



SoART hosts outstanding exhibitions



'Stitched Up' is the current exhibition (until 3 December) in SoART Gallery with work from the Dalmeny Quilters, Quaama Cobargo Quilters and a Bermagui quilter. Admiring the work are Suzanne Dainer, Heather Blessington and Helena Bettini.

Visitors to our SoART Gallery have enjoyed some fascinating and outstanding exhibitions over the last couple of months.

Cat Wilson's exhibition 'From Fez to Casablanca' was a great success and excitingly different. (see image below) It featured cyanotype prints and digital collages inspired by Cat's time living in Morocco with her Moroccan husband Faouzi Saouli. There she studied traditional Islamic geometric design.

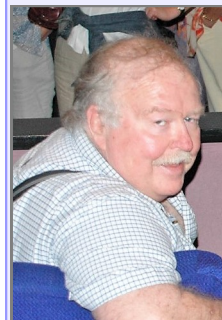
The exhibition prompted great feedback and her workshop in the Studios was also highly successful. She will organise another workshop at a later date for those who missed out.



Cat's exhibition was closely followed by Ann Espinoza's, again a wonderfully professional exhibition showcasing Ann's great skills as an artist. She was thrilled with her sales. Hopefully

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Vale John Griffiths OAM



John at opening of Cinema 2 in 2008

Our thoughts are with Janette, Jade and their family with John's passing.

As a community, we benefited so much from John's vision and passion for cinema and the Kinema. He and his family have been part of our community since April 2003 when they took over the lease of the Memorial Hall.

Other School of Arts news

The NACC edges closer

Our recently established Steering Group is currently hard at work on a grant application to fund the construction of our long anticipated Narooma Arts & Community Centre.

The group of Wendy Ambler, Rob Hawkins, Russell Burke and Olaf Thiele are meeting with two SOA committee members twice a week to work through the complexities of the process. We are really fortunate to have this group on board; they share our passion and recognise the need for such a community-owned facility that will serve our community well into the future. They bring considerable experience and extra capacity to our efforts.

Meanwhile a few of the SOA committee will attend an Arts fundraising webinar over the next two weeks to better understand how to source some funds other than from Government.

From the Studios

The Studios are back in full swing plus a few more. Special workshops have included Cat Wilson's traditional Islamic geometric pattern workshop and two Writing Workshops by Marian Devitt 'From Fear to Flow'. All workshops were booked out.

There is also talk of a possible regular writing group in 2021, so fingers crossed.

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SoART Gallery available for exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking. Also please check our website www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/

19 November- 3 December: 'STITCHED UP'

— organiser Ann Espinoza

17-22 December: Nadja De Brennan + Michelle Preston

7-20 January 2021: LIFE DRAWING exhibition

20-27 January: Lesley Lambert exhibition

29 January-12 February: 'KISS THE DIRT' - Hayley King exhibition

1-6 April (Easter): ARTFUL 9 exhibition

2 Sept-8 Oct: 'FANTASTIC PLASTIC'



The Studios on Monday afternoons are now home to ukulele groups.

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The current 'Stitched Up' exhibition, installed by Anne Espinoza, reaches out to some of our highly skilled quilters who rose to the occasion with over 65 wonderful cushions incorporating a patchwork element. It was judged by Kathy Burke and Cheryl Constable; the School of Arts committee thanks them for their support and professional evaluation.

They awarded the prize in the Traditional Category to Sheryl Richardson (cushion indicated in photo above), and the Contemporary Prize to Daiva Ceicys with her cushion having the wow factor through the use of well chosen fabrics, stunning colour and print.

Organisers are open to any suggestions to improve the 2021 exhibition.

Calling all Artists

Is anyone interested in running some Beginners' Art Classes in 2021 in the Studios?

The SOA has had several requests so if interested, please contact Suzanne (0431 486 617) or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au



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The SOA Constitution

The special general meeting on 16 November approved the new Constitution unanimously.

Based on the Model Rules, it has been amended to comply with the new *Associations Incorporation Act Regulation 2016 (NSW)*, the repeal of the *Trustees of School of Arts Enabling Act 1902*, and to try to safeguard our community-owned assets.

Our Studios welcome everyone

The Studios are open for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops. Covid restrictions apply.

Please check the Studios' website, this newsletter or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

More information and Studio bookings: please ring Suzanne (0431 486 617) or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

The first Friday Friendly since pre-lockdown will be **our Christmas party on Friday 11 December from 3pm.** Please see attached flyer. We hope to see you there.

All activities (plus more!) have resumed		
Weekly		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — meet Casey's Café. Karen Busuttill coordinator 0458 181282	9.30am
	Ukulele beginners group Dalmeny Wahinis' practice	1-2pm 2-3pm
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-12.30
	Narooma Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith.	9.45 -10.45am
	Mah-jong	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Monthly		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 nd Thurs 1-4pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	2pm 17 January