

SPECIAL NEWS

A major touring exhibition will visit Sturt next year. The Object Gallery touring exhibition *Liz Williamson; Textiles* will be presented in the Sturt Gallery from 20 March to 1 May 2011. The exhibition is a part of the highly successful *Living Treasures; Masters of Australian Craft* series and it is very appropriate that this exhibition should come to Sturt.

Liz Williamson was chosen as the fourth *Living Treasures* artist through an extensive nomination and juried selection process. Williamson produced a new body of work specifically for the exhibition. The works include woven scarves, wraps and wall pieces and will be presented as a cohesive, dynamic and modular installation. A supporting DVD presentation and an Education Kit accompanies the exhibition.



STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

The first **12 week intensive fine woodworking course for 2011** to be taught by leading Canadian furniture designer Michael Fortune is now **FULL**. The course will run from 31 January to 21 April 2011.

Sturt is accepting expressions of interest for places on the next 12 week wood course for 2011 proposed to run from 9 May to 29 August. Following a review of fees at Sturt this course is now priced at just \$6,300 representing excellent value for money. So, if you are thinking of enrolling we suggest you do not delay to get your name down – we already have a waiting list!

Enrolment enquiries are being invited for the Sturt 1-year VETAB-accredited Certificate IV Furniture Design and Technology – Fine Woodworking Course for 2011. This remains the only 1 year full time woodwork course in Australia and is therefore the essential experience for those woodworkers who are considering a major career or life changing experience.



Farewell drinks for the 12 week fine woodworking course with Tim Foster (centre); exhibiting final work by students.

STURT TERM CLASSES

Classes for Term 3 begin from Monday 19 July. Sturt maintains weekly classes in fine woodwork (Mon, Tue, Wed 6-9pm), ceramics (Wed 9am-12noon), tapestry (Wed 9am-1pm), weaving (Tue 10am-1pm) and jewellery (Mon 6-9pm).

STURT SHORT COURSES

The next short course is **Intermediate Digital Photography** with Debra Pearson on 7 and 8 August. Courses in **Basketry**, **Mosaics** and **Advanced Digital Photography** are scheduled for 11 and 12 September.

A complete list of short courses for 2011 will be released by the end of August.

STURT **WINTER** 2010

This year's Sturt Winter School was our most successful Winter School yet with 110 students attending 12 classes.

The standard of work achieved was extremely high and the week had a great atmosphere with everyone brought together by the frosty but invigorating weather.

See Winter School photos on the back page of this newsletter.

STURT **SUMMER** 2011

The program for Sturt Summer School 2011 has been released and is available on the Sturt website or in the Sturt shop. 25 courses are being offered including; basketry, botanical art, watercolours, modelling the human form, 2 different photography courses, drawing people, still life pen & ink, traditional Swedish weaving, 3 different woodwork classes including making a Windsor stool, writing, ceramics, silversmithing, felting, etching and several courses for young people including physical theatre.

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/course_summer.htm

STURT **GALLERY**

Isolation, an exhibition of lustre fired ceramics by John Kuczwal continues to 22 August.

Casting Off, an exhibition of carvings, wood turnings and sculptures by Richard Raffan and Terry Baker runs from 12 September to 17 October.

The exhibition will be opened on **Sunday 12 September at 11am by David Upfill-Brown. Refreshments served. FREE EVENT.**

Casting Off is a new body of work created by Richard Raffan and Terry Baker, two of Australia's leading woodturners. But whilst there will be a few turned bowls and platters, both Baker and Raffan have taken the opportunity to move away from the woodlathe to create a series of whimsical boats, sculptural vessels, and driftwood whales using found and recycled materials.

Richard Raffan and Terry Baker met early in 1982 at Sturt Workshops in Mittagong. Richard Raffan had newly emigrated from England with a well-established reputation based on his turned bowls, boxes, and scoops. Terry Baker, then an art teacher, was working with Ian MacKay at Sturt Pottery. A year later Terry was turning wood for a living, and rapidly building a reputation as the vanguard experimenting with gilding, carving, and patinas on turned bowls. Over the years the two have worked collaboratively on bowls, and jointly lead several Creative Woodturning workshops.



Tasmanian furniture designer
Duncan Meerding

Photo: Peter Mathew
Sydney Morning Herald, 26 March 2010

Newdesign, a showcase of the best in the retail of Australian contemporary craft and design will be on show from 24 October to 21 November.

This showcase will feature a special champagne shopping night on Tuesday 9th November from 5-7pm. Refreshments served. 10% discount on shop sales between 5 and 7pm only. FREE EVENT.

The artists participating in the showcase include John Gallagher, Annie Trevillian, Cobi Cockburn, Duncan Meerding, Aiden Morris, Alex McDowell, James Carr and select suppliers including Cloth Fabric. The displays will feature furniture, light fittings, glass, fabric and ceramics all made by some of Australia's top designer makers put together in special settings to create a sense of how contemporary objects work together.

STURT SHOP

There are lots of new items in the shop this month including **tableware** and **jewellery** by **Fink & Co**, some gorgeous Australian made bags for work or leisure made from reclaimed cotton woven into sturdy 15oz canvas with great designs and features made by **One Planet** and work by several new ceramicists including **Aleida Pullar**, **Sally Gordon** and **Chris Weaver**.

Some of our well-known existing suppliers have also sent through new work or ranges including some unique trinket boxes by **Kit Tanner**, a heap of new glass by **Gordon Glass**, new shopping bags, patch bags, library bags and coin purses by **Cloth** and a new range of pure silk neck ties by **Helga Muschinski**.



One Planet



Kit Tanner



Aleida Pullar



Sally Gordon



Fink & Co



Gordon Glass

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE 2010

Ceramicist Chris Weaver departed on 19 July after a highly successful 3 month residency during which Chris produced an impressive body of work in the Sturt Pottery and also taught a very popular masterclass as part of this year's Winter School.

Ceramicist Dee Taylor-Graham has had her residency extended by 3 months to the end of October. Dee will continue to teach weekly term classes in the pottery.

Textile artist Jennifer Corcoran joined us as a graduate resident on 15 June for 6 weeks.

Jewellery artist Sabina Bernardelli from Italy will join us for a 3-month professional residency from 2 August.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2011

Applications are now being invited for Sturt residencies in 2011. Applications will be considered from established professionals and recent graduates in the areas of woodwork, ceramics, weaving/textiles and jewellery/metalwork.

Sturt maintains one of the largest craft based residency programs in Australia with places for up to eight residents each year to live, work and teach in Sturt's unique environment. Applications for 2011 will be received until 31 October 2010. Full details including a new Artist in Residence Program brochure are now on the Sturt website.

EVENTS

Weaving stanzas and rhyming ceramics! An afternoon for the poets at Sturt 21 August 4pm in Sturt Café. \$5 Friends of Sturt, \$10 General. Hot and cold drinks and cakes will be available for purchase.

Well known poets Michelle Cahill, Peter Lach-Newinsky, Jan Jones and Lorne Johnson join with aspiring poetry students in a mini poetry fest. Relax with a warm drink in front of the fire and enjoy readings by the best and the brightest poetry talents.

Sturt Café Supper Club

In partnership with Chef Martial Cosyn, a winter supper club for those in search of some good food and good company in the perfect setting. With the fire lit and live music provided by local musicians to round off the evening this will be an experience that you will not want to miss.

Thursday 19 August 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Seared scallops and pancetta with basil, zucchini, extra virgin olive oil & pine nuts
Slowly cooked white veal shoulder with rosemary & roasted kipfler potatoes, celeriac gratin & demi-glaze
Belgian chocolate mousse with raspberry coulis

Music by Toccatta Duo - Violinist Geoffrey Richardson and classical guitarist Kjell Goyer present a program of four centuries of dance music from Dowland to Django

Thursday 30 September 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Roasted capsicum & heirloom tomato bruschetta with binnoire labna
Atlantic salmon coulibiac with steamed potatoes & dill beurre blanc
Suzie's marmalade meringue torte with honey ice cream.

Bookings are strictly limited with the three-course meal, coffee and entertainment priced at \$65 per head per night for Friends of Sturt, \$75 per head per night for other guests. BYO. Vegetarian alternative available by request.

To book your place call 0248 602083 or drop in to the Sturt Shop



FRIENDS OF STURT

JOIN FRIENDS OF STURT

Join now and receive membership benefits which include:

- 10% discount on all purchase between \$20 - \$1000 at Sturt Shop and Gallery (cash, cheque or eftpos payment only)
- Invitation to all Sturt Gallery exhibitions
- Newsletter (five per year) with details of all exhibitions, courses and upcoming events
- Information about special excursions and events

Subscriptions run from May to May each year

Membership fees: \$30 single, \$35 couple, \$40 family

Friends of Sturt Christmas drinks

Friday 10 December 5pm to 8pm

This is an important date for the diary, with all Friends of Sturt invited to join Sturt staff and the FOS Committee for Christmas drinks and canapés on the lawn at Sturt. The shop and gallery will be open late and the addition of some live music will make this the perfect evening social event. More details later.

Grace Cochrane talk at Wollongong City Gallery

Wednesday 11 August 10.30am

A number of Friends will be attending a special illustrated talk and tour by curator Grace Cochrane in conjunction with the touring exhibition *White Gums & Ramoxes – ceramics by Merric & Arthur Boyd from the Bundanon Trust Collection*. Contact Mark Viner by emailing mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au if you would like to car pool or find out more.

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.

FROM STURT WINTER SCHOOL – JULY 2010

