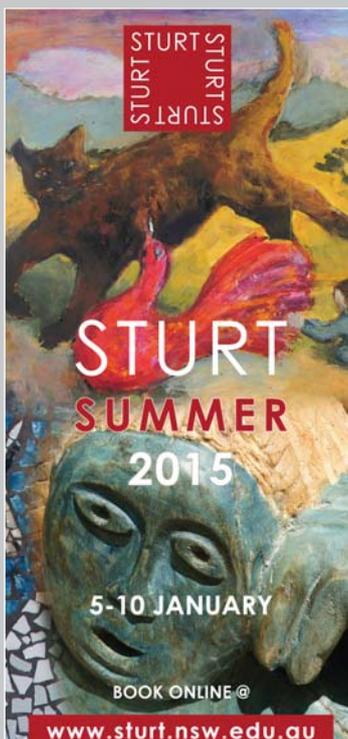


SPECIAL NEWS

Virginia Kaiser exhibition opening. A crowd of more than 200 gathered on Sunday 27 July for the opening of our new exhibition *The poetry of place – the fibre art of Virginia Kaiser (1945-2012)*. This was an emotional event to celebrate a life and a career through an exhibition that tells a compelling story about Virginia's work and her inspirations. We are very pleased to announce that this exhibition will be touring to Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery in early 2015.



Left: Geoff White (Lost Bear Gallery) opened the exhibition and Slavica Živkovic, curator



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.**

Summer School 2015. On-line booking is open now for Summer School 2015 with a program of 25 courses being offered for all skill levels and interests. Go to our website to see the full program www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school.

Sturt Artists in Residence Program 2015 Now is the time to start thinking about a residency here at Sturt in 2015. We offer professional, graduate and self-directed residency opportunities in woodwork, metalwork, textiles or ceramics. Full details and application process can be found on our website. **Deadline for applications is 31 October 2014.**

A new sculpture for the Sturt Permanent Collection 'Philosopher, artist, poet' – donated by the artist, Vince Vozzo, our recent artist in residence.



Short Courses 2014

Our next weekend of short courses will take place on **18 & 19 October** and will include:

- **Metalwork** – spoon making with **Alison Jackson**
- **Woodwork** – project planning with **Daryl Ingate**
- **Hebelstone sculpture** with **Britta Stenmanns**
- **Ceramics** – intro to clay forming and decorative techniques with **John Higgins (UK)**
- **Textiles** – extreme crochet rug making with **Belinda Gunn**

Enrol online @ www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/short-courses or call the Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.



spoons by Alison Jackson

Calling all artists – Craft ACT

Building on the success of the exhibition *Beyond the Veneer*, at Old Parliament House, Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre is collaborating again with the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) at Old Parliament House to bring together an exhibition which celebrates the beautiful design elements of Old Parliament House.

The brief for this project is broad: to design and produce works in response to the historic furniture in the existing exhibition *Suites, Seats and Suits: Fine Furniture of Provisional Parliament House*. The artwork will sit alongside existing furniture pieces and may explore the piece itself, the maker, the materials, or the tools. The emphasis will be on design.

The exhibition will open on 13 November 2014 to coincide with the DESIGN Canberra festival and will run for twelve months. The exhibition will also coincide with major Canberra events including the Enlighten Festival in 2015 and Floriade 2015.

Applications are open to professional, practicing craft practitioners and designer makers who have a demonstrated history of excellence in their practice. The project may require selected artists to participate in community engagement activities, such as an artist talk. The EOI form and information can be downloaded from <http://events.craftact.org.au/2014/07/16/exhibition-opportunity-at-old-parliament-house-in-partnership-with-craft-act/>

STURT GALLERY



The Poetry of Place – the fibre art of Virginia Kaiser (1945-2012) Continues to 7 September

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 includes 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 tells the story of Virginia's path to becoming a basket weaver and the influence that she had on the sector and other artists.

Back to the table – tableware by emerging ceramic artists. 14 September - 16 November 2014

Guest curator Vicki Grima has invited 13 emerging artists to ponder the role handmade ceramic tableware plays in our everyday lives.

Featured artists: *Joey Burns, Zak Chalmers, Andrei Davidoff, Kate Jones, Janetta Kerr-Grant, Rachael McCallum, Ashley Fiona McHutchison, Sarah O'Sullivan, Serena Rosevear, Alexandra Standen, Dawn Vachon, Andrew Widdis, Hayden Youlley.*

This exhibition will be opened on **Sunday 14 September at 11am** by special guest **Robin Murray**, *chef and owner Centennial Vineyards Restaurant Bowral.*

Beverage

*Sarah O'Sullivan, 2014
Hand painted and layered slip cast, stained porcelain, vintage metal handle.
Photo: Maree Alexander*



IMAGES FROM **STURT WINTER SCHOOL** 2014

Sturt enjoyed a highly successful Winter School during the vacation (30 June - 4 July) with 134 students coming to Sturt from all over Australia to enjoy the 15 classes that were offered.



EVENTS

Slidenight at Sturt

The next Slidenight at Sturt will be held on **Wednesday 3 September, 5.30pm** for a **6pm start** in **Sturt Cottage** and will include presentations by two of our visiting artists for 2014.

Kevin Rodel from the US is our guest tutor for Term 3 in the Wood School. Kevin has specialist knowledge of the Arts & Crafts movement and teaches at the Centre for Fine Woodwork in Maine.

Joukje Hoekstra is our graduate resident for 2014 from UNSW Art & Design and specialises in small metalwork.

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



Top: Kevin Rodel's cabinet
Left: **Global Normad**
by Joukje Hoekstra

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.



Les Blakeborough giving a talk at the Sturt Winter School's welcome evening.



At the Virginia Kaiser's exhibition opening – guests were taking interest in the various displays of materials, sketches and notes.



Vince Vozzo's bath – his final project at Sturt



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FRIENDS OF STURT NEWS

Dear Friends,

As I write this I am reflecting on the wonderful slide presentation and talk given by Slavica Zivkovic last Wednesday (30 July). Over 70 members and guests packed the Café to hear her talk on her recent adventures in Ethiopia and her volunteering with the Barbara May Foundation, an organisation working to improve the health and well-being of women and children. Thank you Slavica for giving us an insight into the work being done in Ethiopia by Catherine Hamlin, Valerie Browning, Andrew Browning and the many volunteers who assist in their humanitarian work.

Les Blakeborough, Master Potter, was welcomed back to Sturt with a dinner, held in the Café on 4 June, prior to the opening of his Exhibition in the Gallery. After dinner, he showed slides and spoke about his work, the development of Southern Ice Porcelain and his recent move from Tasmania to the Illawarra. Les began his long association with Sturt in the 1950's as an apprentice, later became Director of Sturt Pottery and Sturt Workshops and has maintained his interest in Sturt for the past 60 years.

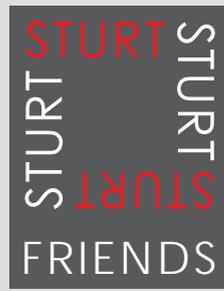
Winter School attracted a record number of students. Friends assisted with enrolments, greeting the students as they arrived, offering tea and coffee and making first-timers feel especially welcome. We sold a record number of raffle tickets during the week. Raffle tickets will be sold and drawn during Summer School.

Friends were on hand to serve refreshments at the opening of Virginia Kaiser's exhibition, *The Poetry of Place – the fibre art of Virginia Kaiser* on 27 July. If you haven't already seen this Exhibition make it a priority to do so. It is a beautifully displayed, stunning exhibition of contemporary basketry. Make sure you allow time to watch the video.

Dates for your diary:

- Next meeting of Friends of Sturt: 10 September, 5.30pm in Sturt Cottage, all welcome.
- Next exhibition opening: 14 September – *Back to the Table*.

Regards
Joan Dinning, *President*



FRIENDS OF STURT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Renewals now due for 2014/2015. Friends of Sturt membership runs from 1 June to 31 May annually. Single membership \$40, Couple \$60, Family/Corporate \$80.

Visit or call us 02 4860 2083, to renew online, please go to:
www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/friends-of-sturt-form

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