

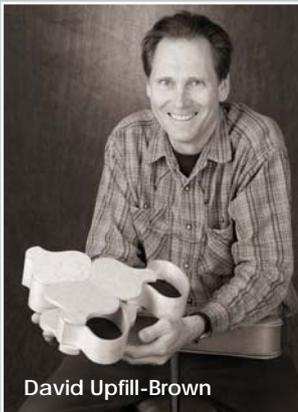
*My place by Les Blakebrough*

AUSTRALIAN Contemporary Craft &amp; Design

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## SPECIAL NEWS

**Sturt School for Wood 2015.** Teachers of the Fine Furniture Making Course for 2015 will include Neil and Pam Erasmus, David Upfill-Brown and Brian Reid (USA). Enrolment enquiries are now invited for 2015 – term dates, fees and prospectus for 2015 are now on our website or call 02 4860 2080 to discuss making an application. **A 5% discount on 2015 course fees will apply to all completed and accepted applications made before 31 October 2014.**



David Upfill-Brown



Drawers by Brian Reid (pictured right)



**The opening of My Place by Les Blakebrough.** Our new exhibition was opened on Sunday 8 June. This exhibition of new work by Les Blakebrough – influenced by his new surroundings by the sea in Coledale – is an important return to Sturt for this master of Australian ceramics who had such an influence on the establishment and development of Sturt as a centre for craft. We are delighted to have this exhibition in our gallery and a great crowd warmly welcomed Les and his guest speaker Professor Ann Stephen, Senior Curator, Sydney University Art Gallery.



Mark Viner, Les Blakebrough and Ann Stephen

During the opening speech



### Short Courses 2014 – Special basketry weekend.

Our next weekend of short courses will take place on 25-27 July and will be a special basketry weekend in conjunction with the exhibition *The Poetry of Place – the fibre art of Virginia Kaiser*. The weekend will feature workshops with some of Australia's best basketry artists including Harriet Goodall, Meri Peach, Glenese Keavney and Flora Friedmann. Workshops are booking fast so do not delay. Details are available from Sturt website under 'Short Courses' or call the Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.



**Clay for Kids – weekly classes at Sturt.** Our weekly classes for kids in the Sturt Pottery with teacher Julie Pennington are in full swing with a near full class for term 2. We are now taking enrolments for term 3 so get in early to avoid disappointment. The classes are held on Tuesdays 4.30pm to 6pm. Suitable for ages 8 to 12. Go to our website for more info or contact Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2080.



### Learn to make a small arts & crafts style table with Kevin Rodel.

Our visiting guest teacher for Term 3 of the Wood School, Kevin Rodel from the USA, will be offering a very special weekend course while he is with us. You will build a reproduction Charles P. Lambert table in two days. Using mostly the bandsaw, router and templates, this attractive table can be shaped and assembled by any basically skilled woodworker. The techniques learned can then be applied to build other items in this style. Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August 9.30am to 4.30pm. Cost: \$300 plus materials.



### Last call for Winter School 2014. 30 June - 4 July

This is your last chance to book for Winter School. We have had bumper enrolments this year so you will need to act quickly if you want to be a part of the fun this winter. Go to our website for online booking and find out more about our courses. Only a few places are still available: **Booking your Travel: turning journeys into artworks** with *Caren Florance*; **Calligraphy: tracing the threads** with *Gemma Black*; **Painting: composition in oils** with *Kim Shannon* and **Photography: back to the basics and beyond** with *Don Hildred*.

## STURT GALLERY

### My place by Les Blakebrough

New work in porcelain. **Continues to 20 July 2014**

Les Blakebrough AM is one of Australia's masters of craft with a national and international reputation for his ceramic work built over many decades working in this artform. Les began his career at Sturt and returns with an exhibition showing his new work in fine porcelain.



### The poetry of place – the fibre art of Virginia Kaiser (1945-2012). 27 July - 7 September 2014

This important exhibition for Sturt and for Australian basketry has been conceived as a tribute to the extraordinary contribution made by Virginia Kaiser to the establishment and development of Australian basket art. **The exhibition will include works from public and private collections: photos, papers, tools, models and sketches from Virginia's estate as well as a number of works available to acquire.** The exhibition will tell the story of Virginia's path to becoming a basket weaver and the influence that she had on the sector and other artists. Curated by our own Slavica Zivkovic.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 27 July at 11am by special guest **Geoff White, Director of the Lost Bear Gallery in Katoomba.**



## STURT SHOP

Bring colours to warm your winter – see what’s new on display this month.



Skimming Stones



Ian Blackwell



B Sirius



Otto & Spike



Bronwyn Berman



Jye Edwards



Design Farm



Elk

## EVENTS

### Winter School talks program. 30 June - 4 July.

Our Winter School talks program features presentations by many of the highly skilled guest artists that feature in the Winter School. All of these talks are open to the public. A program can be obtained from Sturt Gallery during Winter School.

### My travels in Ethiopia – a talk by Slavica Zivkovic

Wednesday 30 July, 5.30 for 6pm

Slavica will share her travels in Ethiopia with a glimpse into this fascinating and ancient culture, her volunteering at the Grace Centre for Women & Children and the work of the Barbara May Foundation which supports the work of Dr Andrew Browning and Valerie Browning.

Talk includes drinks, nibbles and good company. \$10 for Friends of Sturt, \$15 for everyone else. This event is supported by Friends of Sturt and all funds raised go to support the Sturt Artist in Residence program. **Bookings essential** – call Sturt Gallery on **4860 2083** or email [shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au) or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.

