



Photography Exhibition 'Music to My Eyes'

Southern Highlands based photographer and musician, **Chris Donaldson**, explores the 'presence' of famous musicians past and present through portraits and landscapes. Encompassing a broad range of musical genres and photographic approaches, Chris seeks to bring sight to sounds in celebration of the joy of music – past and present, local and international. The exhibition opening was attended in the company of a large crowd of friends, family and followers with Australia's prominent artist Ben Quilty as the guest speaker and musician Kjell Goyer gave a recital on the guitar. The exhibition continues to 17 September in Sturt Gallery.



Friends of Sturt

Annual renewals are now due and you will receive a renewal form if you have not already renewed your membership. **A message for FOS members** – anyone interested in volunteering a few hours on an occasional Wednesday morning sorting and filing Sturt archives, please contact Denise Sumner on 02 4868 2425.

'Pizza and Plate' – date for the diary: Sunday 24 September

Sturt's historic pottery will be open for people to visit and have the opportunity to purchase handmade ceramics in a fundraising event hosted by Friends of Sturt and Sturt Pottery students. All purchased plates come with a serving of piping hot Pizza straight from our wood-fired ovens. Be prompt – limited number of plates for sale!



- Join us for the opening of the new ceramics exhibition by Master Ceramicist Jeff Mincham at 11am in the Gallery.
- Buy a plate in Sturt Pottery from 10.30am to 2.30pm. Pizza will be cooking from 12noon to 3pm.
- Sturt Gallery & Shop open 10am - 5pm
- Sturt Coffee open 10am - 4pm

Plus! A new permanent exhibition of the Sturt collection will be on show for the first time in our Archive Gallery. www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/events

Winter School success

Last July, Sturt Winter School was at capacity with more than 150 enrolled students, including 43 children and youths who attended for single days or for the full series of one-day workshops.



Whimsical hand-building ceramics, both from the children's course with Karen Farrell (top row) and the adult course with Fleur Schell – always a popular choice.

Short Courses 2017

Our next short courses will be held on **Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 August, 9.30am-4.30pm**. Limited spaces are still available in:

- *Tablet weaving: experiments with Egyptian Diagonals* with Angharad Rixon – suitable for all levels
- *Still Alive!! Still life Painting* with Charlotte Thodey – suitable for all levels

Details and online booking: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/short-courses



Sturt Summer School 2018 – Wednesday 2 - Friday 7 January

2018 brings our 20th Summer School – over that time we have built something unique in Australia, an unparalleled creative learning experience of breadth and depth in a very special setting lead by inspiring and experienced tutors; Drawing with Suzanne Archer, Portraiture with David Fairbairn, masterclass in Ceramics with Chris Weaver and Woodturning with Richard Raffan, to name a few.

We will present a program of 23 courses for adults and five daily courses for children across a wide range of art forms, so keep an eye out for our program or see the provisional list of courses on our website. Both program brochure and online booking will be available in the next few weeks. Accommodation and meal packages are also available.

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school

Our next exhibition...

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on

'Ephemeris' – Some Notes from The Natural World

Jeff Mincham AM, Master of Ceramic
24 September - 12 November

Sturt Gallery is privileged to show a new body of work by Master Ceramicist Jeff Mincham AM. The exhibition is going to be opened on Sunday 24 September at 11am by Michael Keighery, Artist & Academic.

Jeff will also be spending a short residency at Sturt and the work he produces in Sturt Pottery will be part of the exhibition.

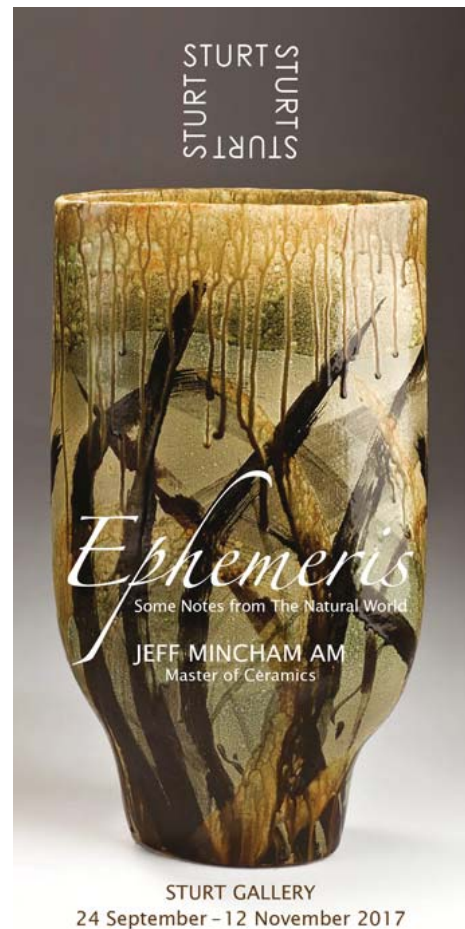
This exhibition represents a series of observations of the natural world, or at least the part of it that I am closest to.

It is a world that explains itself slowly and often in surprising ways. Events, some barely noticeable and others intense and dramatic, make up the continuous rhythm of life, death, rebirth and regeneration.

What seems to be random and accidental, even chaotic, is in fact a state of order gradually revealing itself. When these observations are recorded in form and image and evolved through the ceramic process, they acquire a unique expression of their own; conveying the complexity and uncompromising toughness of these bushland landscapes, yet engaging that sense of wonder that connects us to our natural world.

Jeff Mincham, 2017

Sturt will be holding a slide presentation night with Jeff Mincham in September. For more information please call the gallery on 4860 2083.



Sturt Shop



Top row: a new range from Paul Davis. Second row: ceramics by Karen Murray, Helen Earl and Julie Shepherd

Sturt Coffee

Under new management, **Sturt Coffee in the Gallery** serves organic Rush coffee, a selection of sweet treats and a light lunch menu. Sit inside amidst the gallery display or enjoy the garden setting. Open Wednesday – Sunday, 10am-4pm.



Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au ~ Enquiries on booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083 or email: shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au



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