

# THE CANBERRA DRAFT

*Newsletter of the Canberra Spinners and Weavers, Inc. (ABN 43 710 683 995)*

## Next Meeting – Saturday 17 February 2.00 pm

Speaker: **Liz Perry** will talk to us about her textiles from Vietnam

## Change of time for HOWS and Tapestry in 2018

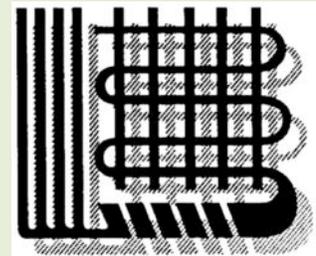
The regular monthly meeting times for HOWS (Hands-on-weaving) and Tapestry Group will change next year from the 1st Saturday in the month to the 3rd Saturday. The first meeting for 2018 will be Saturday 17th February 10am to 1pm, the same day as our Members Meeting.

## Opening of '50 Years Looking Forward'

Over 80 members, friends and family gathered at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre on 2nd November for the exhibition opening. Members were delighted with the display of their work, thoughtfully arranged by curator Meredith Hinchliffe. Janet de Boer opened the exhibition entertaining us with anecdotes from the past involving some present CSW members. Christine Gale organised some delicious retro nibbles to have with our drinks. After the opening about 20 of us went on to Textile Works at Chifley where we enjoyed a delicious take-away Turkish banquet organised by Jenny Hall and Monique van Nieuwland.



At the opening Lisa Molvig and Sheena Jack, a past member visiting from Tasmania for the CSW exhibitions. Sheena has work in the CMAG exhibition 'Crossing Threads' which runs until 18 March



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## MEETINGS IN 2018

17 March

21 April

19 May

16 June

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Also at the opening Lynne Johnson (left) and Jenny Harber each beside one of their entries





## Greenhills Report

Our annual Greenhills retreat was held in November and was, as always a fantastic event. This year we adjusted the format slightly by extending the event until Monday morning. The feedback was that this is a very welcome change; those with any distance to travel feel that it's worth making the trip, and return travel home is much easier with no need to get a motel on the Sunday night. As a result, we had a bumper attendance this year, filling up the allocated accommodation blocks to the extent that some who were keen and able stayed in rooms upstairs. There were many day visitors on the Saturday in particular, so Greenhills was abuzz!

We stuck to the time-honoured format of the Fashion Parade on Saturday morning, and the Grand Raffle to end all raffles on Sunday morning. The Fashion Parade, was a fabulous display of the creativity, talent and style of our attendees. Hats off to the coordinators (Jenny Harber, Lynne Johnson and a significant band of helpers!) who pulled together wonderful outfits for our runway divas and subsequently

mounted a display; it looked fantastic. We were very fortunate in that Alison Giles-Damjanovski brought along and gave us a talk about an antique traditional Macedonian woman's outfit which featured intricate and elaborate textile techniques. It was fascinating.

The shop was a hit, as usual, and was pretty well stripped bare by the end of the weekend. Thank you to Susan Weisser and Leigh Casley who enabled our spending! Kurrambee Coloureds came along from Goulburn this year and set up a stall offering us an excellent selection of coloured fleece, which was very well received.

A number of workshops were presented across the weekend by Greenhills attendees. The opportunity to share knowledge and expand our skills was appreciated by all. Some attendees were able to take the opportunity to visit our exhibitions whilst in Canberra, and reports back were that they were very enjoyable.

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it such a great success, notably chief organiser extraordinaire Jeannie McLellan. We loved every bit of it and can't wait to do it again next year!

Carleen Jones



## POSITION VACANT - CSW Treasurer

Val Walker is stepping down from her position as treasurer in 2018 after more than 5 years in the role. If you are interested in this position or would like to find out more about it please talk to someone on the committee.

## 2018 Project: 'Many Hands Make New Work!'

This project seeks to involve CSW and CRF members working together towards an exhibition at Textile Works in 2018. The idea is to link up makers, skills and techniques from both groups. Outcomes could be anything: a garment, shawl, furnishing or decorative item.

It can work as an exchange or a collaboration between 2 or 3 people.

- i.e. CSW member offers a piece of knitting or weaving to a feltmaker, who will respond to it, extends/transforms it using feltmaking techniques into a garment or shawl.
- i.e. CRF member offers a nuno felted cloth to a spinner/knitter/weaver, who will respond to it and transforms it into a cushion by adding their finishes to it.
- Or a CSW and CRF member get together and discuss an idea for a product and work together making it. This can be combining existing work or starting from scratch.

If you are interested in this idea, come to Textile Works on Sunday 18 February for a morning tea and discussion: 10.30am-12.30pm

If you need more information, please email your workshop coordinator: Bernadette Sheahan (CRF) or Monique van Nieuwland (CSW): [monique.van.nieuwland@gmail.com](mailto:monique.van.nieuwland@gmail.com)

## Membership

Memberships for 2018 can be paid now if you wish. Renewing before the end of the year gives you library privileges over the summer and you can also claim a \$5 discount. The membership form can be downloaded from the CSW website and filled in on your computer. We have a new membership email address [csw.membership@gmail.com](mailto:csw.membership@gmail.com). Your subscription may be paid by bank transfer, but please remember to identify yourself or the money may become a donation until we get it sorted. You can pay by cash or cheque but regardless of how you renew your membership please fill in the form each year.

Name badges will be available in January. They are usually in a plastic box on the table just inside the main room door. We have a supply of clear holders but donations of same from those who acquire them at seminars and the like would be welcome. Receipts will be in a plastic zip lock bag labelled 2018. If you have queries with regard to membership, please email me or just ask me.

**Pam McDougall, Membership Secretary**

## Country Spinners Woollen Mills at Wangaratta

Elizabeth Allinson has just returned from holiday stopping at Wangaratta on the way home to look over the Country Spinners Woollen Mills in Textile Avenue. She emailed to let CSW members know they are enlarging and revamping the mill shop. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wangaratta-Woollen-Mills/35516727121823>

## Our Activities

When people attend our rooms at Chifley they are to pay an Attendance Fee of \$3.00 into the 'Golden Box' on the table in the Main Room next to the Attendance Book to cover the cost of tea, coffee and to help cover the rental of our premises.

### TUESDAY DROP-IN DAY

The library and the shop are open during the day. We meet every Tuesday from **10 am** to **3.30 pm** at Chifley. **Tues 19 Dec** will be the last drop-in for 2017. We will be open again on **2 Jan 2018**. Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be available.

### TUESDAY EVENING DROP-IN

All facilities available **5.30 - 8.30 pm** or **7 pm** if no one turns up; library, shop sales, return and hire of equipment, tea, coffee and pleasant company. **Tues 12 Dec** will be the last evening drop-in for 2017. They will begin again on **23 Jan 2018**. Phone enquiries and any information given for basic spinning and weaving.

Enquiries Val Walker 6227 0022

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SPINNING GROUP

Meets alternate Wednesdays in our homes starting at **7 pm**. If your daily routine is keeping you away from your spinning come and try our evening group. We are always happy to see new faces at our get-togethers.

**6 December** Jeannie McLellan, 4/63 Pearson Street, Holder

Enquiries [leonie.andrews@inet.net.au](mailto:leonie.andrews@inet.net.au)

### THURSDAY SPINNING GROUP

This group meets fortnightly at Chifley. We gather around **10 am** and leave by **2.30 pm**. Everyone is most welcome to join us - please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee are available.

**7 December, 1 February** Enquiries Barbara Stanilewicz 6281 3848

### SOUTHSIDE SPINNING GROUP

This group meets at the **Erindale Library** every second Thursday (alternate to group above) from **1 pm to 3 pm**

**14 December, 8 February** Enquiries: Kathleen Phillips 6298 3498 or Betty Hudson 6231 2669

### THURSDAY WEAVING STUDY GROUP

All CSW members are welcome **10 am to 2 pm**. Bring your lunch and any show and tell, or bring along any problems with your weaving or your loom.

**Thursday 14 December, 8 February** Enquiries Di Adams 0407 486 356 or 6161 4825

### FRIDAY RUG GROUP

The rag rug-making group also includes other construction techniques eg. crochet, knitting et al. The 'drop-in' day from **10 am to 2 pm** is on the **2nd Friday of the month** at Chifley. Bring lunch (tea and coffee available).

**In December we will meet at CMAG outside the CROSSING THREADS exhibition.**

**8 December, 12 January, 9 February** Enquiries Robin Asman 6238 3465

### SUNDAY RAG RUGGERS GROUP

The group meets on the **fourth Sunday of the month** at Chifley **1.30 - 4.30 pm**. Tea and coffee available - lots of opportunities to explore the many ways of turning otherwise wasted fabric into fabulous rugs and much more.

**28 January, 25 February** Enquiries Maggie Whyte 0488 747 953

### FRIDAY KNITTING GROUP

The group holds meetings monthly on the last Friday of the month from **10 am - 2 pm**. Bring along your knitting and crochet and any questions you may have about these traditional arts.

**26 January, 23 February** Enquiries Jenny Harber 6230 2429

**HANDS-ON WEAVING & SPINNING (HOWS) DROP-IN**

A mixed drop-in day for weavers, spinners and knitters alike! **From February 2018 we will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10.00am to 1.00pm.** All members and visitors are welcome. An opportunity to exchange ideas, chat, assist each other with planning and solving problems. Our great library and shop are open! No meeting in January.

**17 February**

**SATURDAY TAPESTRY WEAVING GROUP**

The tapestry group has joined with the **HOWS Drop-in** at Chifley. **From February 2018 we will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10.00 am to 1.00pm,** BYO lunch. Any newcomers please confirm with Lisa beforehand.

**17 February**

**Enquiries Lisa Molvig 6254 2040** or email [molviglisa@gmail.com](mailto:molviglisa@gmail.com)

**YASS ACTIVITIES GROUP**

Meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the CWA Rooms in the Banjo Paterson Park, Yass, **10am to 3pm.** Bring your own lunch - tea and coffee available. All members, new members and visitors are welcome.

**6 December, 7 February**

**Enquiries Lynne Clarke 6226 2205**

**BUNGENDORE SPINNING**

A group generally meets at the School of Arts building on Wednesdays from 10am. Please confirm with Fran on **6238 1559**

**2018 Royal Canberra Show**

The **Royal Canberra Show** has a vibrant craft competition with a range of classes in spinning, dyeing and weaving. The Crafts Expo theme for 2018 is Kaleidoscope.

Entries cost \$8 for the first entry or \$5 if you're over 65, and \$5 for each entry after that. You can also sell your show exhibits and the commission on sales is only 20%.

The 2018 show is on from **23 to 25 February**. Entry forms are due by **21 December 2017**, and entries must be delivered in person on **18 February** or by post by **15 February**.

Details of the classes available and the entry process are in the Crafts Expo Schedule available from [canberrashow.org.au](http://canberrashow.org.au) [2018 Crafts Expo Schedule](#). If you require further information on the Craft Expo you can contact the Royal National Capital Agricultural Society on 02 6241 2487 or email: [admin@rncas.org.au](mailto:admin@rncas.org.au)

**Two Textile Links from Susan Weisser****Fabric Design**

Shared from BBC: The fabric design duo behind London tubes, trains and buses

<http://www.bbc.com/culture/story/20171122-the-surprising-story-behind-the-designs-seen-every-day?ocid=ww.social.link.email>

**NYTimes.com: Chinese Village Keeps Alive a Tradition of Indigo Dyeing**

Amy Qin writes about life in Dali where nearly every family grows its own rice and indigo, 'having a loom is just as important as having a cow.' *Dali Village Journal* <https://nyti.ms/2jnhF8p>

## PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

December already, it is hard to believe 2017 is nearly at an end. What a year it has been for Canberra Spinners and Weavers. We have accomplished a lot this past 12 months, and my hope is the Canberra Spinners and Weavers is well positioned now to head into the next 50 years!

Moving from Kurrajong, whilst difficult, has given the Association greater scope to interact with the community, network with other textile groups and a space for holding on-site displays. Our recent 'Open Days' attracted people both working in and visiting the 'Chifley Wellness Hub', along with interested textile artists, and local community. Being part of 'Design Canberra' has been good as it has raised our profile in the arts community. On the Saturday when our rooms were open as part of this celebration we had a steady flow of visitors, and received many compliments on how interesting they found our members' work. If you did not visit the rooms during the 3 open days you missed a real treat. There was such a lovely friendly vibe, with people weaving on various looms including the computer loom, spinning on wheels and drop spindle, carding, knitting, yarn winding etc. Christine Gale did her utmost to make people feel 'at home' with her cakes and scones in the courtyard, whilst Lynne Johnson welcomed guests as if they were royalty. Despite it being November and not the best time to sell 'woollies' we did manage to sell over \$3,500 worth and gained a couple of new members.

The Tuggeranong Arts Centre Exhibition is over and the committee will be looking at the 'wash up' from this event. We would welcome any comments from members. Could you please send an email or letter with your thoughts. I think you would agree Meredith did a wonderful job in displaying our work, and the 3 EASS students, our awardees had a terrific exhibition.

CMAG exhibition continues until the 18th March 2018. If you have not seen the display I recommend a visit and encouraging your visiting Christmas friends and family to have a look. I have received a lot of very complimentary comments on this exhibition. People are really enjoying seeing the splendid work created back in the 60's and 70's. I myself visited both our exhibitions on one day and was struck by the changes in technology, yarn availability, design and colour.

Greenhills was a great success and thanks go to Jeannie, Helen and Carleen for their organisation and management of this event. The three days made all the difference for many of the participants, and we propose that we run the same format again next year. I believe the second weekend of November has already been booked for 2018 so pencil it in your diaries. The shop as is usual did a brisk trade, with the consequence there is very little in the shop at Textile Works at present!

Liz Perry and I visited the ANU Graduating Arts Students Exhibition last week and were very interested in the amount of crossover between the arts disciplines. We have awarded 4 complimentary memberships: Christine Appleby who has been completing her honours in textiles and was an awardee this year, Jessie Fitzpatrick who is in the textile school and is doing great tapestry weaving, Rachel Bilal from the sculpture school who is doing interesting weaving around bones and Caitlin Woodford who is in print media where she has presented a video of herself spinning paper and turning the yarn into nest-like objects. All 4 awardees should challenge us all with their ideas and use of materials. We look forward to welcoming them at our meetings, and hearing about their work during the year.

Our Christmas Party held following Sunday's open day was a small affair, but we were able to rejoice in the fact we had all survived what has been an extremely busy year. During the celebrations we drew the raffle for the exhibition shawl so beautifully made by Kath Phillips. The lucky winner was Ann Muir, who was very pleased to receive her prize.

I publicly want to thank all members of the Committee. Without their support and encouragement I'm not sure I would have seen Christmas! My special thanks go to Monique, Meredith and Liz Perry who made the exhibitions work with their grant application, eye to detail, display expertise etc. Thanks to all the helpers -

transporters, hangers, financiers, cake makers, tea servers, welcomers, demonstrators etc. There are too many to name - it would fill the newsletter, but I have really appreciated your support and assistance. Lastly my thanks go to all the members for their support in producing some very fine work for our exhibitions and the open days.

It is time for a well-earned rest for us all. I want to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas with your friends and family., and look forward to meeting up at the members meeting on Saturday February 17th at 2pm.

Remember Textile Works will be closed from 3.30pm on 19 December until 2 January when Tuesday drop-in days will commence again and run from 10am until 3.30pm. All other groups will have a break until the end of January. The next newsletter will be February so be sure to check the activity lists to see when your interest group meets again.

## FOR SALE

### 2 Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheels

#### One small Robinson Loom

If interested, please contact **Val Walker** on **02 6227 0022**

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## MEETING DATES in 2018

**17 February**

**17 March**

**21 April**

**19 May**

**17 June**

**15 July**

**19 August**

## CS&W MEMBERSHIP FEES

**Joining Fee** (new & re-joining) \$10.00

**Ordinary** \$75.00

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**Newsletter only** \$50.00

**Full Time Students** \$55.00

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The Joining Fee is paid by new members and past members who were not financial in the previous year.

New members joining between 1 July and 31 October pay 50% of Fee.

**Members paying on or before 31 Dec of the current year, receive a \$5.00 discount. This applies to each category of membership.**

**Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 12 December, 5.30 pm**

**Next Members Meeting Saturday 17 February, 2.00 pm**

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