

THE CANBERRA DRAFT

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

Next Meeting – Saturday 20 May 2.00 pm

Speaker: Ondrae Campbell will talk to us about her 2016 holiday which included dyeing in Italy and weaving in Ireland and Lithuania. Then we will have our celebratory afternoon tea



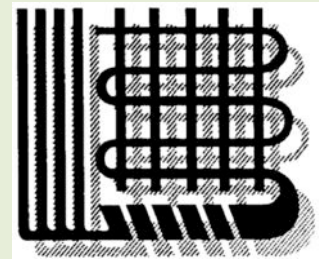
PRESIDENT'S JOTTINGS

The recent move to Chifley has highlighted just what a great and generous bunch of people Canberra Spinners and Weavers are. The readiness of members, family and friends to assist with packing, cleaning, painting and moving has been astonishing. To you all a very big thank you.

Chifley is coming into shape and I do hope you have managed to visit our rooms. There have been a few teething issues with heating and security but these are being ironed out, and the rooms are becoming more user-friendly.

The Members' Meeting on Saturday the 20th May will give us the opportunity to celebrate our 'new home'. The committee is planning a 'café-style' afternoon tea following the talk by Ondrae Campbell.

As part of the 'new look members' meetings there will be a focus on 'show and tell' featuring a different CSW interest group each month. Christine Gale (committee member) will be contacting the groups to organise a date when a member or members can talk about their work. This should not stop individual people sharing their work and experiences at other times throughout the year.



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5.30 pm Tuesday 16 May
Committee Meetings in
June, July and August will
be held at 11.30 on
Members' Meeting Days

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We are also planning a 'bring and buy' table as a regular feature of our Saturday gatherings. If you have bits and pieces left over from a project that you have no further use for, you might like to donate them to the association. Someone else could make use of it and CSW would benefit from a few extra cents! Watch the newsletter for more information on this development.

As part of the Strategic Planning activities that were undertaken last year by the Association, the group has compiled a 'Members Survey'. The questions are very straight-forward and I encourage you all to complete the survey so the committee has a better understanding of peoples' wishes and skills. This survey will be distributed in hard copy with the June newsletter for those people who are not on email. For all other members it will be distributed by email on 'Survey Monkey' in early June. Do watch out for it and complete. We would like the returned surveys by the 30/06/17.

As part of CSW core business the association has always participated in various community activities providing demonstrations of our skills. During the recent year we have had some difficulty in attracting enough members to provide these demonstrations, so have had to cancel invitations. Please help to support these events when you can. We need people to spin, tapestry weave, small loom weave or anything else you can offer. This is a great way to both advertise and encourage people into our craft.

Our 2017 exhibitions at CMAG and TAC are fast approaching. Meredith Hinchliffe has been very busy visiting our various interest groups in order to discuss what members are working on for the exhibition. I do hope you have managed to speak with Meredith regarding your exhibition pieces. If you are not a member of a group and have work to exhibit you need to contact Monique van Nieuwland by email - monique.van.nieuwland@gmail.com as soon as possible. The opening of the CMAG exhibition will be Saturday afternoon 28th October '17. We will be opening with an afternoon tea. Our Members exhibition will open on Thursday the 2nd November '17 at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre.

Monique and Liz Perry have been very busy on our behalf submitting applications to 'Live in the City', to try and secure a little more funding for our exhibition, and also to the Design Canberra selection people, to give us a lot more profile and publicity for our exhibitions and open days.

During the exhibition at Tuggeranong we will be holding a 3 day opening at our Chifley rooms for members to display and sell their work. Please keep working towards this as we will need items to sell. This will be held the last weekend in November (23/24/25). This event will coincide with the Canberra Design Festival, so we hope this will encourage the community to come and visit us.

The minutes from the monthly committee meetings will be available at the rooms for any member to read as has been the custom. As we do not as yet have a notice board they will be in a folder kept in the Library. If you have any questions or issues, please write to Lynne Johnson or myself for clarification.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the members meeting on Saturday the 20th May at 2pm.

Jenny Hall

Plan for GST on all overseas purchases 'fails to understand online markets'

https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/apr/07/gst-plan-fails-to-understand-online-markets-start-up-warns?CMP=share_btn_link

Link supplied by Susan Weisser

Dates for Your Diary

8 July	Shared 'Welcome Afternoon Tea' with Canberra Region Feltmakers
9 July	Creative Fibre Day at Bus Depot Markets
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

Vale Erika Semler

Erika died in November last year at the age of 93. Erika was born in 1923 in North East of Germany (now Poland). She commenced her Master Weaver qualifications and finished them despite interruptions by war.

She arrived in Australia as a 27-year-old professional single woman with minimal English, her trunks contained her own beautiful hand-woven clothes. Erika was invited to take up a position as a Master Weaver, teaching in Mittagong at Sturt. She married and raised 3 children, kept her weaving going, working long hours into the night after the kids went to bed.

She was a long time active member of the NSW Guild, including president for a term, and joined the committees involved in the development of the NSW and Australian Crafts Councils. Erika judged spinning and weaving at many Royal Easter Shows in Sydney. In the early 1970s Erika and Solvig Baas-Becking, both Master Weavers from Europe, are considered the Founding Mothers of 'AFTA' which became TAFTA - The Australian Forum for Textile Arts Ltd.

In 1981, Erika was invited to take up a textile artist in residence with Tamworth Regional Gallery, where she used techniques learned from other cultures and adapted into major works, some of which are now in our national collection. She had a reputation as a generous and encouraging teacher, whose bravery and passion enthused and inspired others to try something new.

Many of our members bought yarns from Erika's studio, keeping weaving alive and creating new works!



Erika and Solvig in 1996

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 far wall on the right of doorway to the passage, 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 2 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.

10 May

24 May

Enquiries leonie.andrews@iinet.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.

11 May

25 May

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**

4 May

18 May

Enquiries: Kathleen Phillips 6298 3498 or Betty Hudson 6231 2669

THURSDAY WEAVING STUDY GROUP

All CSW members are welcome. Bring your lunch and any show and tell or bring along any problems with your weaving or your loom.

Thursday 4 May

Thursday 1 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 is still the **2nd Friday of the month** at Chifley and it's still a great opportunity to practise hooky or proggy skills. Bring lunch (tea and coffee available).

12 May

Enquiries Robin Asman 6238 3465

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.

13 May

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

FRIDAY KNITTING GROUP

The group holds meetings monthly on the last Friday of the month.

26 May

Enquiries Jenny Harber 6230 2429

YASS ACTIVITIES GROUP

Meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the CWA Rooms in the Banjo Paterson Park, Yass, from **10.00am to 3.00pm**- Bring your own lunch- Tea and Coffee available. All members, new members and visitors are welcome.

7 June

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**

HANDS-ON WEAVING & SATURDAY DROP-IN

A mixed drop-in day for weavers, spinners and knitters alike! We meet from **10.00am to 2.30pm** on the 1st Saturday of every month (except January). All members and visitors welcome. An opportunity to exchange ideas, assist each other with planning and solving problems. Our great library and shop are open!

3 June

1 July

WORKSHOP NEWS

There are still a few places left in two one-day workshops in June.

We offer a great dyeing workshop with Helen Rippin using Gaywool dyes. You'll get skills to dye independently at home, suitable for spinning, knitting and weaving.

And we offer an extra special spinning workshop with Jill Pettifer. You'll go home with skills to spin fancy yarns and will never look at yarn in the same way again!

In July we offer an Andean band weaving 2-day weekend class with Laverne Waddington. Laverne lives and works in the Andes. She has great resources, knowledge and prepares all the warps for the workshop beforehand.

See more information about CSW workshops on our website:

<http://www.canberraspINNERSandweavers.org.au/workshops.html>

If you have any other ideas/requests for a workshop, please send an email to csw.workshops@gmail.com

WANTED

***Cleaner:** have you got a couple of hours to spare once a fortnight to clean the Rooms at Chifley?*

We are looking for a reliable person to vacuum all rooms, clean kitchen and empty the bins once a fortnight. You will be paid \$50.00 for this service.

*Please contact **Jenny Hall 62491942** or **Lynne Johnson 0417665861***

LOOMS and **SPINNING WHEELS** for sale at Chifley (some need TLC) – contact **CSW Equipment Officer**

Do you wish to receive your Canberra Draft in living colour? Then be sure to ask to have it sent to you by email. Email us at canberraspINNERS1@bigpond.com to ask for the change!

LIBRARY NEWS

Our new home

Please visit the library at our new premises in Chifley. The entire collection is now stored in its very own lock-up room accessed from the corridor just a few steps away from the activities room.

In this amazing space, we have been able to combine all books and magazines into one run organised by Dewey Decimal number. There is plenty of room for browsing and our borrowing rules remain the same as noted below.

Inventory

The inventory has been completed with the assistance of Janet Tayler-Henry, Sandra Pavy, Rika K-Moreno, and Fran Higham. The librarian sincerely thanks these members who enabled the inventory to be completed in record time.

We are very pleased to report that only two (2) books have gone missing since the 2013 inventory:

Weaving techniques	c1977	746.14 WEA
Knitted tams	c1989	746.432 ROW

All credit for this fantastic result is due to our members who have made it possible for CSW to maintain a 'self-service' library.

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

Library books:

The following two books were returned to the Kurrajong library in December but have not been seen since - does anyone by chance have them out?

The Woven Pixel

The Liftplan Connection, both by Alice Schlein

Please advise the librarian if they have been borrowed.

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

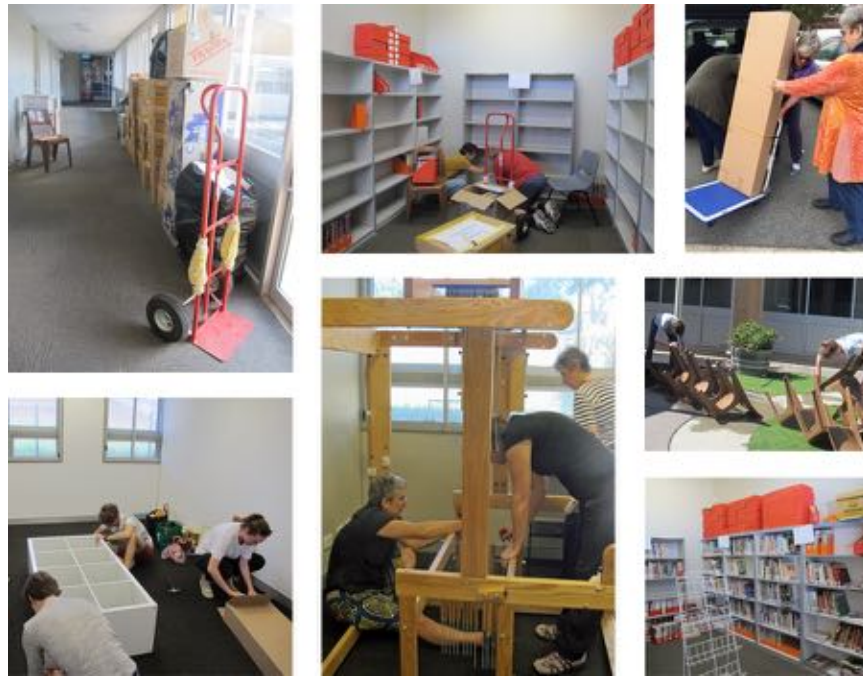
SWEDISH, IRISH & HAND-SPUN LINEN

SILK THREAD

TUSSAH & 2/30'S

Enquiries:- gwskyring@grapevine.net.au

Moving to Chifley



Photos by Lynne Johnson

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.

The Canberra Draft

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

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“The Editor” canberraspinner1@bigpond.com or

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Direct Debit: BSB 062-908 Account No 00906522

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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

20 May

Barbara Cairns & Helen Thirkell

17 June

Sandra Pavy & Janet Meaney

15 July

19 August

16 September

21 October

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.

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Next Committee Meeting Tuesday 16 May, 5.30 pm

Next Members Meeting Saturday 20 May, 2.00 pm

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