



SPECIAL NEWS

Book on-line for Summer School 2014. Our new website is getting lots of visits and positive feedback. Our development of the site has continued and **we have now added on-line booking for Summer School 2014.** This is a great achievement and will make planning and securing places in our Summer School so much easier for everyone. The program for Summer School 2014 is on the web-site now with lots of great courses and new tutors – many courses will sell-out very quickly so have a look now if you are thinking about joining us from 6-11 January next year.

We remember. It was with great sadness that we all learned of the death of **Gwyn Hanssen-Pigott** who died in London recently following a sudden illness. Gwyn was the first assistant to Ivan McMeekin in the Sturt Pottery in 1955 and went on to become a celebrated Australian and international ceramic artist. Gwyn was last at Sturt for our 70th birthday celebrations in 2011.



We have also learned that Jack Southerden (son of O E Southerden) died in June aged 97. Jack and his father both worked in the Maintenance Department at Frensham and taught woodwork at Sturt for several decades from the establishment of Sturt in 1941.

Pictured left: Gwyn Hanssen-Pigott (John) and Ivan McMeekin in Sturt Pottery, 1954.

Grant from Wingecarribee Shire Council. We are very pleased to announce that our council has recently given us a grant for 2014 of \$5,000. This is very welcome support from Council and follows a visit to Sturt by all the Councillors late last year to assess the contribution that Sturt makes to our local community and economy. We thank Council for this generous support.

1 Year course in fine furniture design & technology. Enrolling now for 2014. Teachers include Neil Erasmus (WA), Kevin Rodel (USA), Darren Oates and David Uphill-Brown. Unrivalled teaching, bench time and workshop access. A unique practical and creative experience. Do the full year or take a term at a time, get serious about furniture. **Scholarships available for 2014.** Our strong supporters, the Bowral & District branch of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society (ADFAS) will offer a \$3,000 scholarship for an enrolled student of their choice in 2014, while Winifred West Schools Ltd will offer a \$3,000 scholarship to an enrolling former pupil of Frensham or Gib Gate. For more information on these opportunities contact the Sturt office on 02 4860 2080.

New art in the Café. Get along to Sturt Café and see a great new display of art works by local artist Britta Stenmanns.

Fuping events. A terrific crowd came out on a beautiful and sunny winter's day for the opening of *The Fuping Group – sharing the experience*. Numerous potters and pottery fans were in attendance for this important exhibition that features work by 17 artists – a rare opportunity to see so many Australian and New Zealand artists at the same time presenting work made at Sturt and work made in their own studios. Our recent Slidenight attracted a record crowd to Sturt Café to hear from 10 of our Fuping artists – each speaker had 5 minutes for their presentation plus a maximum of 2 questions from the audience.



The Fuping Group exhibition opening – Sunday 28 July

L-R: Vicki Grima (Executive Officer The Australian Ceramics Association) who opened the exhibition, Grace Cochrane (Curator) and artists present: Chester Nealie, Isaac Patmore, Chris Weaver, John Parker, Richard Parker, Michael Keighery, Cheryl Lucas, Owen Rye, Steve Williams, Susie McMeekin, Toni Warburton and Mark Mitchell.



making...

10 speakers at Slidenight – minus Chris Weaver who was on kiln-duty

chopping...

stacking...

drying...

transporting...

unpacking...

stoking...

firing...

checking...

Woodfiring activities at Sturt

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES

7 - 8 September – Three Short Courses (Woodwork and Textiles)

All levels – \$290 + materials

Three to choose from! Two-day workshops in Woodwork – project planning with Daryl Ingate, Woodwork for women with Phoebe Everill or Textiles - procion dyes with Kay Faulkner.

2 - 27 September (4 weeks) – An introduction to fine woodwork with Roy Schack

Beginners – \$2750+materials

Only a few places left! Intro to the workshop, machinery use and hand tool maintenance, marking out work, fundamentals of wood technology, finishing. Complete a mallet and a hall table and if time, a simple mitre structure - small box, mirror frame or similar. Bring your own tool kit.

25-28 September – 4 day soda firing workshop with Gail Nichols

Intermediate to Advanced – \$580 +materials

19-20 October – Four Short Courses

All skill levels - \$290+materials

Woodwork – tool making, Jewellery – stone setting, Clay – slab vessels and lidded boxes, Knitting.

STURT GALLERY

The Fuping Group – Sharing the experience. Continues to 21 September

16 ceramic artists from Australia and New Zealand were brought together by a shared experience of travelling to China in 2006 to make work for the Australasian Museum in Fuping. At Sturt they are reunited once again for a 20-day residency incorporating a wood firing in the lead up to this important group exhibition.

Janet DeBoos, Rowley Drysdale, Fiona Fell, Grant Hodges, Michael Keighery, Cheryl Lucas, Janet Mansfield, Susie McMeekin, Mark Mitchell, Chester Nealie, John Parker, Richard Parker, Isaac Patmore, Owen Rye, Toni Warburton, Chris Weaver, Steve Williams. Curated by Grace Cochrane.

This project has been supported by Creative New Zealand.

Portraits of a Tea Cosy. 29 September to 17 November

Images and stories of tea cosies and their owners presented by yarn artist, **Loani Prior** and photographer **Mark Crocker** from workshops conducted at various venues in 2012 including Sturt. Loani has conducted workshops at Sturt's Winter Schools for many years and Sturt was involved in the development of this project that has blossomed in to a significant touring exhibition.

Developed by Warwick Art Gallery and toured by Museum and Gallery Services Queensland.

The exhibition will be opened by **Rita Gilroy**, President of Mittagong CWA on **Sunday 29 September, 11am**. All welcome.



EVENT

Afternoon tea & talk with Loani

Sunday 29 September 1.30pm to 3.30pm Sturt Cottage

Join Loani for a traditional afternoon tea and chat, hear her talk about the world of knitting and learn a few tricks. Bring your favourite slice, your own knitting and tea cosies for a show and tell and a demonstration of double knitting.

Bookings essential. General \$15, Friends of Sturt and CWA \$10. For bookings call Sturt Gallery on **4860 2083** or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

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.

