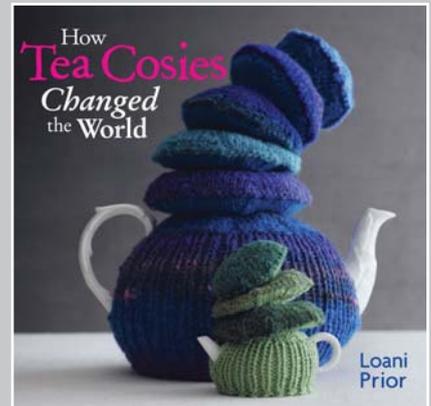


SPECIAL NEWS

Do you have a special tea cosy? And an interesting story to tell about it? Sturt is participating in the development of a new exhibition and will be hosting a "Cosy Tea" event on Thursday 24 May for a select group of tea cosies and their owners to share stories over a cup of tea and a sticky bun. Famous knitting queen and author of *How Tea Cosies Changed the World*, Loani Prior, will be working with a professional photographer to capture images of tea cosies and their owners to potentially feature in a touring exhibition "Portraits of a Tea Cosy". Interesting stories are a must as this too will form part of the exhibition along with a display of stunning new knitted sculptural works by Loani herself. All being well the exhibition will be presented at Sturt in 2013. **If you have a special tea cosy and would like to be part of the "Cosy Tea" event please contact Mark Viner on 02 4860 2080 or email mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au. To see more about the Portraits Project go to Loani Prior's website at www.grandpurlbaa.com**

**Wood School students awarded bursaries**

Congratulations to Elise Cameron-Smith and Ben Percy who have been awarded bursaries by the Bowral Committee of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS). This year ADFAS increased the amount of money that it would award and made the decision to support two students from the Wood School – great for our students – and so a big thank you from us goes to all the members of ADFAS that have made this support possible.

Teaching at the Sturt School for Wood

Following the departure of Stuart Faulkner at the end of Term 1 2012, to resume his career as a maker in Sydney, flexible opportunities now exist for experienced woodworkers to teach at the Sturt School for Wood as part of the delivery of the accredited 1 year Certificate IV course in Furniture Design and Technology. If you are interested and believe that you have appropriate skills and experience please contact Mark Viner on 02 4860 2080 or email mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Tools & Techniques weekend a great success

Over 1,000 people visited Sturt on the weekend of 18 and 19 February to 'talk, try and buy' a fabulous range of tools on display in the Wood School as well as view demonstrations under a large marquee in the lower wood workshop by some of Sturt's terrific teaching staff. The weather was kind to us and we look forward to this event becoming a fixture on our annual calendar of activities. Our thanks go to all the participants as well as Sturt School for Wood students and teachers for giving up their time to make this event such a success.

New work now on display in Sturt Café. A new display of stunning photographs by local photographer Terry Muller-Maher is now on display in the café giving you the perfect excuse to revisit the café for a great breakfast or lunch. Terry's work includes photographs from the 'Musica' series as well as photographs taken during travels in India.

Sturt Pottery is the one-stop location for all your pottery needs. With the addition of a new medium size electric kiln, and lots of work done to the existing gas and electric kilns, Sturt is now offering a firing service to the public. Prices start from just \$25 and Sturt has a choice of 3 electric kilns and two gas kilns operational in the Pottery. Contact Sturt Shop on 0248 602083 for details. For all your clays and pottery tools and equipment don't forget Clayworks located in the Sturt Pottery and open every Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Sturt Pottery on 02 4860 2084.

Put forward your ideas for exhibitions. Sturt is currently scheduling its exhibitions for 2013 and 2014 and would like to hear from you if you have an interesting exhibition project in mind. Sturt Gallery showcases work by Australian and international craft artists as well as supporting local cultural initiatives in the Southern Highlands. Contact Slavica Zivkovic via email at shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au if you would like to put forward an idea.



Special Thanks. Sturt receives many donations each year of one sort or another which expand our collection or help us support our activities and the students that benefit from them (see our separate story on ADFAS bursaries awarded this year). This month special mention needs to go to Peter Mussett of The Woodage in Mittagong who has kindly donated a considerable stock of rare and interesting timbers to the Wood School. This donation will support the Wood School students for several years to come and will no doubt be turned into some stunning furniture pieces for us all to see at the end of the year.

3 Sturt Graduates to be featured in a new exhibition 'Emerging Contemporaries' at Craft ACT Opening 6.00pm Thursday 5 April and continuing until Saturday 12 May 2012

A Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre curated exhibition of award winning graduating students and selected national emerging craft practitioners and designer makers that demonstrate exceptional talent in their chosen field. These emerging artists are representative of the next wave of professional artists who are exploring conceptually dynamic and innovative craft and design practice.

The work of Sturt School for Wood graduates **David Cummins, Callum Matheson and Graham Stutz** will be shown with other emerging designer/makers: Christine Atkins, Sarah Carlson, Elizabeth Delfs, Brendan Murphy, Sarah Murphy, Jenny Papalexandris, Tom Skeehan, Belinda Smith, Amy Taylor, James Watt.

Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre – Level 1 North Building, 180 London Circuit, Canberra City
Gallery and Shop opening hours: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 12.00 noon - 4.00pm



Coach trip to Sydney

Friends of Sturt enjoyed a recent trip to Paddington, Surry Hills & the Dank Street precinct to visit a few galleries.



WINTER SCHOOL 2012

The brochure is out and places are filling fast.

Check out the full program on our website.

SHORT COURSES

Our next weekend of short courses for 2012 is scheduled for 26 & 27 May.

Courses include **Joints for woodwork** with David Uphill-Brown, **West Timorese weave technique** with Kay Faulkner, **Glass bead lamp work** with Wendy Lees and **Kid's clay** with Karen Farrell.

Full details can be found on our website and places are filling fast.

STURT GALLERY

A Common Thread

Kay Faulkner – Textiles. 1 April to 13 May

Australian master weaver Kay Faulkner tackles history, cultures and enduring patterns of life in a new solo show at Sturt.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 1 April at 11am by Glenys Mann, textile artist, curator & coordinator of Fibre Arts Australia. This will be a free event with refreshments served and everyone welcome.



Delineation

Susie McMeekin – Ceramics. 20 May to 1 July

"The work in this exhibition continues the slow refinement of the pots I have made, always searching for a more refined shape and better glaze quality".

This exhibition will be opened on Sunday 20 May at 11am by Paul Davis, well-known lecturer and ceramic artist.



EVENTS

Slidenight at Sturt. The next Slidenight at Sturt will be held on **Thursday 3 May 5.30pm for a 6pm start** and will include presentations by two of our new artists in residence for 2012. **Kay Faulkner** is one of Australia's most experienced weavers. Kay completed her Master Weaver Certificate, with distinction, at Ontario Handweavers and Spinners in Canada. Kay has exhibited her work extensively in Australia and overseas and is actively engaged in the weaving sector as a writer, commentator, lecturer and member of numerous professional associations. **Tom Mellor** is an emerging ceramic artist with an interest in woodwork and combining the two mediums. Last year Tom was awarded a scholarship by the Tom Bass Sculpture School. Tom completed his Bachelor of Arts at the National Art School in 2000. Kay and Tom will talk about their life, work and inspiration for their art.

Slidenights include drinks, nibbles and good company. \$5 for Friends of Sturt / \$10 for everyone else. Slidenights are supported by Friends of Sturt and all funds raised go to support the Sturt Artist in Residence program. For bookings call Sturt Gallery on 4860 2083 or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Friends of Sturt Meetings

All Friends of Sturt are invited to join our committee meetings in 2012, contribute to discussion and enjoy a glass of wine and a sneak preview of the new exhibition. All meetings begin at 5.30pm and are held in Sturt Cottage. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 May.



Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.

STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

Enrolments now open for 1-year Wood School in 2013. We are now inviting applications to enrol in the Sturt Wood School's 1-year accredited fine furniture making course for 2013. A full prospectus can be found on the Sturt website and this details the application and enrolment procedures. Students who are accepted for enrolment in this course may be eligible for a range of government assistance programs to help support them while they undertake full-time study including Austudy, Youth Allowance and Fares Allowance.

Just 3 places remain available for the second 10 week wood course for 2012. The tutor for this course, James Carr, is a graduate of the Sturt Wood School and has since established his own business in the local area specialising in commissions for a wide range of clientele. James is a regular and highly popular teacher at Sturt. This course begins on 23 April.

Works by students of the current 10-week wood course with David Uphill-Brown are being displayed in the Sturt Shop



Friends of Sturt

FRIENDS OF STURT is a voluntary based organisation, which supports Sturt in a variety of ways. These include assisting with exhibition openings, mailouts, as well as organising a series of fundraising events.

Funds raised by *Friends of Sturt* directly supports the Artist-in-Residence program.

Members of *Friends of Sturt* are united by the love of fine craft and art, and a desire to support Sturt.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Friends of Sturt membership is due for renewal at the end of May. To become a member or to renew your membership, please visit or contact Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2083.

Membership fees are \$30 for a single, \$35 for a couple and \$40 for a family.

Benefits include: invitation to all Sturt exhibitions, bimonthly newsletter, information about special excursions and events, 10% discount on all purchase over \$20 and under \$1000 at Sturt Shop and Gallery (*only applicable for cash, cheque or eftpos payments*).

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