

SPECIAL NEWS



Happy Birthday to Sturt! On Sunday 2nd October we celebrated Sturt's 70th birthday with the opening of a new exhibition *Here by hand – 70 years at Sturt*. The new exhibition showcases the Sturt Permanent Collection of post-war contemporary craft as well as historic photos and other material about the history of Sturt from the Winifred West Schools Archive. The exhibition was opened by **The Hon Pru Goward MP** with a packed crowd in attendance. The exhibition opening was followed by a special birthday lunch for 110 people in the 1941 Weaving Room. A panel of speakers – Gwyn Hanssen-Pigott, Les Blakebrough, Elisabeth Nagel and Alan Wale talked about their memories and experiences of Sturt. It was a moving and emotional day with many old friends meeting up for the first time in several years. The exhibition *Here by hand* continues until 20 November. Additional displays in Sturt Cottage and WWS Archive will be open on selected weekends during the run of the exhibition.

here by hand 70 YEARS AT STURT 1941-2011
an exhibition of the Sturt Permanent Collection – until 20 November



Here by hand exhibition opening. Opened by The Hon Pru Goward MP (first left). Many of Australia's best known craftspeople returned to Sturt for this special occasion, shown above includes: Col & Maureen Levy, Peter Rushforth and Paul Davis.



L-R: 2 of Sturt's first woodwork students from 1941/43: Alan & Roger Worner; Councillor Juliette Arkwright, Pru Goward MP & Julie Gillick (Head of WWS); Peter Morton (Powerhouse Museum), Dr Grace Cochrane & Dr Kim Quinn (WWS Governors).

The Collective opens at Albury. Sturt's recent exhibition *The Collective* opens at Albury Art Gallery on Friday 21 October. The Collective exhibition showcases the work of three furniture designers and makers Steve Harper, Aidan Morris and Grant Robertson - all graduates from the Sturt School for Wood



The Collective

Fine art furniture from Sturt Gallery

**Exhibition opening on Friday 21 October
at Albury Art Gallery, 546 Dean Street, Albury.**

- Designer talk at 5.30pm
- Join exhibiting furniture designer and maker Steve Harper in a discussion on techniques, processes and materials.
- Exhibition opening at 6.00pm
- Presented by Mark Viner, Director of Sturt Craft Centre.

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AUSTRALIAN CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

The Collective exhibition showcases the work of three furniture designers and makers, all graduates from the Sturt School for Wood. Steve Harper, Aidan Morris and Grant Robertson will display their latest pieces, all created with the aim and passion of producing high quality designer furniture and objects in a contemporary style.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 19 October to 6043 5800.

Exhibition continues until Sunday 11 December, 2011.

Eclectica 2011 – Winifred West Schools Foundation Art Show. Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 November.

More than an art show, Eclectica 2011 will be an art event. Moving away from a traditional 'School Art Show', Eclectica 2011 will be a well-designed exhibition of work by emerging and established artists and artisans set in the Frensham campus at Mittagong. An impressive collection of two-dimensional works will be exhibited in a professionally styled gallery and the beautifully landscaped gardens at the centre of the Frensham campus will be the backdrop to an extensive display of sculpture, craft and garden art.

Eclectica will offer something for every taste and budget - from collectable to decorative – and will be a perfect opportunity to do some Christmas shopping. View catalogue and details of special events online: www.eclectica2011.com.au

Eclectica 2011

Winifred West Schools Foundation **ART SHOW**

Saturday 5 November 10am-5pm
Sunday 6 November 10am-4pm
FRENSHAM Range Road Mittagong

paintings & 2D works • photography
sculpture • craft • garden art



STURT **SUMMER** SCHOOL

Enrol now as courses are filling fast. The new Summer School brochure is out now and has been mailed to everyone on our database. For 2012 we are offering 23 different courses including: Bone carving with Terry Baker, Clay throwing with Markus Böhm, Make your own dovetail saw with Paul Nicholson, Photography - portraiture with Robert Billington, Mosaics with Selena Seifert, Watercolours with Malcolm Carver, Draw & paint with oils with David Middlebrook, Drawing skulls and bones with Suzanne Archer, special classes for kids and a **whole lot more.**



STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

1-year fine furniture design and technology course 2012. Enrolments are now invited for our fully accredited Certificate IV course in fine furniture making and design. A maximum of just 12 places are available each year for this very special course that has produced some of the best fine furniture makers in Australia since the course was first established in 1985. A full prospectus is available on our website.

New 10-week format for extended woodwork courses. Our courses from next year will have a 10-week format to fit with normal school term times and to allow people greater flexibility when thinking of enrolling. The first course for 2012 will run from 30 January to 5 April and will be led by renowned teacher and fine furniture maker, David Upfill-Brown. David is a well-known maker and designer of fine furniture as well as being a highly experienced teacher having served as Academic Director of the Australian School of Fine Furniture in Tasmania and as lead instructor at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship in Maine, USA. David is a regular teacher at Sturt. Go to the Sturt website for more information on David and the 10-week woodwork course program.

SHORT COURSES

Our next short course weekend will be held on 22 & 23 October. Courses available include **Textiles – natural dying** with Monique van Nieuwland, **Digital Photography – basic** with Debra Pearson and **Jewellery – earrings and pendants** with Majella Black.

Contact the Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083 to reserve your place.

STURT GALLERY

Here by hand – 70 years at Sturt
2 October to 20 November

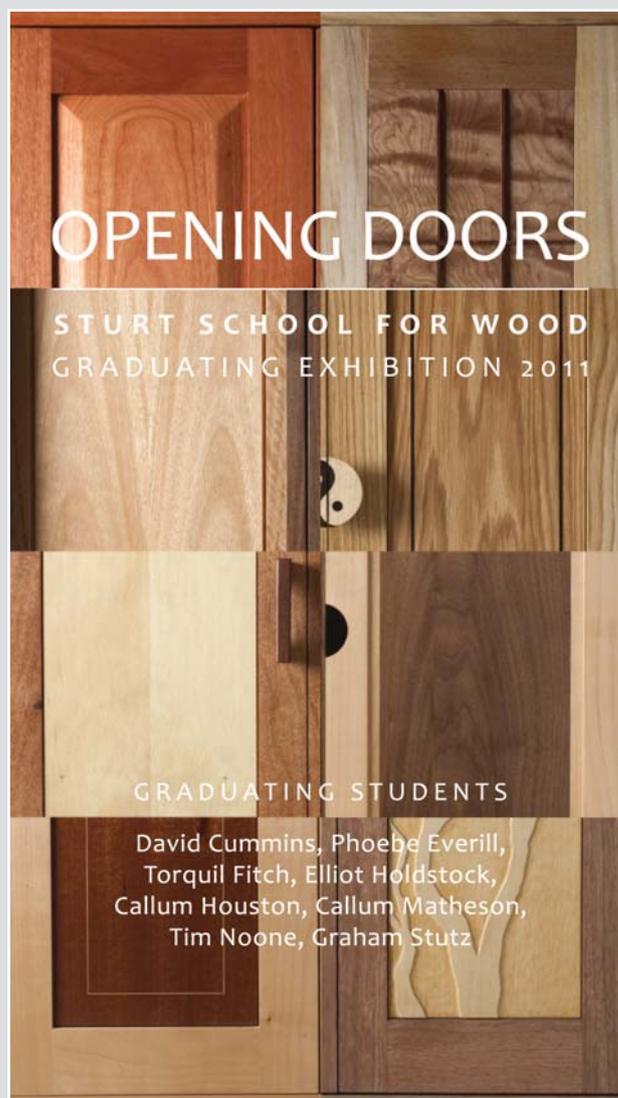
To celebrate the 70th birthday of Sturt an exhibition of the Sturt permanent collection and archive material including historic photographs will be presented in the Sturt Gallery, Cottage and Archive.



Opening Doors
Sturt School for Wood graduating exhibition 2011
26 November to 11 December

The culmination of a year of intensive work – see the amazing creations and craftsmanship of our graduating fine furniture makers.

The exhibition will be opened by renowned Australian fine furniture maker and designer Leon Sadubin at 11am on Saturday 26 November 2011. This will be a free event with refreshments served and everyone is welcome.



EVENTS

Slidenight at Sturt – the next Slidenight at Sturt will be held on **Friday 28 October from 5.30pm** and will include presentations by two outstanding artists currently working at Sturt. **Alana Wilson** is a Canadian ceramic artist undertaking a 3 month residency at Sturt. **David Upfill-Brown** is a highly experienced furniture maker, designer and teacher who now divides his time between work in the USA and Australia.

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.

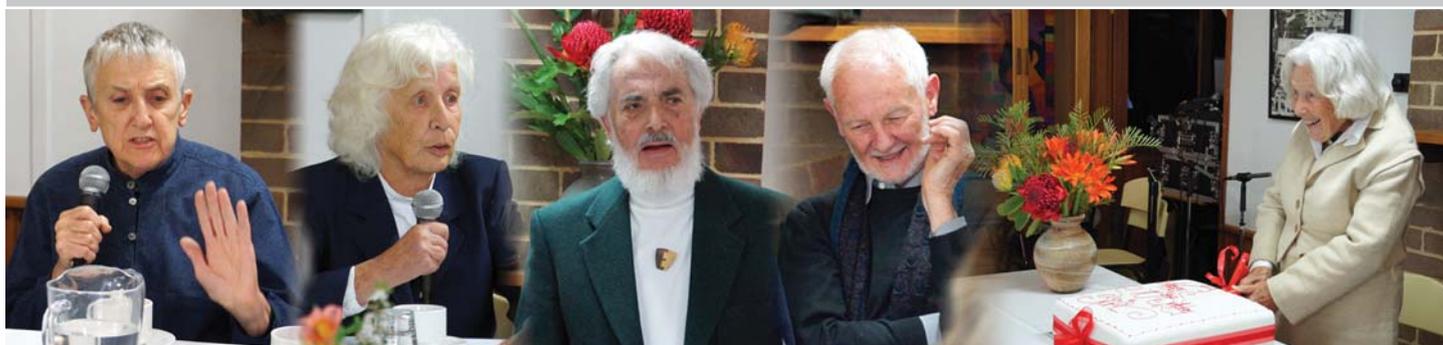
For bookings call Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2083 or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Friends of Sturt Christmas drinks

Friday 9 December 5pm to 7pm
FREE EVENT

A special invitation is extended to all Friends of Sturt to join Sturt staff and the FOS Committee for Christmas drinks and canapés on the lawn at Sturt. The shop and gallery will be open late to make this the perfect evening social event.

To help us plan catering Friends of Sturt are encouraged to RSVP by calling the shop on 02 48 60 2083 or by emailing shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au



70th BIRTHDAY LUNCH – Guest speakers: Gwyn Hanssen Pigott, Elisabeth Nagel, Alan Wale & Les Blakebrough. Cake cutting by Erika Semler.



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 support 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. As well, members enjoy a range of benefits including:

- Invitation to all exhibitions at Sturt Gallery
- Newsletter five times a year, which includes details of all exhibitions, courses and upcoming events
- Information about special excursions and events
- 10% discount on all purchase over \$20 and under \$1000 at Sturt Shop and Gallery.
(This discount is only applicable for cash, cheque or eftpos payments).

Subscriptions run from May to May each year. All members receive a reminder letter to let them know when subscriptions are due. Membership fees are \$30 for single, \$35 for couple and \$40 for family & corporate members. Payment is made to Sturt Gallery PO Box 34 Mittagong NSW 2575. Phone 02 4860 2083.

Supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/sturt_friends.htm

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STURT GALLERY 02 4860 2083
Open daily 10am - 5pm
(except Good Friday, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

STURT CAFÉ 02 4860 2086
Open Wed-Fri 10am - 3pm
Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

Cnr Range Road & Waverley Parade . Mittagong NSW 2575

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