



BLUE MOUNTAINS CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

December 2019

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From all the Committee Members blessings and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Backrow L to R: David Attwood (Treasurer), Ingrid Russell (Vice President, Art Director & Class Coordinator), Joy Myers-Creed (Life Drawing Facilitator), Bronwyn Campbell (Secretary & Pottery Facilitator), David Russell (Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Officer), Elizabeth Bryden (Publicity Officer)

Seated L to R: Richard Cutler (past President and 'Inspirator'), Alison James (President & Workshop Coordinator), Rudi Christen ("Creations" Editor), Gus Carrozza (Librarian).

Not present: Katherine Kennedy (Print Making Coordinator)

IMPORTANT 4th Dec. (Sat.) 4 to 7pm TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY at BMCAC, Hare Street

DATE

Members can have a table to sell their work.

The Gallery will be open; Ingrid will "man" it.

See poster on page 9

Please bring a plate to share.

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FROM THE EDITOR

VERY BIG CONGRATUALIONS TO HELEN STILL who shared "The Basic Foundations Skills" prize with a class mate for her TAFE course.

December is a busy time for nearly everyone. So, let's keep it short.

May you be spared from fire and smoke, except for the one in a kiln.

Hope to see you at the Twilight Party on Saturday. Apart from celebrating a creative year it will provide an excellent opportunity to purchase last minute Christmas gifts.

Rudi Christen



Some of Helen Still's winning work

We would like you to get in touch with us !

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Dear Members,

This year has been another very productive one, with plenty of work being done around the centre.

We have some fantastic retaining walls, great storage areas in the art storage room and pottery room, air conditioning to the pottery room, a fabulous little gallery, new gutter mesh that's saving a huge amount of work trying to clean out gutters, lovely new tables in the main room, a sweet little sitting area outside the main room and gardens that are looking absolutely beautiful and filling with colour and foliage.

We held our annual members exhibition, pottery exhibition, life drawing exhibition, our second year of the Blue Mountains Art Prize and introduced a new Print Prize and it's fair to say that they were all successful events.

We are establishing a new arts program which will start in January 2020. The pilot program will provide the opportunity for members to hold exhibitions in the main room, via proposal submissions, in January, at no cost. Establishing this program offers our members a stepping stone into the world of exhibiting their artwork in a professional setting. This is a great opportunity for BMCAC to continue their work in fostering arts in the community.

I'd like to thank all of our members for their ongoing membership with our centre and to all of our students who have participated in classes this year, your commitment to learning and our Centre is what keeps the committee happy to be actively engaged. On that note, a quick reminder that membership renewal will be due again in January 2020.

Next year we will continue to make improvements to the centre where needed and look for opportunities to grow our reach in the community. Of course none of our work is possible without our amazingly dedicated committee and teachers who I'd like to extend a huge thank you to for all their time and effort they have put into the Centre this year.

Lastly, to everyone I wish you a Merry Christmas and happy new year, filled with opportunities to relax with loved ones and create some beautiful artworks.

Warm regards,

Alison James

ART DIRECTOR'S REPORT *Ingrid Russell*

We have two more weeks of class left in 4th term. The late ending is due to having to make up for the Print Prize week. Pottery classes are not affected and have only 1 week left. The timetable for term 1, 2020 will be the same as this term as teachers will be offering their classes again. Online enrolments are now open for Christmas gifting. If you would like a gift certificate please add a note when you enrol. The enrolment deadline is Saturday 3rd Feb 2020, and classes will start 5th February. As we have scheduled all the prize events out of class term times, there will be no interruptions next year. Wishing all students and teachers a happy and healthy holiday season. Stay safe. See you in 2020 for another year of creativity.

Ingrid

POTTERY FACILITATOR'S REPORT *Bronwyn Campbell*

Due to ill health, family pressures, course final exhibitions etc, Monday nights have been a bit lonely the last couple of weeks with only 2 or 3 attending. So if you are interested in attending on Monday nights in 2020 please contact me early in February to see if there is an available space. The Saturday morning group also has some spaces. Our room is small, so 8 members at any one time is about our capacity.

Cody's kiln has been fired successfully a few times now. The very heavy back shelves have become quite an issue, so I suggest we sell the heavy 21/2cm ones and replace them with lighter shelves. The door fibre still needs replacing. We are waiting on the repairman.

In 2020 there will be two firing books. One for Baby Bear as it can be operated independently of the other two and One for Father Bear and Mother Bear as they cannot be fired at the same time. It will be easier to track when they are available.

To make paper trails easier for our treasurer we will have:

A kiln firing book: for personal pieces fired by members. All members must pay for their personal fired pieces even though they may be included in a class firing. (% of kiln space taken). Discuss cost with your facilitator.

A petty cash book: for receipts facilitators and teachers for things bought for the pottery room.

A Monday group book: for \$5 fees

A Saturday group book: for \$5 fees

Due to a rise in electricity costs we envisage a very small rise in kiln costs in 2020 – yet to be determined.

The room has been looking neat and tidy in the last few weeks. Thank you all for making the effort.

I do hope you all have a really happy Christmas and have a good rest. May the New Year be full of much joy, laughter, adventure, exciting surprises and most of all love.

Kind regards,

Bronwyn

BUILDING REPORT *David Russell*

The following is a short overview of the work carried out over the year around the Centre by David Russell and David Attwood:

- the art room renovation,
- the pottery room renovation,
- the new garden walls and
- the gutter guards.

Particular thanks are due to David Attwood for doing all the gutter guards as this was a very big job and will be increasingly important during the continuing, awful fire season we are currently experiencing.

On suggestion by David Attwood it was decided to spend \$120 to purchase 36 white tiles, to be decorated with underglaze by the children, glazed with clear glaze and attached to our new garden wall.

PUBLICITY, GARDENING AND GRANTS REPORT *Elizabeth Bryden*

This time just a special plea to everyone:

If you happen to be at or near the Centre before 10am or after 4pm could you **please help by watering the garden.**

Thank you.

And, great news: We have received \$2,500 from the **Bowling Club** for the removal of the asbestos on the side wall of the main room.

LIFE DRAWING REPORT *Joy Myers Creed*

Just a reminder that our last day for life drawing is 13/12/19 ,when drawing finishes on that day we will stay at the Centre to have our breakup celebration together.

Our model for the day plans to join our party and two past members are visiting us as well.

Please feel personally invited if you are reading this and bring a friend and or family member as well as a plate of food to share, or whatever you feel is appropriate.

We are not finishing drawing till 1pm so please don't knock on the door till after 1pm.

We have met to draw 42 times this year including 13/12/19. We have averaged almost 11 drawers each week during the year.

Our first day back next year will be the first Friday in February which is 7/1/20.

I wish you all an enjoyable holiday season and the hope of a wonderful year ahead.

Joy Myers Creed PH 47392413

Richard's Musings

When I took over the Presidency ten years ago, my first 'Musings' was a poem by Jalal-ud-Din Rumi. Now, as I'm about to leave my studio in the yurt I give you another.

Poets and painters get on, as both tend to come to accept their situation with no dissension.

The Love of Woman.

You seem to rule your wife outwardly, yet inwardly you are ruled by her whom you desire..

This is characteristic of Man: in other animals love is lacking, and that shows their inferiority.

The Prophet said that woman prevails over the wise, while ignorant men prevail over her;

for in them the fierceness of the animal is immanent.

Love and tenderness are human qualities, anger and lust are animal qualities.

Rumi, the Persian Sufi teacher (1207 – 1273)



Portrait of a young Safavid prince seated on a rock.

Persian Miniature,
2nd half 16th Century.

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– GLENBROOK

V2020 VISION

Are you interested in holding your own exhibition in January 2020?

BMCAC members are invited to submit proposals to hold their own exhibition in the main room for the periods 10th-12th or the 17th to 19th January.

The exhibition will be titled **2020 Vision**.

Only financial BMCAC Members are eligible to apply.

Room hire is free.

Artists will be entirely responsible for their own exhibition. This includes:

- Advertising
- Invitations
- Setting up
- Food
- Manning the room

The Centre will take 20% commission on all sales.

Applications forms can be found on our website www.bmcac.org.au under 2020 VISION. Please include 3 or 4 photos of your work with the application.

Decisions by the committee on proposals will be final with no negotiation.

Please submit your proposal by 4th January



WHAT'S ON ?

Galleries, Exhibitions, Workshops, Prize Entries, Coming Events

Please check our Website for details about the upcoming **WORKSHOPS** at
www.bmcac.org.au/workshops

HAPPENINGS before CHRISTMAS

14th Dec. (Sat.) 4 to 7pm TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS PARTY at BMCAC, Hare Street

19th Dec The Hall has been hired out to Ebony and Ivy for a Christmas Wreath workshop

Upcoming **WORKSHOPS in 2020** in Jewellery with Jane Tadriss.

25 Jan - silver ring making

22 Feb - silver pendant or earring making

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2020

Annual Members' Exhibition	17 th April Opening night	18 th /19 th April
Art Prize	24 th July Opening night	Sat 25 th /26 th July
Life Drawing	17 th Sept. Opening night	18 th / 19 th September
Print Prize	2 nd Oct. Opening night	3 rd / 4 th October
"Clay Creations" – Potters' Exhibition	16 th Oct. Opening night	17 th /18 th October.

ENROLMENT DAYS

1ST February

2nd May

25th July

17th October

TERMS

3rd Feb – 27th March

4th May – 29th June

27th July – 18th September

19th October – 11th December

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**Blue Mountains Creative Arts
Centre**

Twilight Christmas Party

You are invited to join us to celebrate

When: Saturday the 14th of December

Where: BMCAC

Time: 4pm to 7pm

Food and drink provided but feel free to bring a plate

Kare St. Gallery will be open for last minute shopping

RSVP: bmcaac.mail@gmail.com by the 10/12/19