

THE CANBERRA DRAFT

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

Next Meeting – Saturday 17 June 2.00 pm

Speaker: Liz Perry on Textiles of Cambodia

In the early 1990s Liz undertook a number of visits to Cambodia to research silk textiles for her master's degree thesis. Liz will talk about the tradition of textiles in a country that came close to losing much of its traditional craft knowledge, and subsequently how production of these textiles continues to the present day. There will of course be some lovely examples of Cambodian weaving on display.



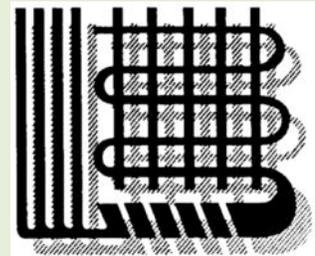
PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

Winter is fast approaching and our rooms at Chifley are now providing us with a warm venue to pursue our many and varied crafts. I do hope you have had the opportunity to drop by and see our new rooms, explore the library and shop, as new acquisitions are continually being added.

Our first members meeting at Chifley on Saturday the 20th May was well attended by both CSW members, some CRF and various textile artists who had seen the advertisement for our guest speaker in arts ACT eNews.

Thanks to Ondrae Campbell for her interesting talk on her travels in Italy and the natural dyeing workshop she attended. My thanks too for all the help in organising the 'cafe' afternoon tea. I think we are all on a sharp learning curve, as we adjust to our new kitchen!

The Saturday members meetings now have a different format, putting the focus on our creativity in textiles. It is hoped that members will enjoy learning about new and different crafts whilst sharing ideas and items of work through our 'show and tell' segment. Christine Gale is our new members meeting organiser, and is doing a terrific job, contacting all our interest groups with the view to having each group present at 'show and tell'. We still encourage any member to bring items, ideas or interesting information to any of our meetings. We will trial this format of meeting until the end of the year. If you have any suggestions please contact the Secretary or President, preferably in writing. For those interested in the financial and administrative running of the association the Committee minutes are available in the folder kept in the Library.



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Committee Meetings in
June, July and August will
be held at 11.30 on
Members' Meeting Days

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Our workshops are proving popular and I encourage you to look at the CSW website to see what is coming up in the next few months. There is a dyeing workshop, back strap weaving, advanced spinning and more. Susan and Leigh have completed the 'beginning spinning' classes so we now have some new and very competent spinners, do welcome them into our groups. Dimity Kidston ran a three day Tapestry weaving workshop, giving participants some useful new skills.

Our exhibitions 'Crossing Threads' (historical exhibition to held at CMAG opening 28th October) and '50 Years Looking Forward' (members work held at Tuggeranong Arts Centre opening Thursday 2nd November) are to be opened by Janet de Boer, former editor of TAFTA, textile forum magazine. Meredith Hinchliffe is curating both exhibitions. The criteria for exhibition items remains very much the same as all our previous exhibitions. Meredith will however be looking for colour, creative flair and originality. There is more information about the Exhibitions later in the newsletter. There will be forms and information on submitting items in the September newsletter.

During the month of November we will hold open days at Chifley. This will coincide with 'Design Canberra', when artists around Canberra open their workshops allowing the public to visit. Thanks to Monique we have been accepted to be part of this celebration, so our rooms will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 24- 26 November. During this time we will be doing demonstrations, selling members' items of work and providing tea and coffee. We will need lots of things to sell and again it will be in line with our existing guidelines for shop items from past exhibitions. Please see information on next page.

There is a lot to be excited about, and a lot of work to do, for us all. These exhibitions and open days need us all to work together, both producing beautiful work and helping out on the days with demonstrating and manning the stalls. So please put the dates in your diaries and consider your availability.

Tuesday Drop in day has extended its hours until 3pm. This will be an open day for any feltmaker or CSW member who wishes to come and work on their craft.

There is now a white board for communication which in the kitchen. We are trialling its usefulness before purchasing a magnetic white board. Please put any messages regarding housekeeping, breakages or notes that the 'accommodation committee' need to know. The board will also have exhibitions and things for sale. This is a joint board for use by both organisations.

On Saturday the 8th July from 11am to 3pm we are holding a joint day with the Feltmakers at Chifley, as a way of getting to know each other, and learning some new skills. There will be more information about the day in the July newsletter. It is anticipated we bring a plate of finger food to share and either some spinning, knitting, weaving, rug making, tapestry weaving, etc to demonstrate. If you have some completed items for display that would be appreciated. We have booked the two meeting rooms across the corridor so we should have plenty of space to spread.

Finally the Joint Accommodation Committee is looking at a name for our rooms, we had 'Kurrajong' at Ainslie and now need a name that reflects what we are doing here in Chifley. Some ideas are 'Textile Works' or 'Textiles Work', and 'Fibre Hub'. If you have any suggestions please write them down and give them to the Secretary or President for consideration. We would like to finalise a name fairly quickly so we can use it when advertising our exhibitions.

Hope to see you at the next members meeting on the 17th June, meanwhile keep warm and enjoy your crafts.

Jenny Hall

EXHIBITION AT TUGGERANONG ARTS CENTRE '50 Years Looking Forward'- NOVEMBER 2017

As you are all aware we are having an exhibition to celebrate our 50th anniversary. This exhibition is being curated by Meredith Hinchliffe. Meredith has visited our groups and individual members to discuss their projects. She is looking for colour, use of materials, originality of design. The criteria for exhibition articles is the same as we have always used.

- Weaving; items produced on or off the loom using natural fibres, synthetic, metal or plant fibres as appropriate.
- Spinning: creation of yarn handspun from natural fibres, synthetic or plant fibres.
- other techniques are dying, felting knitting and crochet.
- rag rugging.

Requirements:

- Any hand knitted or crochet items must contain a majority of handspun fibre.
- Weaving, accepts the use of a variety of fibres.
- Experimental items using any of the above are encouraged.
- Items must be new; eg unused and complete within the last 24 months
- Items offered for exhibition must not have been publically exhibited in the ACT.
- Items may be crafted by more than one person and each contributor must be acknowledged.
- All members of every level are encouraged to submit items for exhibition.
- Items need to be submitted 3 weeks before the exhibition.

Meredith and the sub-committee reserve the right to reject any item which does not meet the requirements.

There will be more information on submitting items for exhibition in the August /September newsletter. This is just a gentle reminder of what is expected for one of our exhibitions.

WANTED: Cleaner for CSW/CRF rooms at Chifley

Reliable person to vacuum all areas, clean kitchen

and empty the bins once a fortnight for \$50.00.

Please contact Jenny Hall 62491942 or Lynne Johnson 0417665861

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Two Drum Carders- need some- TLC

Two "Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheels-

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

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 pm** at Chifley. 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. 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.

7 June, 21 June

Enquiries 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.

8 June, 22 June

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**

15 June, 29 June

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 29 June

Enquiries Di Adams 0407 486 356 or 6161 4825

FRIDAY RUG GROUP

The rag rug-making group is expanding its scope to include 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 and it's a great opportunity to practise hooky or proggy skills. Bring lunch (tea and coffee available).

9 June

Enquiries Robin Asman 6238 3465

SUNDAY RAG RUGGERS GROUP - new

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

25 June

Enquiries Maggie Whyte 0488 747 953

SATURDAY TAPESTRY WEAVING GROUP

We meet on the second Saturday of each month at Chifley, from **10.00 am to 1.00pm**, BYO lunch. Any newcomers please confirm with Lisa beforehand.

10 June

Enquiries Lisa Molvig 6254 2040 or email molvigLisa@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

New books added to our collection in May

746.43 KAN	Gifted: lovely little things to knit & crochet - <i>Donated by Vieta Dyer</i>
746.432 EPS	Knitting in circles: 100 circular patterns
746.432 FET	Closely knit: handmade gifts
746.432 ISA	Japanese inspired knits: Marianne Isager
746.432 MUI	Knit your own farm
746.432 RAF	Socks a la carte colorwork
746.432 WAL	Teach yourself knitting
746.432 WOO	Refined knits - <i>Donated by Liz Jarvis</i>

Library catalogue

http://www.librarything.com/catalog/CSW_Spinners_Weavers

NOTE: Type as: <CSW [underline] Spinners [underline] Weavers>

Circulation procedure

Readers are reminded that you must be a financial member for 2017 in order to borrow materials from our library.

Members may borrow from 2 (two) items to 4 (four) items; however, no more than 2 of these items may be books. In other words, *the maximum number of items that a borrower may have out at one time is 2 books and 2 magazines OR 1 book and 3 magazines OR 4 magazines.*

You may renew most items for another month but new books, magazines and DVDs should not be renewed so that others have a chance to enjoy them as well.

Please write your name and the day's date on the card and put the card in the orange box on the library desk. Returned materials should be placed in the wire basket on the desk for librarians to card and shelve. Items should NOT be borrowed from the returns basket.

Alexis Yeadon

cswlibrarian@gmail.com

CSW Members Survey

This month all members will receive a 10 question survey. The committee would be grateful if all the surveys could please be completed and returned by the end of June. The information gathered will greatly assist in planning for the future of CSW and meeting the needs of our members. Those who receive newsletters by email will receive an online version from SurveyMonkey in the next week or so. For those who receive their newsletters by post the hard copy survey is included in their copy of June 17 Canberra Draft on Pages 7 & 8. Could these surveys please be returned either in person to our rooms in Chifley or by post to:

The Secretary

CSW

PO Box 622

DICKSON ACT 2602

FAY SKYRING IS RETIRING HER SHUTTLES WITH A

WORKSHOP SALE

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

10AM TO 4PM

40 ATHERTON STREET, DOWNER, CANBERRA, 2602

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

ITEMS

- A SHERIDAN 4 SHAFT 1.5m JACK LOOM & BENCH
 - AN ASHFORD SPINNING WHEEL
 - BOAT, SKI & STICK SHUTTLES
 - A SECTIONAL WARP BEAM
 - A CREEL & 72 BOBBINS
 - A SWIFT
- A WARPING BOARD 1100x700mm
- A LARGE SHELVING UNIT FOR STORING CONES
 - A 2-DOOR STORAGE CUPBOARD

WEAVING WOOLS

*WANGARATTA, YARRA GLEN, RAMSFIELD YARNS, ALPACA, MOHAIR &
OTHER FANCY YARNS*

LINEN & COTTON THREAD

SWEDISH, IRISH & HAND-SPUN LINEN

SILK THREAD

TUSSAH & 2/30'S

Enquiries:- gwskyring@grapevine.net.au

Dates of Demonstrations and Exhibitions in 2017

- 8 July CSW/CRF get-together **11 am - 3 pm** at Chifley - come along with whatever you're working on - demonstrators of all levels and abilities in all our crafts needed. Also bring completed items to display and finger food to share - see more in July Draft
- 9 July Creative Fibre Day at Old Bus Depot Markets **11 am - 3 pm**- demonstrators required - please contact Liz Jarvis on 0419 201 878 or <mailto:lizziejay360@hotmail.com> or add your name to the sign-on sheet in the kitchen at Chifley
- 28 July Entries close for *Traces II*, an exhibition of A5 works in any medium at Belconnen Arts Centre 23 Sept to 15 Oct: <http://www.belconnenartscentre.com.au/events-and-exhibitions>
- 28 October CSW Historical Exhibition opens at Canberra Museum and Gallery
- 3 – 26 November CSW Exhibition of Work at Tuggeranong Arts Centre
- 10 – 13 November CSW annual retreat at Greenhills – note extra day this year
- 23 – 25 November Display and Sale of members' work at Chifley

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2017 – 2018

President	Jenny Hall	6249 1942	Shop Manager	Susan Weisser	6231 9211
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EQUIPMENT HIRE CHARGES

Spinning Wheels and Looms \$15 or \$20 per month
 All Accessories \$5 per month
 Equipment may be hired for maximum of **3 months**
 Equipment may be hired during the following times-
 Tuesdays 11am to 2pm and 5pm to 7.30pm,
 or contact Equipment Officer for another time.



TRACES II

AS Open Exhibition

As we journey through life, we leave traces of where we have been. We all have a connection to a place, a story or memory.

Artists are invited from throughout Australia to respond to the theme of: speaking of our sense of place; our connection to it; the stories and memories. We are encouraging you to investigate your ideas of connection and memory playfully, thoughtfully, radically, or somewhere in between as you explore the people, your relationships, places, adventures and environments that you cherish.

SHOWING > 23 September - 15 October 2017
 OPENING > 5.10pm Friday 22 September

People's Choice Award of \$300
 Announcement of winner 5.30pm Friday 20 October

COST > Entry \$15 per work, max 3
 TO ENTER > <http://www.belconnenartscentre.com.au/traces-ii>
 ENTRIES CLOSE > 4.00pm, 28 July 2017

Gallery hours: 10.00am-4.00pm Tuesday-Sunday
 Belconnen Arts Centre, 118 Erna Park, Belconnen, ACT
www.belconnenartscentre.com.au • 02 6479 3300



<http://www.belconnenartscentre.com.au/events-and-exhibitions>

N.B.

New Monthly Activity - Sunday Rag Rugging



CSW Demonstration at Curtin Fair 6/5/17



The Canberra Draft

Contributions, advertisements and other items for the next and succeeding issues of the Canberra Draft should be sent to:

The Editor

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“The Editor” canberraspinner1@bigpond.com

or phone 02 6288 9867

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Payment must accompany advertisement.

Cheques/Money Orders payable to Canberra Spinners and Weavers Inc.

Direct Debit: BSB 062-908 Account No 00906522

CSW Members receive a 50% discount only on newsletter advertising

ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE

Members - Free

\$10 for non-members to advertise on **website only** or an extra \$5 if advertising in newsletter as well.

Contact canberraspinner1@bigpond.com

Please ensure that the description of the item you are advertising corresponds with the actual condition of the item being offered for sale. The Canberra Spinners and Weavers Inc. does not accept any responsibility for any misleading advertising.

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MEETING DATES

Hostesses

17 June

Sandra Pavy & Janet Meaney

15 July

Alison Cone & Liz Perry

19 August

16 September

21 October

18 November

CS&W MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Ordinary \$75.00

Family \$90.00,

Newsletter only \$50.00

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.

Next Committee Meeting Saturday 17 June, 11.30 am

Next Members Meeting Saturday 17 June, 2.00 pm

If undeliverable return to:
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