

THE CANBERRA DRAFT

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

Next Meeting – Saturday 19 November 2.00 pm

This is a regular general meeting followed by our end-of-year celebratory afternoon tea. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Envelopes will be available if you wish to make to donation to a cause to be decided at meeting



Note from President

Dear Members,

We had a very useful planning day on the 22nd. Thanks to all who participated, especially the non committee members, Alison Leonard, Lisa Molvig, Ruby Berry and Carolyn Sakkara. It raised some issues which we are now addressing.

The issue of our accommodation is the most pressing. At this stage we have been shown rooms at Chifley which are very suitable apart from the cost. We would not be able to afford these rooms on our own, so we are currently negotiating with the Canberra Region Feltmakers who are also looking for accommodation and are quite keen to share these rooms.

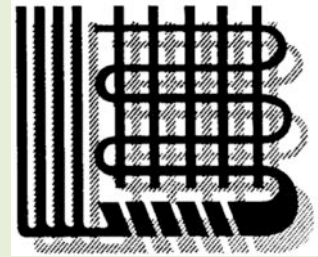
Hoping to see many of you at Greenhills,

Jenny

Design Canberra Festival

As part of Design Canberra several textiles studios will be open for visits on Saturday 5 November. Monique van Nieuwland's studio will be open from 10am till 4pm. Address: 41 Scrivener Street, O'Connor

Also see: <https://www.facebook.com/designcanberrafestival> and <http://designcanberrafestival.com.au/events/textiles-studio-tour-5-nov/>



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2017 MEETINGS

February 18

March 18

NO MEETING IN APRIL

May 20

Committee Meetings are
now held at 12 pm on
General Meeting Days

Dates for your Diary

20 Oct – 6 Nov	Made in New York tapestry exhibition by Carmel D'Ambrosio at M16 Artspace
11 – 13 November	Greenhills Getaway – annual CSW weekend retreat
13 November	Country Fair Day at National Portrait Gallery 10 am – 2 pm animals to pat, live music, creative activities. If you are able to demonstrate please contact Liz Jarvis 6286 8041
26 & 27 November	Braidwood Quilt Event – opportunity for CSW sales (10% commission) and demonstrations. If you are able to demonstrate please contact Liz Jarvis 6286 8041
21 December	Closing date for 2017 Royal Canberra Show entries: www.canberrashow.org.au/craft Please take note of new class this year- Class 877
6 January	Closing date for late entries (fee \$20) to Royal Canberra Show
18 – 23 March	Grampians Texture 2017 at Halls Gap Victoria: www.grampianarts.com.au
8 – 12 April	ContextART – 5 days of textile-based workshops at Korowal School, Hazelbrook in the Blue Mountains - enrolments are now open at contextart.com.au

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EQUIPMENT HIRE CHARGES

Spinning Wheels and Looms \$15 per month

All Accessories \$5 per month

All items have a hire period of **3 months only**

Equipment may be hired during the following times-

Tuesdays 12.30pm to 1.30pm and 6pm to 7pm,
or ring Val Walker 6227 0022 for another time.

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2015 – 2016

President	Jenny Harber	6230 2429	Shop Manager	Susan Weisser	6231 9211
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Demonstration Convener	Liz Jarvis	6286 8041	Website Coordinator	Ruby Berry	rubyroseberry@live.com

LOOMS and SPINNING WHEELS for sale at Kurrajong. Some need TLC.

Our Activities

When people attend Kurrajong 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 Kurrajong on the corner of Angas and Sherbrooke Streets, Ainslie. 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.

2 November Jeannie McLennan 4/63 Pearson St Holder 6104 9372

16 November Leonie Andrews 48 Gallagher St Kambah 6231 8329

30 November TBA

14 December TBA

Enquiries until 16/11 Susan Weisser, then leonie.andrews@inet.net.au

THURSDAY SPINNING GROUP

This group meets fortnightly at Kurrajong. 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.

10 November

24 November

8 December

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**

3 November

17 November

1 December

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 17 November

Enquiries Miriam Nauenburg 5100 7441

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 Kurrajong and it's still a great opportunity to practise hooky or proggy skills. Bring lunch (tea and coffee available).

11 November

9 December

Enquiries Robin Asman 6238 3465

SATURDAY TAPESTRY WEAVING GROUP

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

12 November

10 December

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

FRIDAY KNITTING GROUP

The group holds meetings monthly at Kurrajong on the last Friday of the month. No meeting in December.

25 November

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.

2 November

7 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**

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!

5 November

3 December

Research for historical exhibition at CMAG underway

Meredith Hinchliffe has been coming to the library at Kurrajong on Tuesdays since 10 October, working through CSW's archives to collect information the CMAG historical exhibition of CSW to take place 31/10/17 to 18/03/18.

WORKSHOPS

CSW Workshops 2017: Please email your ideas and wishes for future workshops to:

csw.workshops@gmail.com

Two interesting textile article links from Susan Weisser

Chemical and Engineering News reports on silkworms which spun reinforced silk “twice as tough (as regular silk) which could withstand at least 50% higher stress before breaking:

<http://boingboing.net/2016/10/10/silkworms-eat-nanotubes-spin.html>

[WeaveTech] A photographic tour of a modern textile mill

Photographer **Christopher Payne** specializes in capturing America’s historic architecture and industrial heritage.

<http://www.mymodernmet.com/profiles/blogs/christopher-payne-textile-photo>

Ant bait recipe from Maureen Bell



This is not a spinning/weaving/dyeing/felting/rugging item but it has a connection with CSW through David Young who was one of our early presidents.

Here is his recipe from decades ago when he presented a garden show:

1 tblspn borax

1 tblspn boric (boracic) acid

1 cup brown sugar (though I have used white successfully)

2 cups water

Bring to boil, stirring. Put in jar lids or similar where ants gather. Add bran, cereal or biscuit crumbs to give them something to share with their fellow ants back in the nest. Cover with a flower pot weighted with a brick or stone to prevent birds drinking it.

Don't let borax dust get into your eyes. You can buy borax and boric acid from supermarket or chemist.

Cheers, Maureen

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!

Canberra Spinners and Weavers General Meeting -Saturday 15th October, 2016

Meeting opened: 2.10pm

Attendance and Apologies: As per Book**Welcome:** all members and visitors, especial welcome to Ann McMahon from Basket Weavers ACT, the speaker for today.

Thanks to Hosts: Irene Lazareff

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved by Susan Weisser, seconded by Jo Ferguson.

Committee Minutes tabled: To be posted on Board

Secretary: Nothing special to report

Treasurer: \$25,240 includes Greenhill's monies plus \$1,650 for insurance so bank balance is \$14,700. The Treasurer will be away from the 3/11 until 13/12, our insurance policy has been paid.

Equipment: at present most equipment on hire -10 looms, 5 spinning wheels only a couple of wheels available.

Membership Secretary: Absent but several new members have joined in the last month.

Library: 10 books purchased for \$50 at Lifeline bookfair - on display at present. They will be available for borrowing from November.

Shop Manager: Stocking up for Greenhills. Monique managed to source some Milky Merino 18 microns, organically grown. Susan will look to obtain some for the shop.

Editor: Cut off date is Wednesday the 26/10/16.

Workshop Convener: Beginners spinning group under way, request for ideas on workshop topics. Rigid Heddle Loom workshop being organised for next year.

Demonstrations: 3 events requiring demonstrators. Please sign up list on table:

- 1) Car boot sale at Kurrajong - Saturday 29/10/16
- 2) National Portrait Gallery - Sunday 13/11/16
- 3) Airing of the Quilts Braidwood- Saturday and Sunday 26 -27/11/16. We are able to have a stall and sell our products at this event. The Braidwood committee has asked that we give 10% of each sale to help them defray costs. Please support this event and find some time to assist Liz Jarvis in demonstrating and manning the stall.

Meetings Speakers: Ann McMahon - Basket Weavers, today

November Meeting - is Christmas afternoon tea, **February Meeting** - Liz Perry will talk about Cambodian textiles.

Show and Tell: Liz Jarvis attended a workshop on 'Wild Fibre Spinning' up in the Blue Mountains. She had much fibre to show including plying yarn with wire. The person who convened the workshop would be happy to come to Canberra and do a class here. Liz to give Monique details.

Fay Skyring; presented a recipe book to the Guild of all the recipes used to dye the woollen yarn used in the Parliament House fabric weaving. Di Lansdown was the dyer and a booklet has been compiled to keep all the colours and recipes safe for subsequent weavers who may need these in the future. A copy has been put in the Parliamentary archives.

Jo Ferguson: spoke about her successful workshop with Dimity Kidston at the ANU through CCE. Jo has the Sturt Summer school timetable for people to sign up if they so wish.

General Business:

Car Boot Sale- Saturday 29/10/16 at Kurrajong 9 to 1pm. Rents -\$20.00 a table or \$10 for half a table, \$10.00 for a car boot. There will be a guild table if people have things they are happy to give to the guild. A request for someone to help with the advertising was made, please contact Jenny Harber if you can assist.

Exhibition 2017: The CMAG historical exhibition will take place from 31/10/17 through to 18/03/18. Meredith Hinchliffe has started to gather information and resources for this exhibition. She is at Kurrajong each Tuesday working through our archives. Meredith has also been ordering up some of Solvig's work and pieces held by the National Gallery. These requests need to be made at least 12 months in advance.

The exhibition of members work to be held at Tuggeranong Arts Centre next year is still planned to go ahead. The Grant with ACT Arts is still uncertain as the Government has been in caretaker mode and it is hoped the outcome will be known in November. If this grant fails there are other grants we can apply for.

Canberra Show: The show is on 24,25,26/02/17. There is a booklet at the rooms with entry forms for items you wish to submit for display at the show. The entry form needs to be sent before 15/12/2016. The pieces of work do not have to be given in until nearer the time of the show. There have been some issues with the show board so Val is withholding our sponsorship monies until it has been sorted out. We will do another dyeing demonstration next year at the show.

Accommodation: Since the last general meeting the committee has been shown a suite of rooms at the Chifley Community Hub. Whilst the rooms would be very suitable, the cost of the rent is high \$27,000 pa. This does include all electricity and water costs plus cleaning of the communal areas. (Please see the floor plan on the board, unfortunately this is not to scale).

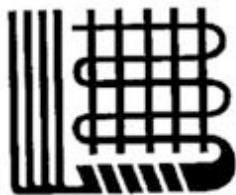
To stay at Kurrajong is not an option. Whilst we have not yet received an official letter to terminate the lease, it has been made clear to us there is no way we can remain where we are. At this point ACT Property Management has been working with our group to find somewhere that meets our criteria. The committee is looking at options as to how we can best meet the needs of the increased rent. One option is to enter an agreement with other 'textile groups' and perhaps develop a 'Textile Hub' for Canberra. We have at this point approached the Felt Makers and the Basket Weavers to see if they would be interested in joining us in sharing the premises.

The Committee members and Planning Day participants have been invited to view the rooms on Thursday 20/10/16. We have also invited representatives from the 2 mentioned organisations to join us. If any member has an idea for a group to share please contact one of the committee members.

The Management Committee is trying to make these decisions as open and as transparent as it can. Your input is valued and if it is possible the Management Committee appreciates your thoughts in writing. Our Group has not been given a long time frame and needs to make a decision by the 01/11/16 as to whether we are interested in taking the Chifley premises.

Thirteen CS&W members will attend the planning meeting on Saturday the 22/10/16 with Adelin Chin. Please see the list of people attending on the notice board at Kurrajong. On this day we hope to explore the strengths and weaknesses of the CS&W and look for opportunities to strengthen our group into the future.

At the next General meeting, the planning meeting outcomes will be reported as well as the discussions on the accommodation. As you will all appreciate this is not an easy time for any of us, and we value your understanding and patience. Please speak to any of the committee members as we value your input. Meeting closed at 2.45pm, after which Ann McMahon from Basket Weavers gave a very interesting talk on how the group functions and lots of examples of weaving.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

YEAR

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POST CODE _____

EMAIL – needed for receiving newsletter _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

Include my details in the membership contact list: YES NO

I agree to abide by the Rules of the Canberra Spinners & Weavers Association Inc.

Date _____ Signature _____

JOINING FEE (See Note 1)

New Member & Rejoining or unfinancial former member _____ \$10 _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (See Notes 2 & 3) - 1st January to 31st December annually

Ordinary _____	\$75 _____
Full-time Student _____	\$55 _____
Family _____	\$90 _____
Country – beyond 50 km radius from Civic GPO _____	\$55 _____
Newsletter only _____	\$50 _____
Concession/Pensioner (Full/part age, CES disability No.....)/80 years or over _____	\$55 _____
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ _____

HOW ARE YOU PAYING FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP? CASH CHEQUE EFTPOS CREDIT CARD

For **Payment by Card**:

Name on Card:

Card No:

Expiry Date:

Signature

If you require a receipt please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Notes

1. *Joining fee is paid by New Members and those who rejoin after being unfinancial (“fails to renew membership of the Association by 31st March in each calendar year”)*
2. *If next year is paid by 31st December of the current year, a discount of \$5 will apply.*
3. *If joining after 30th June and prior to 1st November of the current year, Annual Subscription is 50% of that listed above.*

PLEASE POST YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO: Canberra Spinners and Weavers, PO Box 622 Dickson, ACT 2602, or visit our premises ‘Kurrajong’ at the corner of Angas & Sherbrooke Sts Ainslie, UBD map reference 49, K8

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MEETING DATES for 2016

19 November

End of year afternoon tea

Everyone contributes

MEETING DATES for 2017

18 February

18 March

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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November 2016

at Kurrajong

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