

SPECIAL NEWS

Portraits of a Tea Cosy. The opening of our new exhibition on Sunday 29 September was a great success with a large crowd in attendance to hear the official opening by President of Mittagong CWA and one of the many subjects of this novel photographic exhibition, Rita Gilroy. The opening was followed by a sold out event in the afternoon 'An afternoon tea & talk with Loani Prior' at which Loani related amusing tales and gave some innovative wild knitting demonstrations before everyone adjourned for a well-earned afternoon tea on the cottage verandah.



L-R: Rita Gilroy opening the exhibition; visitors on the opening day; Loani with Carolyn Hale, Cultural Officer from Mittagong CWA.

Sturt community floor rug project. Two floor rugs have been commissioned for the function room in Sturt Cottage and it is intended that this will be a Sturt community project involving Friends of Sturt, students enrolled in classes and, indeed, anybody who would like to have a go and get involved in weaving a rug.

The new rugs are currently being created in the Weaving Studio at Sturt on a large rug loom that was built before the 2nd World War in Scotland and found its way here to Sturt in the 1950s. This community project will welcome everyone to come and see the progress being made at any stage or to have a go and contribute a little time to the weaving of the rugs (10am - 4pm weekdays or book a time in Sturt Gallery). No experience is necessary but you must be aged 16 or over.

1 Year course in fine furniture design & technology. Enrolling now for 2014.

Receive a 5% discount on a 2014 full year enrolment if you enrol before 31 October 2013.

Teachers include Neil Erasmus (WA), Kevin Rodel (USA), Darren Oates and David Upfill-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 arrivals. We welcome our new artist-in-residence from Germany, **Maïke Dahl**. Maïke will be resident at Sturt for 3 months undertaking a professional residency in metalwork. Check out Maïke's work via her website www.maikedahl.de

We also welcome **Haeli van Veen**, our graduate resident from the School of Art ANU who will be with us until the end of October. Haeli specialises in large sculpture using found objects.

Artists-in-residence 2014. We are now inviting applications for residencies at Sturt in 2014. Sturt offers a wide range of opportunities for residencies in its creative studios including short-term residencies for recent graduates and 3 month residencies for established professional artists. Full details can be found on our website. **Deadline for applications is 31 October 2013.**

Exhibition proposals for 2015. Similarly, we are now inviting exhibition proposals for 2015 and beyond. Sturt presents an annual program of 9 exhibitions each year designed to promote Australian craft and craft artists, build innovative partnerships with other cultural institutions and to support and engage our local and regional community. Our exhibition policy and the guidelines for submitting a proposal can be found on our website. **There is no deadline for submissions** but you should discuss your idea in the first instance with either Slavica Zivkovic or Mark Viner.



Maïke Dahl in Sturt jewellery studio

Hey diddle diddle..... and the dish runs away with the spoon!

SPOON MAKING WORKSHOP with MAIKE DAHL

9-10 November, 9.30am to 4.30pm each day.

A unique opportunity to learn under an award winning Silversmith, **Maïke Dahl**, our current artist-in-residence from Germany.

Working in your choice of Aluminium, Copper or Silver you will create your own unique spoon in this 2-day weekend workshop. Using a range of forming and finishing techniques, you can choose to create your spoon out of one piece or two. Under Maïke's experienced tutelage you will be guided through the processes of cutting, forming and plishing – no experience necessary.

\$290 + Material costs depend on you – \$40 up to \$140



STURT SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

Monday 6 - Saturday 11 January

Come on, get creative in the holidays!

Don't forget to book your place for our Summer School 2014. Places are filling up really fast with many courses already sold out. So be quick!

We still have places available in a number of courses including **Chinese Calligraphy & water ink painting** with Franz Cheung, **Basketry: woven coil forms** with Michele Morcos, **Jewellery: carving memories** with Danielle Butters, **Bookmaking and drawing** with Kathy Orton, **Ceramics: creative hand building** with Jenny Orchard and **Windsor stool making** with Howard Archbold.

Check out the full list of available courses on our website and remember that this year, for the first time, you can book and pay for your place on-line. It's going to be great fun, we look forward to seeing you at our place this summer!

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STURT GALLERY

Portraits of a Tea Cosy. Continues 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.

Sturt School for Wood 2013 – Graduating Exhibition. 23 November to 8 December

Graduating students of 2013 display the amazing work they have achieved during their year at Sturt School for Wood. Graduation ceremony will take place at 11am on Saturday 23 November.

Newdesign 2. 13 December to 2 February

Sturt's own showcase of new work by established and emerging artists and designers, presented in specially created 'room' settings to give a real feel for how objects work together. Artists and designers include: Simon Alterator, Haeli Van Veen, Tom Scarcella, Thirston Morris, Martin Moeller, Mandi King, Illumini, Dean Smith, Kay Andonopoulos, Ink & Spindle, Epicure Tableware, A Skull of Foxes, Sophie Milne, Tara Shackwell, Emma Davies.

Don't miss our exhibition opening and shopping night at 6pm on Friday 13 December.



EVENTS

Slidenight at Sturt. Wednesday 30 October 5.30pm for a 6pm start in Sturt Cottage.

The evening will include presentations by two of our visiting artists for 2013:

Maike Dahl comes from Hannover in Germany and is our current visiting professional artist in metalwork and will be with us for a total of 3 months. Maike is particularly interested in tableware and aims to develop a new range for sale in the Sturt shop while she is here.

Haeli van Veen is a recent graduate from the School of Art ANU and was the winner of the Sturt residency prize for 2013. Haeli is a sculptor who specialises in working on a large scale using found objects and materials. We hope that Haeli may leave something interesting behind somewhere in the Sturt gardens.

Slidenights include drinks, nibbles and good company. \$10 for Friends of Sturt/\$15 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

Little Mountain Readings – a poetry Open Mic event. Saturday 30 November, 6 - 9pm, Sturt Cottage.

The inaugural Little Mountain Reading for the Southern Highlands presented by South Coast Writers Centre in association with Sturt. In the romantic setting of Sturt Cottage and gardens, writers and literary enthusiasts come together to relax with a glass of wine and enjoy poetry readings by acclaimed writer Mark Tredinnick and local poets Ken Challenor, Kerry Miller and Monica Markovina. Followed by an 'Open Mic' session where the public are invited to share their poetry. Includes live music by folk group Carmody out of Ireland plus drinks, food, and good company.

Bookings essential. General \$25, Concession \$20, Friends of Sturt or South Coast Writer's Centre \$15. 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.

