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Hi Creatives and Welcome to the April 2017 Newsletter!

Important Dates:

Saturday 8th April, 2017: Stall at Samford Valley Markets – contact Sally Jones at sallyjart@gmail.com

Sunday 9th April, 2017: AGM - 3pm, Bendigo Meeting Room – more info below.

Saturday 29th April: Trails Working Bee – 7am at Nicki Marsh's house - 24 McCombe Road, Camp Mtn. All Trails Artists asked to please attend, but all members welcome to help out! More below.

Friday 5th May, 2017: Arts Trail Launch and Fundraising Evening. 6:30 at Samford Community Hall (next to Samford State School). Please mark this in your diaries. Flyers will be sent to all members. Please spread the word!

Artist Gathering Sunday 21st May, 2017: at Dianne Minnaar's Studio – Sanctus Sacred Images, 1 Cormorant Close, Cashmere at 9am. Please bring a plate to share!

AGM: Heather and Nicki have given notice that they will be standing down as Secretary and Committee member. Jenni Meek has volunteered as Secretary and Pia Robinson has volunteered as a Committee member. Many thanks to Heather for her work as Secretary and to Nicki for several years work on the Committee. We are grateful to Jenni and Pia for their offers to fill the positions. There will be 2 or 3 items of General Business at the conclusion of the AGM.

We realise that the Bendigo meeting room becomes crowded, but it is free for our use. Other Hall hire has become expensive.

Trails Working Bee: All Trails Artists are asked to attend the Working Bee on Sat, 29th April, 7am at Nicki's place: 24 McCombe Rd, Camp Mtn. Please bring a plate for a shared breakfast; we will then be working on a few fun projects in preparation for the Launch night and Arts Trail. Please park on the grass verge in front of the fence, as Nicki will need to be able to move her vehicles to transport kids to sports.

If you are not able to attend, we will have other jobs for you to do which include helping in the kitchen and food/drink service during the Launch (5th May). Please indicate to Nicki how you will be contributing to making this inaugural event a huge success.

The Working Bee is the final dead line and place to bring any outstanding MDF artwork. Thank you, thank you for the amazing work you have created!

On behalf of everyone at Creative Samford, our sincere thanks to:

Cath Appleton for the hours and hours of volunteer time she is putting into the Graphic Design of our 2017 Trails Booklets (and for the past ones too!) We are very grateful!

Sally Jones for putting together an impressive Mother's Day Raffle and Stall at Samford Valley Markets on 8th April; all done at very short notice and with loads of attention to detail. Our thanks also to everyone at the Slab Hut and SACA for their generous support of the raffle.

Di Hodge, Danielle Latta, Geeta and others for representing Creative Samford at the Creative Voice Forum in March. See below for interesting information:

Professional development workshops being held this year and the next that are highly recommended

>How to set up and run your arts business > How to Facilitate an arts workshop >Writing & Talking About Your Art > How to – get your art to market

These are for later in the year but there are a few others up for now if you go to:

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/cultivate-the-arts/workshops/>

- Christie Dawkins- described how she survives purely on her art skills by diversification and expanding on her skills. Eg not just sing jazz but perform other styles as opportunities arise, teach lessons etc

In our case: not just your favourite art form eg landscapes but also, portraits, logo designs, commissions, artwork on t-shirts etc
- Get involved in the "Samford Commons." A future oasis of everything art and environment
- MBAC Moreton Bay arts Council – Not a social group! but place where you can go to for help and information on anything art related. If they don't know something, they will point you in the direction or find out for you.

Opportunities:

- "Between the tides" annual exhibition <https://www.facebook.com/Between-Tides-136889709782396/> exhibition on the Bribie Beach
- "Samford and surrounds Arts Trail and Open Studio" spread the word and get involved <http://creativesamford.com/> (new website, members can display on site)
- Grants for money- grant writing workshops and help available from MBAC and council
- Workshops as above
- Council have opportunities for art as corporate gifts to visitors
- MBRIT: group all about supporting and promoting the Moreton Bay Region.
- Promote yourself, events, exhibitions in local papers.
- Caboolture paper and Northwest News have what's on spaces.
- Council Arts Mail allows free promo https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?ekfrm=135302&utm_medium=email&utm_source=eNewsletter&utm_campaign=Arts+Mail&utm_content=March+2017
- ABC radio has a free community ad time slot
- There was talk of interest in an across the board Art Festival

You can catch up on any news via previous newsletters at our beautiful new website www.creativesamford.com