



SPECIAL NEWS

Sturt wins Business of the Year! At the annual Southern Highlands Business Awards for Excellence held on Friday 28 October at Mittagong RSL, Sturt took out the grand prize of Business of the Year – beating 130 other nominated businesses across 20 categories in the process. Sturt has never won this prize before and it is certainly a terrific birthday present for Sturt's 70th year. Well done indeed to all staff, students, friends, supporters and customers of Sturt who share this considerable achievement.

New workshop residents for 2012. New staff members at Sturt for 2012 include **ceramicist Kwirak Choung** who will take over as 1 year Resident in the Sturt Pottery. Kwirak is an established ceramic artist with work in a number of Australian collections including Sturt. In addition Kwirak has considerable teaching experience most recently with the National Art School so his experience and knowledge, particularly in the area of wood firing, will be a great addition to the Sturt program next year. **Woodworker Phoebe Everill** will take on the newly created role of woodwork resident. Phoebe's duties will include teaching, maintenance and construction and production of her own work for sale in the Sturt Shop. Phoebe will graduate from the Sturt School for Wood this year and is also a highly experienced builder/carpenter/house renovator.

Artists in residence for 2012. A total of 6 residencies have been awarded for 2012 from a very strong field of applicants from Australia and overseas. Residents for 2012 will be Danae Natsis (NSW, jewellery), Kay Faulkner (QLD, textiles), Tom Mellor (NSW, ceramics/woodwork), Stefan Jakob (Switzerland, ceramics), Julie Shepherd (QLD, ceramics), Marta Armada (Spain, ceramics/jewellery).

Grant from National Library Community Heritage Program. Following on from last year's Significance Assessment of the Sturt collection we are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing further funding to carry out the next stage in the development of the collection – a Preservation Needs Assessment. The funding received will allow us to engage the services of a conservation expert who will assess the condition of the collection and the environment that we keep it in and will make recommendations for actions that should be carried out in the future.

**2011 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BUSINESS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

Presenter of Business of the Year Award Anne Muir (Regional Director South East NSW Trade & Investment) with Mark Viner & Slavica Zivkovic from Sturt.



AWARDED **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS BUSINESS OF THE YEAR 2011**

~ Sturt would like to thank all of its supporters and customers for helping to make this achievement possible ~



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Meroogal Women's Arts Prize returns to Sturt. After an absence of several years the biennial Meroogal Women's Arts Prize will return to Sturt next year as part of a limited tour to selected venues across the Illawarra region.

Last Chance to book for Sturt Summer School – now over 80% full Summer School is filling up fast with a limited number of places left available for some courses. Look on our website or contact the Sturt Shop as soon as possible for details or to enrol.

Christmas opening hours. Sturt Shop and Café will be open as normal up to and including Christmas eve. Sturt Shop will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day only. Sturt Café will be closed for the Christmas week and will re-open for Sturt Summer School on Tuesday 3 January.

STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

1-year fine furniture design and technology course 2012.

Enrolments are now invited for our fully accredited Certificate IV course in fine furniture making and design. A maximum of just 12 places are available each year for this very special course that has produced some of the best fine furniture makers in Australia since the course was first established in 1985. A full prospectus is available on our website.

New 10-week format for extended woodwork courses.

Our courses from next year will have a 10-week format to fit with normal school term times and to allow people greater flexibility when thinking of enrolling. The first course for 2012 will run from 30 January to 5 April and will be led by renowned teacher and fine furniture maker, David Upfill-Brown. 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 10-week woodwork course program.



TERM CLASSES

Dates for term classes in 2012 have now been set with the new info available on-line or in the Sturt Shop. Classes will be available next year in fine woodworking, weaving, tapestry, ceramics and jewellery. Additional studio time applies to most classes and we are offering a **free 1 lesson trial** to prospective new students who would like to experience a class before making a commitment.

OPENING DOORS

STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD
GRADUATING EXHIBITION 2011
26 November - 11 December 2011

David Cummins, Phoebe Everill, Torquil Fitch,
Elliot Holdstock, Callum Houston, Callum Matheson,
Tim Noone, Graham Stutz

SHORT COURSES

The 2012 course program is now on our website. Courses include 1-day introductory courses for absolute beginners and specialist weekend courses for different skill-levels in woodwork, ceramics, silver smithing, digital photography, tuning and sharpening, textiles and dyeing. Look out also for some special weekend courses for kids including an introduction to woodwork and some amazing ceramics weekends that will have your children bringing home spectacular ornaments for the garden or elsewhere.

STURT **GALLERY****Opening Doors – Sturt School for Wood graduating exhibition 2011****26 November to 11 December**

The culmination of a year of intensive work – see the amazing creations and craftsmanship of our graduating fine furniture makers.

The exhibition will be opened by renowned Australian fine furniture maker and designer Leon Sadubin at 11am on Saturday 26 November 2011. This will be a free event with refreshments served and everyone is welcome.

Rain Gauge**Sally Blake, Nikki Main & Vedanta Nicholson****textiles | glass | drawings & etchings****18 December 2011 to 29 January 2012**

This exhibition of work by three emerging artists uses varied media to explore the problem of water scarcity in the environment and record the artists' emotional responses to what they find in the rain gauge.

The exhibition will be opened by curator, historian and author Matthew Higgins at 11am on Sunday 18 December. This will be a free event with refreshments served and everyone is welcome.

**Meroogal Women's Arts Prize 2011****A touring exhibition from the Historic Houses Trust****12 February to 25 March 2012**

The Meroogal Women's Arts Prize for 2011 asked entrants to respond to the theme "Made by Hand" through visual arts, crafts and design. The resulting exhibition showcases winning, commended and selected works from the 2011 competition.

STURT **EVENTS****~ Friends of Sturt Christmas Drinks ~****Friday 9 December 5pm to 7pm**

FREE EVENT

A special invitation is extended to all Friends of Sturt 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 to make this the perfect evening social event.

To help us plan catering Friends of Sturt are encouraged to RSVP
by calling the Shop on 02 4860 2083 or
by emailing 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 or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.

STURT SHOP

Check out some great new products for Christmas – Elk necklaces and brooches, resin jewellery in a huge range of colours by Alex Freeman, funky retro work by Liana Kabel, exquisite porcelain by Tracey Mitchell and Somchai Charoen, leather and cloth bags in assorted styles, plus lots more unique and wonderful work by Australian makers and designers.



TOOLS & TECHNIQUES WEEKEND
 18-19 FEBRUARY 2012
 STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

Sturt School for Wood will host a weekend of TOOLS & TECHNIQUES. Featuring many of Australia’s finest tool makers, HNT Gordon Classic Plane Maker, Colen Clenton, Harold & Saxon Chisels, Micheal Connor Woodwork and others offering you the opportunity to discuss, try and buy their beautifully crafted tools. Plus specialist demonstrations on a range of woodworking techniques presented by Sturt’s experienced teachers. FREE Admission & Parking. 10am - 4pm both days. Food & drinks available on site.



Friends of Sturt

FRIENDS OF STURT is a voluntary based organisation, which supports Sturt in a variety of ways. These include assisting with exhibition openings, mailouts, as well as organising a series of fundraising events.

Funds raised by Friends of Sturt directly support the Artist-in-Residence program. Members of Friends of Sturt are united by the love of fine craft and art, and a desire to support Sturt. As well, members enjoy a range of benefits including:

- Invitation to all exhibitions at Sturt Gallery
- Newsletter five times a year, which includes details of all exhibitions, courses and upcoming events
- Information about special excursions and events
- 10% discount on all purchase over \$20 and under \$1000 at Sturt Shop and Gallery. (This discount is only applicable for cash, cheque or eftpos payments).

Subscriptions run from May to May each year. All members receive a reminder letter to let them know when subscriptions are due. Membership fees are \$30 for single, \$35 for couple and \$40 for family & corporate members. Payment is made to Sturt Gallery PO Box 34 Mittagong NSW 2575. Phone 02 4860 2083.

Supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program

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

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STURT GALLERY 02 4860 2083
 Open daily 10am - 5pm
 (except Good Friday, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

STURT CAFÉ 02 4860 2086
 Open Wed-Fri 10am - 3pm
 Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm

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