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TRIBUTE TO MARGARET PARKER

(as given by Greta Silk on behalf of the Guild on Tuesday 25th August 2009 at the Celebration of Life)

Margaret joined the Artisans Guild in 1995-96 with Lorna Elborn. Together they had worked at the Neighbourhood Centre and they were also members of the Caboolture Regional Arts before joining the Guild.

I remember on one occasion when Margaret was waiting for her kidney transplant: she came to a meeting at Old Bay Road. She had a pager in her pocket and was hooked up to a drip. I thought how brave and how special that she had taken the time to come to the meeting. Most people wouldn't have bothered - that was Margaret.

She was always a loyal team member from the time she joined the Guild: always ready to put her hand up when and where it was needed. I could always rely on Margaret to help out at a moments notice on any activity, selling sausages and cold drinks at a sausage sizzle, working on a stall at Beachmere.

Margaret was always there with a smile and ready to work. It was never a chore to her. In 2005, her and Colin took on the role of Treasurer. At the end of each month, there was a great deal of work to do, payments to make etc and these were always done promptly. The Guild knew their finances were in good hands. Anytime, we had gift wrapping at Caboolture Park or Morayfield, Margaret or Colin would be there. Margaret always found time to work in the shop: even when she was in a wheelchair, she felt she had to do her bit. She always worried that she wasn't pulling her weight. How wrong she was! When we visited her at home or in hospital, she would always ask how things were going with the Guild: did we have enough people to fill the rosters etc etc.

Until a few weeks ago, she was still working on her crafts: crocheting hand towels, milk jug covers and the like. Making sure that we had plenty of stock for the shop.

Late in 2006, Margaret, together with Sue Pine and then Mayor Joy Leishman cooked up the plan to nominate me for Volunteer of the Year 2007. Margaret was very cagey and didn't let onto me at all. When I asked her about it, she shrugged her shoulders and said "Oh really". I later found out that she had paid a major part in my getting that Award.

I always took flowers to Margaret to cheer her up when I visited her at home or hospital, as due to her diabetes: she couldn't have the usual treats. One time she was transferred to the Respiratory Ward and wasn't allowed to take her flowers with her. She wasn't happy about this as she was anxiously waiting for some of the blooms to come out!

I have never known anyone put up such a fight to stay on this earth. I don't know how she had the courage to keep on going with so much going against her.

Margaret fitted everything into the time she had and didn't waste a minute. She never complained; took everything in her stride and always with a smile - she loved life.

Margaret - you touched us all with your good humour, compassion and friendship. You were our little Aussie battler.

To Colin, Jeffrey and Sandra, Jessica and Barry - you have our heartfelt and deepest sympathy. We will miss your camaraderie and friendship so much: your battle is now over. God bless - Rest in Peace.

MEMBERS EXHIBITION

Don't forget the Exhibition is not too far away.

I hope that you are all getting busy working on your art and craft works.

Entries close on Monday 28th September and receiving day is Friday 2nd October between 9.00 and 3.00pm.

Extra entry forms are available from the Gallery and the Shop.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My apologies for the confusion regarding prizes for our Exhibition. There will be no "prize packages" for our Exhibition. All prizes will be Guild cheques. Hopefully this will be an incentive for members to exhibit. Nomination Forms are in the Shop and Gallery - if members need more.

ARTISTS - please make sure your paintings adhere to the Guild's hanging requirements. If you are not sure of these, details are listed on information sheets in the Art Folder at the Gallery's front counter or in your "new members" kit.

Members on roster - would you please check all new members Application Forms to make sure they are filled in correctly.

Please feel free to ring Peter or myself, if you have any queries.

Shirley Robinson

LAYBY RULES

All members please read new Layby Rules & Procedures as verified by Department of Fair Trading. Rules are displayed in the shop and Gallery and it is recommended that a copy of these be given to each customer when a layby is originated.

PROPOSAL FOR QUILTING PROJECT

At the September meeting, a proposal was put forward by member Valmay Bell about the making of a series of quilts depicting the history of the Moreton Shire. The concept was inspired by a series of historical quilts that Valmay saw in Deloraine, Tasmania on a recent holiday.

The undertaking of such a project would promote the Artisans Guild and its many activities and also lift its public profile within the region.

At this stage, it is an idea/concept put forward as a future long-term project of the Guild and feedback from all members is sought. Such a project would not just involve quilters by any means: but would involve a great many of the talents and skills of our many members.

At this point, if you have any ideas - either contact Valmay on 5497 9120 or come along to the General Meeting in November where the matter will be more widely discussed.

DATE CLAIMERS:

- Entry Forms for the Members Exhibition need to be submitted by Gallery closing on Monday 28th September.
- Entries need to be delivered to the Gallery by Friday 2nd October.
- Opening Night of the Members Exhibition - Friday 9th October, commencing at 7.00pm. Tickets \$10.00 each - these are available at the Gallery *right now*.
- Next Committee meeting will be at the Gallery on Wednesday 14th October commencing at 9.00am.
- A General Meeting of the Guild will be held at Old Bay Road Community Arts Centre, Old Bay Road on Wednesday 11th November, commencing at 9.00am. *21 people needed for the quorum.*

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

As I have now taken over the role of Newsletter Editor, I would like to expand the interest within the Newsletter. My thoughts are: handy hints to help us produce beautiful work, favourite recipes, good jokes but I'm sure there are plenty of other things that members would like to see featured.

Please give me a call on 5499 4285 or leave a note in the Newsletter Editor pigeon hole in the Gallery's office. Looking forward to hearing your thoughts.

Cheers
Sue Pine

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