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Membership stands at 80!

New Term Starts July 9 2012



Report On Inaugural Art Exhibition 1st June To 15th June At Lyrebird Gallery.

Well what can I say except "**what a success**". The awful weather did not deter the hardy supporters we had and the evening was friendly, gay and very warm. We had several head counts and came up with 60, not a bad number for such weather. We sold \$605 worth of art works which I think in this financial climate was good and remembering that we did not have the money to splurge on advertising a good result.

My first thank you goes to the Scenic Rim Regional Council for their Grant of \$600. There was no way Beaudesert U3A could come up with this amount of money and a vote of thanks must go to our local council.

Councillor Jennifer Sanders very kindly opened the Exhibition and was obviously very impressed with the works exhibited and the friendly welcome she received. Her email the following day said how much she enjoyed the exhibition and was very keen to keep the contact with U3A going.

Last but not least I must thank U3A members of the Fellowship of Artists Rose Duffy and Christine Purtle for their help hanging paintings, helping on the night and taking down on 15th. Jean for the Catalogue, Val Chapman for she knows what, Hilary's team at the Art & Information Centre and all you U3 A members who turned up with all that lovely finger food. Nobody went home hungry. I do hope I have not forgotten anyone but if I have do feel free to come and have a cup of tea with me or perhaps lunch at my place.

I am very proud to have been involved with the Beaudesert U3A Inaugural Art Exhibition.

Margaret Kendrick
Chairman: U3A Art Exhibition Committee
Tutor/ Course Coordinator.
22nd June 2012

Editorial Comment on Margaret's Report

The one person that Margaret forgot to mention is Margaret herself. She worked tirelessly to make the Exhibition and the Gala Opening a great success and much of the credit goes to her. Well done Margaret and well done all of the members of the Art Exhibition Committee.



Margaret Kendrick, Val Chapman and Jo Weymouth, with Jo's painting "The Enchanted Pond", voted by those present as "The Most Popular Artwork".



President's Report

U3A Queensland State Conference

Margaret and I attended the U3A Queensland State Conference and Network AGM held at the Southport Community Centre at the Gold Coast on 5 & 6 June 2012.

We were one of 21 Branches participating, there were over 130 delegates. The group photo will give you some idea of the large attendance.

We participated in several workshops and in particular found "the new beginnings of recently started U3A's" very interesting. Taking into account our small population base here in Beaudesert we have done very well.

There is such a large difference between the large U3A's who have been operating for many years and the small U3A's in regional centres, many who are struggling to remain relevant.

Our new Queensland U3A State President, Rhonda Weston is keen to promote regional get-togethers to help each other to prosper.

Based in Toowoomba her large U3A has been instrumental to assist new U3A's to start, usually under their umbrella and when ready assisting them to stand on their own feet.

Mary Courtney from the Granite belt is seeking support for a regional meeting sometime in November.

We had several addresses and workshops about volunteering, not surprising considering the changes under way at federal level which will make a big impact on many voluntary organisations.

Mens Shed Heath Expo

We had a stand (rather a table and couple of chairs) at the Mens Shed Expo on 12 June 2012 with ample documentation to hand out. I was the sole attendant on our stand until Tex White was able to assist at noon.

As the weather was not to great we did not see overwhelming numbers present but those who were there took great use of the varied services offered and that applied as far as interest in our U3A was concerned as well and I had many a discussion and pleased to make several contacts.

If you are interested in assisting attending the odd stall at market days and the like you are more than welcome, you will find it a great experience.

RSL Grant Success

We have been successful again with a grant from the RSL for a large cabinet to be located in the Centacare premises running out of room with our filing cabinet.

Hennie van Dyk
President



Hennie, Mary and Margaret at the State Conference

Notes from Tricia

We have been successful in obtaining a grant of \$375 from the RSL for the purchase of a storage cupboard to match those already in the training room at Centacare. This cupboard will be used to store items belonging to U3A as "Charlie" (our 4 drawer filing cabinet) is really too full.

One of the purposes of the cupboard will be to hold a collection of books pertaining to courses held by us such as computer books. Initially these items will be donated or loaned by members. Diane Kelly, who attends the computer group, has kindly volunteered to act as librarian and we thank her for taking this responsibility.

Watch your newsletter for information on when this scheme will commence.

Anyone Interested In Learning Spanish?

Hennie has made contact with a volunteer tutor who is prepared to conduct a course in Spanish. If there are any members interested in learning Spanish could you please contact Margaret Kendrick on 5541 0745



Tutor-Course Coordinator's Report

Here we are at the end of the 2nd Term and I am still wondering where the 1st went.

The courses for the 2nd Term have been well attended but the exception is the Recipe Club which seems to have gone the same way as the Book Group. It is the same small group turning up each time.

The Discussion Group on Tuesdays will now be held at Kath's House. Centacare's Tuesday Friends has grown and the Bistro is really too crowded and therefore not safe for some of the elderly persons attending. Cath's House is more than adequate for the Discussion Group.

Line Dancing and Computers remain the strongest groups.

Carol's Camera Group is moving to Wednesday, with little need for the Bistro, as she is planning lots of excursions for the coming term.

Tricia's new course on Genealogy will be meeting on Thursday's, once a month, starting on 2nd of August.

We have had an offer of tutors for a **Spanish class** but the tutors will require travel reimbursement. This is feasible if we can find enough people to commit to Spanish for a term and are willing to put in a few dollars each towards the course. Please let me know if you are interested.

With art tutor Terry attending the Limners once a month, the group has decided that he should be reimbursed for his travel and they now put in \$5 each towards costs. He is so popular that I am sure they think he is worth much more. So let us keep this option in mind, just in case anyone comes across a good tutor who could be utilised.

The new timetable appears later in this newsletter and on the website.

That's my lot. I am now off to "the land of the long white cloud" to "chill out" with my grand-daughters and Max the dog who I have never met. He will be the closest I get to a Grandson.

Margaret

Line Dancing Group

From my experience of running our weekly Line Dancing class, I can now appreciate that any dance can be done in many different ways, as long as we are all up and enjoying the exercise. Most of our dancers are over the age of 60, some are 80 plus, and others have disabilities, but we all manage to do some exercise while enjoying the class and the camaraderie. We cater for all, whether they have been professional dancers, (just for you Margo), or just also-rans like most of us.

If we watch or listen to programs on TV, the medical profession is becoming more aware that more exercise and social outings are more beneficial to us than drugs, whatever our age or ailment.

So what have you got to lose, except maybe a few less pills, and there is so much to be gained from joining our Line Dancing Group.

We get together on Tuesdays 2.20pm to 4pm at the Uniting Church Hall, Cnr William and Duckett Sts. Give me a ring if you are interested or would like any further information.

Trish Fraser
Ph. 0417 440 584

Genealogy

This is a new course for those interested in genealogy in general, and for those wishing to trace their family. It is planned to meet once a month and also to organise trips to research facilities on a group basis. Anyone interested in participating in this group should contact me.

Tricia Edward Ph. 5544 1462
or email shikeo@bigpond.com.

Art Appreciation Excursion

On Wednesday 20th June members of our Art Appreciation group went on a slightly different excursion. We went to the Qld. Museum to attend the Egyptian Mummy exhibition. Car-pooling got the day off to a good start and, after a coffee, we lined up for our entrance time. I wasn't expecting to be allotted a time to enter the exhibition but soon realised the purpose of this. We entered into a small theatre to see a 3D film of the mummy. Not being a fan of 3D I wasn't looking forward to this experience but it was an absolutely amazing experience. Filmed in 3D really gave the feeling of being there. I must say the trip up the inside of his spine was mind blowing.

After the film we made our way into the exhibition to see a collection of artifacts from ancient Egypt. The age and condition of these items was worth the effort and cost of the exhibition by itself but the highlight for me was the 3D film. Another successful trip.

Tricia Edward

Art Appreciation Trip Wednesday 18th July

We are planning a trip to the **Ipswich Art Gallery** to see works by Margaret Olley, Vida Lahey and other great artists.

If you want to car pool contact Jean on 55413706 or email "harrynjean@bigpond.com". Otherwise we will see you at the Gallery about 10am.

The August trip on Wednesday 15th, will be to the **Queensland Art Gallery** for the fabulous **Prado** Exhibition. We may have to book an entry time for this – so get expressions of interests in early please.

Discussion Group

We would like to remind you that as from the beginning of Term 3 (Tuesday 10th July) The Discussion Group will be held at Kath's House, 27 Dunsinane Street, Beaudesert.

The day and time will remain the same – Tuesday mornings 9.30 to 11.30.

Peter

Date Claimers

The U3A in Toowoomba Inc. in Association with Toowoomba Regional Council is holding a Seniors Information Expo at the HumeRidge Church of Christ Complex, 461 Hume St. Toowoomba on Wednesday 22nd August from 9am to 2pm. Entry is free and refreshments are available.

Additional Notes


- Jean is hoping to produce a book to celebrate our wonderful Art Exhibition and will be applying for a grant to help with the preparation.
- The Fellowship of Artists is planning to hold an exhibition at the Show Grounds towards the end of July. There will be a small fee to hang works, and a small percentage levied on sales. Please contact Jean if you are interested in showing you work.
- Did anyone think about the Collaborative Consumerism idea discussed in the last Newsletter. If you think this form of service to members of the U3A is a good idea, look around for suitable items that you might be able to loan to others. If you have a need for something let us know
- Jean

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Beaudesert U3A Time-Table: Term 3 2012

| Day | Start-Time | Morning Session | Venue | Start-Time | Afternoon Session | Venue |
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| Monday | 10 am 9th July | Computer Group Weekly 10 – noon | Centa care | 1.30 pm 9th July | Mosaics Weekly 1.30 – 4pm | 20 Lincoln Court |
| | | | | 1.30 pm 30 th July | Self-Publishing 1.30 – 3.30 By arrangement | Centa care |
| Tues day | 9 am | Art Group 1 Fellowship of Artists No new enrolments | Tennis Club | 2.30 10 th July | Line Dancing Weekly 2.30 – 4pm | Uniting Church Hall |
| | 9.30 10 th July | Discussion Group Weekly 9.30 – 11.30 | Kaths House 27 Dunsinane | | | |
| Wednes day | 9 am 11th July | Art Group 2 The Limners Weekly 9am-noon | Centacare | 1.30 pm 18th July | Camera Club 3 rd Wednesday of each month. Nominally 1.30 – 4 pm | Centa Care/ excursion |
| | 10 am* 18th July | Art Appreciation 3 rd Wednesday of each month Nominally 10-12 noon* | Centacare/ excursion | | | |
| Thurs day | 10 am* 2nd August | Genealogy 1st Thursday of each month 10-12 noon | Centacare | |  | |
| Friday | tba 20th July | Recipe Club Third week of each month | Members homes | 12 noon 20 th July | Jigsaw Library Exchange Phone in advance | 20 Lincoln Court |

All courses are held at the Centacare rooms, 6–12 Peterson Street, Beaudesert, unless otherwise indicated.

All participants must be paid up members of Beaudesert U3A (\$25.00) per annum (couples \$40.00) and each session has a minimum fee of \$2.00 towards Centacare expenses (tea/coffee, aircon etc). If necessary extra Course costs for photocopying, travel etc., will be set by Tutors.

Course Co-ordinator: Margaret Kendrick Phone 5541 0745 Email: margaretnorah@gmail.com

