



SPECIAL NEWS



Two masters of Australian craft offer unique learning opportunities. This year Sturt is offering two week-long special master classes for craft artists with intermediate or advanced skills wanting to stretch their capabilities. **Master weaver Liz Williamson** is offering a contemporary weave master class from 4-8 April. In this class students will design and make woven structures for the body or as 3D objects that reflect the current concern for environmental issues and sustainable materials. In the pottery from 9-14 May, **renowned ceramic artist Owen Rye** will demonstrate his methods of working on the potter's wheel and of manipulating and altering vessels after they are removed from the wheel. Students will undertake and practice all the methods shown.



Each master class costs \$700 for a full week of specialist tuition including all equipment and materials. Places are limited for these one-off events so contact Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083 to secure your place.



Liz Williamson Textiles exhibition – Sturt Gallery until 1 May



STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

David Upfill-Brown will teach the final 12 week woodwork course for 2011. The course will run from 15 August to 4 November and enrolments are now open. David is a well-known maker and designer of fine furniture as well as being a highly experienced teacher having served as Academic Director of the Australian School of Fine Furniture in Tasmania and as Lead Instructor at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship in Maine, USA. David is a regular teacher at Sturt. Go to the Sturt website for more information on David and the 12 week woodwork course.

Just 1 place left for the second 12 week wood course for 2011. The tutor for this course, James Carr, is a graduate of the Sturt Wood School and has since established his own business in the local area specialising in commissions for a wide clientele. James has been teaching evening classes at Sturt for several years and is a highly popular and enthusiastic teacher. The 12 week course will run from 9 May to 29 July.



TERM CLASSES

Enrol now for Sturt term classes in ceramics, woodwork, jewellery, weaving, tapestry and basketry. Places are limited so contact Sturt Gallery to secure your place.

New wheel throwing class in Sturt Pottery.

A new class for throwing is now underway on Thursday nights from 6 to 9pm plus extra studio time on the weekend. Contact Sturt Shop for details on 02 4860 2083.

SHORT COURSES

The next short course weekend will be held on 2 & 3 April. Courses include digital photography for beginners, basic woodwork, random weave basketry and jewellery – cuttlefish casting.



WINTER SCHOOL 2011

Dust off the fleeces and hand knitted jumpers – it is Winter School time again! The full program for Winter School 2011 is now available on the website and in a new colour brochure available from our shop. An exciting range of courses include; **Artful Books, Basketry** – native plants, **Botanical Illustration, Ceramics** – tools and tool making for porcelain, **Digital Photography, 3D Felting, Wild Knitting, Marquetry, Jewellery** – stone-setting, **Painting** – still life, **Oil Pastels, Printmaking** – colloblocks and more.

STURT SHOP

From Woop Woop – Designed in Melbourne. Interactive placemats with a twist, heat resistant and made from recycled cork with beautifully printed designs of Bottlebrush, Wattle & Gum Nuts – a unique product and great gift.

Botanica Australia – Designed in Sydney. Designed by Fiona Budzynski a new range of bags, tea towels, cushions and cards all hand printed featuring Australian native flora in contemporary designs.

Victor Greenway – a new range of porcelain by the internationally acclaimed artist has just arrived; bowls with geometric designs on clear white.

Tracey Mitchell - beautiful white crackle bowls and a range of intricately patterned porcelain by local Southern Highlands artist.

New Jewellery – following the recent National Contemporary Jewellery Award exhibition many of the award finalists have sent a collection of their new work including Melissa Cameron, Jin Ah Jo & Regina Schwarzer.



STURT **GALLERY****Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft – Liz Williamson Textiles**

Exhibition continues to 1 May

Liz Williamson: Textiles is an Object Gallery Touring Exhibition and is part of the *Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft* series.

Owen Rye – woodfired ceramics

8 May to 19 June

Years ago Owen Rye worked with archaeologists and he likes to have some feel of 'antiquity' in his work. Owen's pots are fired in an anagama kiln that produces a wide variety of surface qualities. The work in this exhibition has been chosen to display some of that extraordinary variety.

Owen Rye is one of Australia's best known ceramic artists. Owen has worked in many aspects of his craft including research and archaeology, teaching post graduate students, making and exhibiting woodfired work in Australia and internationally, delivering workshops, curating exhibitions, organising conferences and writing books and articles for industry magazines.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 8 May at 11am by special guest **Jacqueline Clayton, Coordinator of Ceramics and Presiding Member School of Design Studies, College of Fine Arts, UNSW**. Refreshments will be served. This is a FREE EVENT and all are welcome.



Weekend course in Basketry with Meri Peach



Our current 12 week Woodwork course led by tutor Leon Sadubin (centre)



We had a successful weekend at the Wood School recently, with the special Hand Tool Event, supported by a number of renowned toolmakers including: Lie Nielsen (above), HNT Gordon Planes, Micheal Connor, Coleen Clenton, Chris Vesper and the Traditional Tools group.

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.

LIZ WILLIAMSON TEXTILES EXHIBITION OPENING – Sunday 20 March



L-R: Opened by Steven Pozel, Director of Object: Australian Centre for Craft and Design; Liz Williamson with Elisabeth Nagel; with Grace Cochrane; with Steven Pozel and Catrina Vignando, General Manager of Craft Australia



L-R: Friends of Sturt displaying their unfailing support at exhibition openings; Liz Williamson with Mark Viner; great interest being shown in the Shop on the day



Friends of Sturt

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Friends of Sturt membership is due for renewal at the end of May. To become a member or to renew your membership, please visit or contact Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2083.

Membership fees are \$30 for a single, \$35 for a couple and \$40 for a family.

Benefits include: invitation to all Sturt exhibitions, bimonthly newsletter, information about special excursions and events, 10% discount on all purchase over \$20 and under \$1000 at Sturt Shop and Gallery (*only applicable for cash, cheque or eftpos payments*).

MORE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Friends of Sturt volunteers will be needed to help us celebrate Sturt's birthday during the run of our special '70 Years at Sturt' exhibition (showcasing the Sturt permanent collection) from 2 October to 20 November. We would like to regularly open Sturt Cottage and the Archives that are normally closed to the public. If you can spare a few hours over a weekend then please get in touch with the Sturt office on 02 4860 2080.

Supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program

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(except Good Friday, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

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