

THE CANBERRA DRAFT

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

Next Meeting: Saturday 15 February at 2 pm - there will be a presentation by our three EASS (Emerging Artists Support Scheme) winners for 2019; Cat Evans, Katherine Flanagan and Kerry Martin.

ROYAL CANBERRA SHOW 2019 - <http://www.canberrashow.org.au>

The craft theme for 2019 is **Wonderful Water**. Spinning, Dyeing and Weaving Schedules available at Chifley. Closing date end of December.

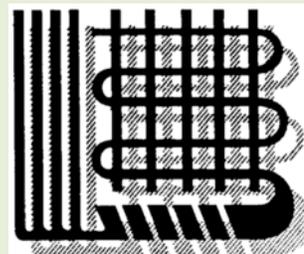
Val Walker, Chief Steward, S.D.W. Section, Phone: 02 6227 0022

President's Jottings

The end of the year is upon us and it is a time to reflect a little. The year started with the 50 year retrospective exhibition still in full swing at CMAG. This gave us the opportunity to demonstrate and talk to children who attended workshops run by CSW at the museum. We have participated and demonstrated at the Canberra Show, Giralang Primary School, Chifley open day and Design Canberra. Throughout the year there have been wonderful opportunities to learn new skills through our workshops in knitting, basket weaving, natural dyeing, spinning, design, tapestry and loom weaving. The Exhibition and sale of members work at Textile Works in May provided an opportunity to demonstrate to the wider community, including the Minister for the Arts, Gordon Ramsay, what beautiful work our group can do! September saw CSW host a visitors' day for local NSW spinning/weaving groups, and in November our ever popular Greenhills Getaway took place.



Items from 'Many Hands Make New Work' - Photo by Lynne Wade CRF



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This year we joined forces with the Canberra Region Feltmakers and worked on shared projects such as sound improvement panels in the main room, and the 'Many Hands Make New Work' project culminating in a very successful exhibition at Textile Works as part of 'Design Canberra 2018'. All the collaboratively created works were for sale through a silent auction, with the \$1600 raised going into our joint account. This will enable future improvements to our rooms. Several members took the opportunity to sell their work during the open days.

All the regular groups continued meeting during the year with the Thursday spinning group now meeting weekly instead of fortnightly. Members have continued to use much creative talent whilst sharing their knowledge and tips and enjoying the comfort and friendship found at CSW. The chairs and new colourful soundboards have certainly made a big difference to the homeliness of our space.

Whilst we are a not for profit group, we have been able to help those less fortunate than ourselves. In May we held a 'Biggest Morning Tea' raising money for cancer research. At our Christmas Party I was humbled once again at the generosity of our members and I was able to deliver 20 handbags full of essential items for distressed and homeless women. Thank you to all those who have contributed. I'm sure your gifts will make a big difference to women in our community.

None of the above would be possible without members helping and volunteering. Next year the committee is hoping to get help from several small subcommittees of people who are keen to assist with a few tasks, only attending a committee meeting when necessary to report on progress. So over Christmas please give some thought to what you could offer. For instance, we need people to help with demonstrations, our May 'Q' Gallery exhibition and shop, Scarf Exchange, Greenhills, advertising and public relations (we already have someone who will organise speakers at meetings, and I believe we have three people willing to take on Greenhills next year!).

In 2019 we have planned two evening Members Meetings to enable members unable to attend on Saturdays to enjoy networking and meeting other members. When we have a speaker of note we will look to inviting the wider textiles network to join us again.

During the year your Committee has been busy making changes to the way CSW business is carried out. This has taken a lot of time in planning and working out the best way forward for the Association. We are trialling on-line enrolments and payments for workshops and Greenhills, and hope to have memberships on-line as well in the not too distant future. This year we have trialled employing a bookkeeper to put our accounts on a computer system, which will make it a lot easier for an incoming Treasurer.

The Association is undergoing a period of regeneration as we sadly said good-bye to one of our wonderful Life Members, Barbara Stanilewicz, in November. We welcomed our youngest member little Eric Moekel in August.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee for their tireless work and support throughout the year and all the members who have done their bit helping the Association in what has been another successful year. There are too many to name but please accept my thanks and appreciation.

2019 promises to be an exciting and stimulating year for CSW with our Members Exhibition at the 'Q' in May and many new and different workshops to take us out of our comfort zone and stretch our imaginations. Wishing you and your families a very peaceful and joyous festive season.

Please take note of the opening times of Textile Works over the holiday season.

N.B. There is a new key holder on the wall next to the old one at Chifley. To open use the same button configuration we have always used.

Barbara Stanilewicz 18.8.28 - 8 11.2018 - Three CSW members share some of their memories

Helen Hamilton: 'Barbara joined Canberra spinners and Weavers in the 1980's. From that day on there have been no members of CSW, or numerous other guilds throughout the country who have not in some way benefited from her boundless acts of kindness, generosity, support and friendship.

Just some of Barbara's contributions to the life of CSW include membership of the committee for many years, organising along with Nathalie Quinlivan a 'Getting to Know You' day in Canberra for Spinners and Weavers from all over NSW. Barbara was also part of the team who organised and ran the first Birrigai Getaway in 1991, continuing that support when, after the bushfires in 2003, Birrigai became the Greenhills Getaway. Who would forget that warm friendly greeting they received on arrival? Barbara's last visit to Greenhills was in 2017.

For many years Barbara organised an annual visit for Canberra Spinners to Cooma Spinners. It was on one of those visits, which happened to be on Barbara's 70th birthday, that she was presented with a Life Membership award for her dedication and valued contribution to the life of CSW.

Those who were fortunate enough to share in Barbara's life will be forever grateful for that privilege.'

Nathalie Quinlivan: 'Barbara was never happier than when teaching spinning, and her pupils were fortunate in benefiting from her technical expertise and love of this craft. Barbara encouraged spinners to get together and exchange their ideas, and I believe the Thursday Spinning Group started in the 80's with members meeting at her Forrest home.

Barbara's secretarial skills became very evident when we were organising the two 'Fun with Fibre' weekends of workshops held at Canberra College of Advanced Education (now University of Canberra) and Narrabundah College. A spare bedroom in her Forrest home was the office, beds were the filing cabinets and all correspondence was typed by hand. Typing errors were corrected using 'whiteout' or by retyping the whole page - no computers or 'delete' buttons in those days!

Barbara was one of the original members of 'Crossed Threads', a group of CSW members who for 10 years held their own annual Exhibition of textiles. Barbara resigned after two years to become a fulltime carer for her husband Chester.

Patsy Curnow, Helen Hamilton, Barbara and I often travelled to other Spinning and Weaving guilds' activities together and I found Barbara to be a very caring, willing and sociable companion.

Barbara is a friend who will be truly missed.'

Betty Hudson: 'Barbara was a part of the Thursday spinning group from its beginning, first meeting in members' homes, then at Ainslie and now at Chifley. She was always an enthusiastic participant, rarely missing a meeting. Barbara enjoyed teaching spinning, happy to leave her own spinning to help beginner spinners. When Barbara found treadling too difficult she transferred to an electric wheel and continued spinning and knitting her lovely scarves.

Barbara had her 90th birthday this year and was still spinning and knitting until a few weeks before her death.

We miss her cheerful presence at our spinning days.'

GREENHILLS 2018

Wow, what another wonderful escape. About fifty people gathered daily at Greenhills for the annual Canberra Spinners and Weavers camp extravaganza. There were four well-attended workshops run by dedicated and passionate volunteer tutors as well as lots of informal question and answer informal tuition throughout the weekend. Old friends were reunited and new friends found. Most importantly everyone had fun.

The fashion parade held on Saturday morning was once again very inspirational with the compering and modelling wowing the audience with their style and pizzazz. On display were many and varied wearable textile works of art. I'm always amazed at the talent and craftsmanship amongst us.

A big thank you to Susan and Leigh who were dedicated workers opening the Greenhills fibre and accessories shop frequently throughout the weekend to satisfy the needs of the many and consistent fibre enthusiasts.

There seemed to be an endless supply of yummy and very satisfying food and beverages available throughout the day and into the evening each day. Meals and snacks provided a frequent and scrumptious social break throughout the entire weekend, and not one dirty dish for the attendees to wash up!

After Sunday lunch the much anticipated raffle scramble was enthusiastically embraced, with everyone winning a treasure. I really love this type of raffle where everyone wins a prize, and much to my surprise I was drawn out first claiming the very coveted Margaret Carr painting. Wow, for a girl who never wins the raffle this was the best prize ever.

Thank you everyone. CSW looks forward to seeing you all next year for more fibre-fun and frivolity.

Carolyn Sakkara.



Photo Carleen Jones



Photo Carolyn Sakkara

OUR ACTIVITIES

People attending our rooms at Chifley 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 with our rent.

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. Bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be available. **The last drop-in day for 2018 will be Tuesday 18 December. Daytime drop-ins will resume in 2019 on Tuesday 8 January.**

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. **The last evening drop-in for 2018 was 4 December. Evening drop-ins will resume in 2019 on 29 January.** All welcome - we love to see new faces.

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.

12 December Rosemarie Eberhardt's, 35 Pandanus St, Fisher

16 January TBA

30 January Janine Studholme, 2/2 Lander Cres. Amaroo Enquiries - leonie.andrews@inet.net.au

THURSDAY SPINNING GROUP

This group meets weekly 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. First meeting in 2019 will be **7 February**

Enquiries Kathleen Phillips 6298 3498

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. **No meeting in December.**

7 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).

14 December, 9 January Enquiries Robin Asman 0431 216 631

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.

27 January 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.

25 January Enquiries Jenny Harber 6230 2429

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

A mixed drop-in day for weavers, tapestry weavers, spinners and knitters. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month from **10.00am to 1.00pm** at Chifley. All members and visitors are welcome.

Tea and coffee are available, BYO lunch. **No meeting in December. Next HOWS meeting 16 February 2019**

TAPESTRY WEAVING GROUP

This group usually meets with HANDS-ON-WEAVING on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10.00am to 1.00pm, but will meet on its own in December. Bring something to share for morning tea.

Enquiries to Lisa 6254 2040 or email molviglisa@gmail.com

15 December, First meeting in 2019 with HOWS 16 February

YASS ACTIVITIES GROUP

Meet on the 1st 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.

5 December 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

SHOP HOURS: Tuesday: 11-11.45am, 1-1.30 pm

Thursday: By Request

Tuesday evening: By Request

HOWS/MEMBERS MEETINGS: 11 - 12pm, 1 - 1.45pm

2019 - WORKSHOPS - 2019

Please enjoy the wide variety of workshops offered in 2019. Keep the dates!

Hint: workshops make great Christmas gifts!

Express interest by sending an email to: csw.workshops@gmail.com or phone 6248 6958

You will get a reminder once enrolments open in February, when we have online booking in place.

March Saturday 2 and Sunday 17: Rigid Heddle Weaving (Monique v Nieuwland)

Learn the basics of weaving and experiment with weaving tricks on a rigid heddle (knitters) loom. Includes introduction to weaving with felting effects. Open to young and old!

March Sunday 3, 10, 31 + **April** 14: Introduction to 4 shaft loom weaving (Liz Perry)

March Monday evenings 18 - 25 + **April** 1, 8: Intro to Spinning (Susan Weisser, Leigh Casley)

May 4 and 5 Weekend: "Lace and Lovely" (Liz Langford)

Day one: Liz will lead you through the process of adding lace to a knitted piece in many different ways.

Participants will create a small neck-piece learning a range of stitches, including easy lace and slip stitches.

Day two: commence small collar with lace incorporated, featuring mitred squares and other appropriate stitches when knitting with lace.

May Sundays 5, 19 + **June** 2: "Going Green" Tapestry weaving (Valerie Kirk)

In this workshop you will learn about grey-greens, blue-greens, yellow-greens through mixing colours on the bobbin for weaving and looking at where they sit on the colour wheel.

The workshop will look at "Verdure", a historical form of tapestry featuring greenery - landscape, trees and plants for design inspiration. Inspired by a leaf, develop your own design of overlapping shapes/landscape. Weave with green colour and tonal variations. Suitable for experienced and beginner weavers.

June Saturday 29: Coiled Basketry (Janet Meaney)

This one day workshop will teach you how to create coiled baskets. Natural and alternative materials will be introduced. No experience required. You will go home with skills to start your own project afterwards!

July Sundays 7, 14, 21: "Design Extension" (Julie Bradley)

Extension to the beginner classes: Looking at design processes, characteristics and design language of several prominent textile artists (weave/felt/applique), as well as fun design exercises including collage techniques. Beginner level will be offered again in 2020.

August Saturday 3: Fancy Spinning (Jill Pettifer)

Learn how to create and design specialty effect yarns to add to your knitting or weaving. Learn through experimentation as well as technical insight!

August/September Introduction to 4 shaft loom weaving: dates to be confirmed**September Sat 7 or Sun 8 (to be confirmed): Braiding Rag Rugs (Jenny Harber, Robin Asman)**

A great way to recycle cloth and make into braids to create a beautiful rug. You shape the rug as you go, no need for stitching. Explore colour combinations and braiding patterns. You get a good start so you can expand/complete your rug in your own time!

September Sunday 22: Indigo Dyeing and Shibori techniques (Kate Marshall)

The workshop will concentrate on the indigo vat dyeing process and ways to resist cloth to create patterns. Participants will get a "homework" box with simple stitching instructions before the workshop, so more can be achieved on the day! Participants can arrange to stitch together.

October 5 and 6 weekend: Theo Moorman Supplementary Warp/Weft Technique - Loom weaving (Monique v Nieuwland). This technique is a great way to create textures/images and has many uses. The workshop will be a Round Robin experience, participants will work on several setups for various applications.

October Monday evenings: Intro to Spinning dates to be confirmed

Up-coming Events

5 - 16 December

***At the Edge of Matter* at ANCA Gallery** in Dickson - exhibition by Christine Appleby, Riley Beaumont, Mahala Hill, Merryn Lloyd and Lucy Quinn exploring the tension between an artist's process the the dynamic, physical possibilities of the matter they manipulate. Opening hours: Wed - Sun 12.00 - 5.00

9 March 2019

Keep this date free for Fund-raising BBQ at Bunnings

Websites of interest - supplied by Monique van Nieuwland

About weaver Anne Albers

<https://www.selvedge.org/blogs/selvedge/fruit-of-the-loom>

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/exhibition/anni-albers>

About weaver Monique van Nieuwland

<https://www.digitalweaving.no/meet-monique-van-nieuwland-in-our-artist-showcase/>

For Sale

CSW has a number of spinning wheels and looms for sale - contact Equipment Officer for more information.

EQUIPMENT DONATIONS

If members wish to make donations of any equipment to the CSW, please send a photo first to the Equipment Officer. We would love to take everything but we have limited space. We need to know if we are able to store the item until sold. Sometimes items need a lot of repairs and we cannot do this. Thank you for your help.

Val Walker, Equipment Officer

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EQUIPMENT HIRE CHARGES

Spinning Wheels and Looms \$15 or \$20 per month

Drum carder \$15 per month

All Accessories \$5 per month

*Equipment may be hired for maximum of **3 months***

Times: Tues 11am to 3.30pm and 5.30pm to 7.00pm, or contact Equipment Officer for another time.

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New Member: Canberra Spinners and Weavers welcome new member: Antionette Bosman.

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(Please include surname in transaction description and email treasurer at CSW)

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MEETING DATES in 2019

16 February

16 March - AGM

No Meeting in April

18 May

15 June

CSW MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Ordinary \$75.00

Family \$90.00,

Full Time Students \$55.00

Country – beyond 50 km
radius from Civic GPO \$55.00

Centrelink Concession & CES Disability Pensioners (number required)
and **80 years and over** \$55.00

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*.

The Canberra Draft

December 2018

Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 29 January, 5 pm

Next Members Meeting Saturday 16 February at 2 pm

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