



Noosa Arts & Crafts

Short History of Wallace House



The land on which Wallace House stands was originally owned by Walter B Hay who was known as Father of the District. After the home he built on the land was burned down, the land was sold and subdivided. Arthur Wallace bought portion 151 of that land in 1930.

Arthur Wallace was born in Mackay in 1876. After qualifying as a surveyor in 1901, he married Alice Dimmock, whose father was the Mackay Mayor. From 1904 to 1930. Arthur was a member of the British Government Colonial service and spent many years in the Malay States. Their two daughters, Jean and Barbara, were born during that period. Wallace House was the family's retirement home, designed by R M Wilson.

It was considered to be an authentic example of a Californian and Federation style bungalow. Cooroy builder, Dick Cadell, built the house for £1,246. Alice is reputed to have paid for the furniture with her winnings from contract bridge tournaments in Malaya. The Wallace family moved in on June 17, 1931. Dick Cadell later added a boat house and jetty with a causeway to the house over the swamp for an extra £120.

Wallace House was designed to accommodate the colonial lifestyle the family had become used to before returning to Australia. There were servants' quarters at the back and wash basins in the bedrooms of the main house. There are stories of shark jaws being tied to balustrades, shelves of bottled snakes and a carpet of macadamia shells beneath the house. Electricity was connected to the house in 1947 but it was not until 1966, twelve years after Alice died, that town water was installed. Their widowed daughter Jean, whose husband and son had been killed in a boating accident in 1933, lived with Arthur until his death in 1974.

In 1978 the house was sold but it was not until 1980 that the family finally moved out. Between 1980 and 1992, Wallace House became a rental property and had a variety of tenants. There are rumours that the house was even a casino and later a brothel. In 1992 Noosa Council bought Wallace House as a future home for the arts and crafts of Noosa Shire. The house was officially opened on June 8 1993 with a membership of 150.

Since then the membership has increased to over 400. Despite being damaged by fire in 1999 which took nearly two years to repair, Wallace House has had many successful years of hosting workshops, courses and seminars in a wide variety of arts and crafts.

Activity Groups

We have a wide range of art & craft activity groups regularly meeting at Wallace House. Most groups require little or no experience to join. Below is a brief description of each group - check out our website for updates: <https://noosaartsandcrafts.org.au>. There is a \$2 activity fee each time a group meeting is attended.

<p>Acrylics Painting</p>	<p>Perfect for beginners and intermediate painters. Meet: Saturday, 9.00 am to noon Contact: Sandra - 0401 60 113 Evi - 0421 602 611</p>
<p>Beading Jewellery and more</p>	<p>New members are welcome to join in and learn the art of beading. Meet: 1st and 3rd Thursday - 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Brenda - 0419 680 870 - quiltfeet@yahoo.com.au</p>
<p>Boomerang Bags Say NO to plastic bags</p>	<p>New members are always welcome - sewers and non-sewers. Meet: Mondays & Wednesday, 9.00 am to noon. Contact: Sandra - achesons@gmx.com - 0466 449 946</p>
<p>Book & Papermaking Books, Boxes & Albums</p>	<p>New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. Meet : 2nd & 4th Monday - 9 am to noon. Contact: Mary - maryparle101@hotmail.com - 0417 136 954</p>
<p>Botanical Art Drawing & painting</p>	<p>New members are always welcome - no experience is necessary. Meet: Monday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Gabi - gabidick@gmail.com - 0422 225 965</p>
<p>Ceramics Hand-building & wheel-throwing</p>	<p>Thursdays and Fridays for newcomers to join in. Meet: Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. Contact: Vicki - vickib-52@hotmail.com - 0413 915 410 or Dave - davegilbertartist@gmail.com - 0403 844 704 or John - jandvdarcy@bigpond.com - 0448 571 627</p>
<p>Charity Quilts Supporting worthy causes</p>	<p>Experienced Quilting group enjoys creating quilts for charity purposes. An ideal way to work with Meet: 4th Tuesday, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Contact: Sandy - sandym47@live.com.au - 0438 127 699</p>

<p>Creative Artists</p> <p>2D art using all mediums</p>	<p>New members are always welcome - no experience necessary.</p> <p>Meet: Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm</p> <p>Contact: Gabi - gabidick@gmail.com - 0422 225 965</p>
<p>Noosa Writers</p>	<p>Some writing experience is preferable.</p> <p>Meet: Monday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm</p> <p>Contact: Sheila - sheila.r.mason@gmail.com - 0407 918 809</p>
<p>Creative Writing</p> <p>Haiku</p>	<p>Please telephone for details.</p> <p>Contact: Jan - wdbentley@me.com - 0412 234 412</p>
<p>Crochet</p> <p>Rugs, throws , scarves and more</p>	<p>New members are always welcome - no experience necessary.</p> <p>Meet: Fridays, 9 am to 12 noon</p> <p>Contact: Janelle - janelleturley@bigpond.com - 07 5474 0784</p>
<p>Embroidery</p> <p>Clothing, homewares and artwork.</p>	<p>New members always welcome, no experience necessary.</p> <p>Meet: 1st and 3rd Friday- 9.30 am to 1 pm</p> <p>Contact: Helga - bensoncooroy@bigpond.com - 07 5447 9288</p>
<p>Life Drawing</p> <p>Drawing & painting live models.</p>	<p>Spaces are limited and there is an extra fee for models.</p> <p>Meet: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 9.00 am to noon.</p> <p>Contact: Robert - ostmanpark@yahoo.com.au - 07 5440 5859</p>
<p>Fibre Arts</p> <p>Using all art mediums - beads to stitching.</p>	<p>A great group to join to learn new techniques.</p> <p>Meet: 1st & 3rd Thursday - 9.00 am to noon</p> <p>Contact: Sally - sally-heron@outlook.com - 0422 601 012.</p>
<p>Mosaics</p> <p>For decoration.</p>	<p>New members are always welcome.</p> <p>Meet: Tuesday - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm</p> <p>Contact: Margaret - tony.porritt@bigpond.com - 07 5442 7403</p>
<p>Oils & Acrylics</p> <p>Painting</p>	<p>New members are always welcome.</p> <p>Meet: Thursday, 9 am to noon</p> <p>Contact: Robert - ostmanpark@yahoo.com.au - 07 5440 5859</p>

<p>Porcelain Art</p> <p>Painting of porcelain pieces</p>	<p>New members are always welcome. Tutored group. Meet: Tuesday, 9 am to noon Contact: Narelle - heres@iprimus.com.au - 07 5449 1171</p>
<p>Press Gang</p> <p>All types of print techniques.</p>	<p>New members are always welcome. Meet: Wednesday as scheduled, 9 am to 3 pm Contact: Sue - suephillips40@bigpond - 0418 711 201</p>
<p>Quilting</p>	<p>New members are always welcome - no experience needed. Meet: Tuesdays, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm or Thursdays, 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Contact: Tuesday group - Christine - 0409 302 925 Thursday group - Joy - 07 5447 2656</p>
<p>Scrapbooking</p> <p>Albums, cards & memories.</p>	<p>New members are always welcome. Meet: Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Elaine - cliffandelaire@icloud.com - 0439 183 702</p>
<p>Smocking</p> <p>Dresses, skirts and more</p>	<p>New members are always welcome. Meet: Wednesday, 9 am to noon Contact: Margaret - bcoventry9@bigpond.com - 0428 550 900</p>
<p>Spinning, Knitting & Weaving</p> <p>Using natural fibres</p>	<p>New members always welcome Meet: 2nd & 4th Thursday, 9 am to noon Contact: Sylvia Langtree - 07 5474 4256</p>
<p>Watercolour - Advanced</p> <p>Painting</p>	<p>This group is for experienced watercolourists. Meet: Wednesday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Di - di.beerling@gmail.com - 0407 583 157.</p>
<p>Watercolour - Intermediate</p> <p>Painting</p>	<p>New members always welcome. Meet: Monday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Margaret - margaret.jane.moon@gmail.com - 07 5485 3809.</p>

FINAL EVENT FOR 2018

Christmas Sale - 2018.

November 28- Dec 4.

**Wallace House will be closed from
12pm on Friday December 14 and
will reopen on Monday January 7 at 9am.**

Provisional dates for 2019

Artastic Sale - Jan 19 & 20

AGM - February 11

Autumn Exhibition - May 3 - 10

Noosa Open Studios Hub - August 1 - 15

Spring Exhibition - September 6 - 13

Christmas Sale - November 27 - December 3

Closure - December 13 - January 6

WORKSHOPS FOR 2019
Many more in the planning.
For full details - <https://noosaartsandcrafts.org.au>

Pastel Portraits with Maxine Thompson

Saturday & Sunday July 27 & 28 - 8.30am for 9am to 4pm daily
Cost TBA

Pastel Play with Maxine Thompson

Monday & Tuesday July 29 & 30 - 8.30am for 9am to 4pm daily
Cost TBA

More workshop details coming soon.



Exciting evening workshop - last Thursday of every month - \$60 per person - includes art tuition, wine and canapés - 6pm to 9pm. Leave with your own masterpiece to take home after a fun evening of creativity with like-minded people. Ideal for groups.



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