Lynette Brown or Cherie Sellars.

Calligraphy Class – every Wednesday, 10.30am-12.30pm in Crib Room. Contact Alison Lawrence for details – alisoncallig@bigpond.com or 4822-0024.

Creative Needles – first Sunday of each month, 10am-2pm, \$2 amenities, all members welcome. Enquiries Fiona Hammond.

Wynne's Friday Art group (Art/Lino Cut/Any Craft) 10.30am-3.30pm. No lessons – join group and bring own work. Cost \$2 amenities, \$5 towards room hire. Phone Wynne Willis 43 229724.

Carol Divall has felting workshops periodically – if interested ring Carol 4821 2572.

CRIB ROOM BOOKINGS for 2014

Regular Bookings:

1st Sunday each month: Creative Needles Group 10am-4pm.

2nd and 4th Tuesday each month: Patchwork/Creative Art/Needlework group 10am-2pm.

Every Wednesday: Calligraphy Class 10.30am-12.30pm

Every Thursday: Phoenix Group 10am-4pm.

Every Friday: Wynne's Friday Art Group 10.30am-3.30pm.

Other Bookings:

Saturday 22nd March: Fiona Hammond – Workshop.

Sunday 23rd March: Carol Divall – Hat Workshop.

Saturday 5th April: Goulburn & District Art Society Workshop.

Saturday 12th April: GDAC General Meeting.

Wednesday 16th April: Craft Group morning tea.

Saturday 17th May: Fiona Hammond Workshop.

Sunday 18th May: Carol Divall Hats or Bag Workshop. Red Hat Ladies.

Sunday 25th May: Floating Lily Finishes. Saturday 31st May: Goulburn & District Art Society Workshop.

Some Members' Achievements away from the Gallery: Some of our members were very pleased with their successes at the Canberra Show in February. In particular ribbons were won by Liudmila (Lucy) Abramova, Fiona Hammond and Ekaterina Mortensen. I haven't the details for Lucy but have been told she won prizes. Fiona gained a first in Quilting with "Ancient Portal", a first in professional threadwork beading, the champion ribbon and reserved champion overall for her necklace, and with her coiled pot she gained first in the professional miscellaneous craft category, champion ribbon and overall champion for the miscellaneous craft section. Wow, she must have been ecstatic and so glad she made that little pot. Ekaterina was awarded first prize in watercolours for her "Tendrils" and a highly commended for her mixed media "Dingoes". She was extremely pleased to be told that the United States Embassy had purchased her "King Parrots." While Alex Mortensen didn't get any award he heard that a CSIRO person purchased his "Red Skies" to hang in his office. Ekaterina was given another accolade in that she had been nominated for an Australian Citizen of the Year Award. The nomination was in regard to her work and achievements in art since she came to Australia. She wishes to express her thanks to the person who thought highly enough of her to make this nomination.



Ekaterina with her prize winning "Tendrils"



The ribbons and certificates dwarf Fiona's coiled pot.



A very proud Fiona with her winning quilt.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH: EKATERINA MORTENSEN April 12 – May 25

THE RED CENTRE

MEET THE ARTIST on SATURDAY 3rd MAY at 3pm

Ekaterina visited the Red Centre of our country for the first time in July 2012 and was so impressed with what she saw there that she made it the focal point of her university art studies. Her works are very contemporary being experimental and innovative. She daringly uses unconventional supports and techniques to provide the viewer with her striking impressions of the landscapes, the wildlife and the influence of people in the environment of the Red Centre.

Ekaterina looks forward to talking with people about her works at the Meet the Artist session on 3rd May. Please join her on this social occasion for nibbles, drinks, a chat and, most importantly, to view some examples of her works.



Two of Ekaterina's Red Centre paintings.

All works are for sale.

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

April 12 – May 25 Ekaterina Mortensen. Red Centre. Paintings.
May - June Dressing a teapot: an Open exhibition.
Would you like to make a booking for Artist of the Month? Contact Carol.

WORKSHOPS

Saturday 22nd March: **Fiona Hammond**. Double Delight Pendant 9.30am – 4pm. Participants will create a versatile double-sided pendant using beading needles, thread and Japanese seed beads. Cost of the workshop is \$65 plus \$30 for the kit. See the Galleries website for more information. Enquiries: Fiona 48 494489; Fiona@chiatanyadesign.com.au

Sunday 23rd March: **Carol Divall**. Hat workshop. 10am – 4pm. Details Carol 48 212572.

Saturday 5th April: **Goulburn & District Art Society**. Life Drawing for Beginners with Alex Mortensen, GDAS member. Female model. 10.30am – 4pm. GDAS members \$10; non-members \$20. Also \$2 amenities fee. Contact Helen 48 292300 or Alex 0434 286 311.

Saturday 17th May: **Fiona Hammond**. More Kumihimo Braiding. 9.30am – 4 pm. Participants can do either a round or flat braid. Enquiries: Fiona 48 494489; Fiona@chiatanyadesign.com.au

Sunday 18th May: **Carol Divall**. Hat or Bag workshop. 10am – 4pm. Details Carol 48 212572.

Saturday 31st May: Goulburn & District Art Society. Watercolour for Intermediate – Advanced with Ray Barnett, a well-known Canberra based artist. 10am – 4pm. Cost: Members \$40, Non-members \$55. Also \$2 amenities fee. Equipment: to be advised. Contact Helen 48 292300.

TRASH & TREASURE DAY AT GALLERY ON TRACK.

Saturday 8th March. This was another successful day with a big variety of goods on offer on the verandah and in the Crib Room. Stallholders were pleased with their sales. Three of the verandah stallholders are pictured below. Apologies to the Crib Room stall holders who had an excellent display – the editor forgot to take photos in there.



ADVERTISING OUR GALLERY

Each and every one of our members can help to advertise our gallery. We can all do this by taking the opportunity to tell friends and acquaintances about the gallery. When chatting at parties why not ask people if they know of Gallery on Track? Tell them the sorts of things we have for sale. Tell them it is an ideal place to purchase gifts. Tell them where we are located. Have some of our brochures with you to give to people. Here at the gallery take the opportunity to ask people to take a brochure or two to give to friends. Word of mouth is an excellent method of advertising.

RECENT EVENTS IN THE GALLERY ON TRACK.

“**Out of the Box**” was a wonderful exhibition that revealed a large range of imaginative and innovative works by the exhibitors. Viewers showed a great deal of interest in them and it was interesting to see some people bending down to get a closer look into some of the exhibits and also hands on in some cases. Photos next page.



Just 3 of the many Out of the Box exhibits. It would be wonderful to be able to show them all. Congratulations to all who entered a work.

The Phoenix Phyre Art Group opening of their annual exhibition was well attended on Sunday 9th March, with everyone enjoying the social occasion. It was pleasing to hear comments about the success of the group and how they rose from the ashes of the discontinuation of the TAFE art classes – something that should not have occurred. Congratulations Phoenix members. Still on exhibition.



An interesting way to display the numerous card size flower paintings along the lower edge of the wall. Part of the gathering at the opening of The Phoenix show. (Right)



ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER – Help me to help you.

If you are going to be an artist of the month or are going to hold a workshop, or have had an opening or run a workshop or have been creating works and if you would like to have an article in the newsletter please email to me a few sentences about it (say, 50 words maximum) plus a photo or two in jpg or jpeg. Try to send information well in advance. With events that you have held, send it to me straight after the event. Use “For newsletter” as the subject of your email. It will make my job easier if I can just copy and paste rather than to have to do a lot of typing; it will ensure that you are featured here; and it will make our newsletter more informative for readers. So help me to help you.

My email: alexgamort@hotmail.com

Unable to do your duty on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday? If, for some reason such as illness, family commitments, etc, you find that you cannot do your regular duty on these days, phone Alex between 7.30am and 8.00am on that morning. You’ll find that on most occasions he will be available but he does do casual teaching when required and will know by 7.30am if a school needs him. Because of this he will not commit himself in advance so there is no point in asking him at some earlier date. Alex’s phone number is on the roster.

First Aid Kit: has been updated and placed on cupboard in kitchen, together with a Incident Report, please notify gallery of any accidents and put in Incident Book.

THE CALLIGRAPHY CLASS Alison Lawrence

The beginners class that I've been running at Gallery on Track is now coming to an end and the students want to continue for another four weeks learning the Italic Hand. We will cover the minuscules, majuscules, Swash Capitals, a little flourishing and a spiky italic. This will run on Wednesday 19th March, 26th March, 2nd April and 9th April from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Crib Room at Gallery on Track, Blackshaw Road, Goulburn and costs \$80. If you have a little experience of calligraphy and would like to join us, you would be most welcome.

Then after an Easter break, we will be starting again with a five week session learning the Carolingian Hand and Legende. This will be on Wednesday 7th May, 14th May, 21st May, 28th May and 4th June from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Crib Room and costs \$100. This course is aimed at continuing students, not beginners.

However I'm offering another beginners course learning Uncial and Foundational Hand after Easter as above running from 1pm to 3pm. This will cost \$100 and if the student needs basic equipment, I can provide that for about \$25.

You would be most welcome at any of these classes and, if you are not able to come, perhaps you can let interested friends know about this opportunity. Please contact me on alisoncallig@bigpond.com or 4822-0024.

Go to the Gallery on Track website, click on "More" and then click on Workshops to find more information and photos about the Calligraphy classes.

Seen at the Phoenix Group Opening



The renovation of Gallery on Track is funded by: Goulburn Soldiers' Club, Goulburn Workers Club and the following bodies:

