



## ACT TAA Calendar - What's on in April and May

Please note: The planned dates and activities may change. Keep up-to-date by checking the [Bulletin Board](#) or the [Workshop Information](#) on the website.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	Committee meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Meeting Activity: How to make 3-D bowls and vases using a braiding/coiling technique	15	16	17 Collaboration day – Monash Primary School See Page 3
18	19	20	21 9.00am Visit to CARHU at Canberra Hospital. See page 4	22 Day meeting – Community room of the Tuggeranong Library	23 CLOTH Jindebah Café, Tuggeranong at 12 noon, then Tuggeranong Arts Centre. See page 2	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<b>1 May</b>
2	3	4	5 Committee meeting	6	7	8 Workshop – Tea gowns
9 Workshop – Tea gowns	10	11	12 Meeting activity: Sharing patterns and techniques on making cupcakes and other foods for a tea party	13	14	15 Workshop – Flowers, bugs, leaves etc – Monash Primary School
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Day meeting – Tuggeranong Library	28	29
30	31					

# Association News

## Results of AGM

At the AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> March, the following Committee members were re-appointed:

- ∞ President: Anne Dickens
- ∞ Vice-President: Lynne Johnson
- ∞ Secretary: Annie Bew
- ∞ Treasurer: Chris Bergin
- ∞ Committee members: Sue Barrett, Carol Sweetapple, Robyn Diener, Andrea Carew

## Non-Committee roles

Many of the activities that keep our Association going and growing are carried out by members who are not on the Committee. Many thanks to the following members who have taken on these responsibilities

- ∞ Lorelle D'Arcy – library
- ∞ Alyson Robinson – photography at monthly meetings for inclusion in the newsletter etc
- ∞ Pat Parker, Lyn Steel and Louise Fredericks for refreshments at meetings.

Thanks also go to Robyn Duncan who continues as our Public Officer, a very important role to ensure we are meeting our legal obligations as a registered association.

We still need to fill some other roles to spread the load including:

- ∞ Supplies table at the meetings
- ∞ Reporting on each meeting for the newsletter – just a short paragraph each month
- ∞ Reporting on workshops

If you could help with these jobs, please talk to one of the Committee members.

## Membership

We currently have 117 financial members.

Some members who paid their fees by direct deposit have not returned the membership form. If you are one can you please complete a form at the next meeting or download it from the website and send it to the postal address.

It is important for our records that we have a current membership form for everyone.

## Committee deliberations

At the latest Committee meeting, discussion included:

- ∞ Budget for 2010, expected expenses and income, planned purchases
- ∞ Planning for activities throughout the year
- ∞ Exhibition – sponsorship, features

## Suggestion box

Thank you to the members who recently left suggestions for workshops in the Suggestion Box. They have been passed on to Carol for consideration.

If you have a suggestion about workshops or any other aspect of the Association, please speak to a member of the Committee or put it into the Suggestion Box which is always is on the sign-in table at each meeting

## CLOTH

The next CLOTH gathering will be to see the entries in the 2009 Meroogal Womens Art Award at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

According to the website, this biennial exhibition encourages the practice of traditional women's arts and crafts in a contemporary context. The prize's changing theme connects artists to Meroogal and the women who lived there. The 2009 theme was 'Books and the world of ideas'.

For further information and a video of entrants discussing the award click [here](#)

We will meet at 12noon at the Jindebah Café, Flax House Cowlshaw Street in Tuggeranong. This café is a little hard to find as it is not directly on Cowlshaw Street, but faces the carpark opposite the Tuggeranong Library. A map of the area is on the [Bulletin Board](#) of our website

## March evening meeting

At the last meeting, Sonia demonstrated the use of soluble stabiliser for making a variety of items which could be included in the "Garden Tea Party. She had a number of books and magazines for inspiration. If you would like the opportunity to practice and play with

the ideas, please come to the collaboration day on 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Monash Primary School. See more information on page 3.

## March day meeting

A number of members again met at the Tuggeranong Library for a morning of showing and sharing and discussion. There was much discussion about the possibilities of converting a bedspread donated by Marie into something for the Exhibition, what techniques and materials could be appropriate and how the finished piece could be used .

At the next meeting, we will explore the possibilities with this experimental piece. If you would like to join the group, please bring things you think could be used such as glues, fabric paints, beads, fabric scraps etc, and be prepared to have some fun!!

Audrey Cureton is happy to have members who do not wish to travel to Tuggeranong for the day meeting to contact her about the possibility of meeting somewhere on the northside. At this time, it is not possible to pay for another venue, but interested members may be able to make other arrangements. Audrey may be contacted on 6351 4507.

## Library News

Before handing over the library responsibilities, Ann is conducting a stocktake of all the resources. If you still have books, magazines or other items, can you please return them at the next meeting so the handover can be finalised.

**Please note: There will be no borrowing at the April meeting.**

## Invitation to Exhibit

The Fibres and Fabrics Association in Townsville has invited our members to enter work in their Textile Showcase Exhibition to celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary to be held at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery in Townsville from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The theme of the exhibition is “TOTEMS – a symbolic representation of a group”.

For more information, see the flyers on the noticeboard at the next meeting or contact Anne on 6292 5292 for entry requirements..

# Exhibition update

It is great to see so much enthusiasm for the changes to the Gallery section of the Exhibition, with many leaves, bugs and flowers already made for inclusion in the display, and people thinking about all sorts of possibilities.

## Collaboration day 17<sup>th</sup> April

The first Collaboration Day to work on things for the exhibition will be on 17<sup>th</sup> April at Monash Primary School from 10am to 4pm.

This will be an informal day for members to get together to work collaboratively, and offers the opportunity for sharing ideas, patterns and techniques, and to practise techniques and ideas that have already been demonstrated at the meetings to date, such as the Japanese folded flowers, working on solvy and 3D bowls and vessels.

What you will need to bring:

- ∞ Your lunch,
- ∞ Supplies you will need for what you are working on, or want to practise
- ∞ Ideas to share

∞ Anything you are happy to share with others such fabric scraps and other supplies, patterns etc  
If you plan to join the group sometime through the day can you please let Carol Sweetapple know at [sweety@hotmail.com](mailto:sweety@hotmail.com) so that we can make sure that there is enough space for everyone.

## Full day workshops

The first full day workshops for making bugs, flowers, leaves and branches will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 4pm at Monash Primary School. A list of requirements will be available prior to the date.

The second workshop on making people will be in June with the date to be confirmed.

## Working groups

To date, groups working on the major elements include:

- ∞ Tree - Morgan James, Ola Robertson, Lyn Steel, Annie Bew, Jackie Hartley and Jenny White
- ∞ Archway- Robyn Green and Gillian Wolff
- ∞ Tables and chairs- Judith Robertson and Margaret Young
- ∞ Park Bench- Jesusa Lockwood and Chris Bergin
- ∞ Garden Quartet- Ola Robertson and Alyson Robinson

If you would like to join any of the groups, please speak to the members involved.

### Our contribution to the community

This year the Committee has agreed to use resources from the Exhibition to support aspects of the Canberra Hospital, namely Child at Risk Health Unit (suggested by Marie Jensen), and the Oncology Ward and the Intensive Care Unit in recognition of their importance for on a number of our members over recent times.

This support will take two forms:

1. We will donate items left over from the Exhibition to decorate the Child at Risk Health Unit. Items such as flowers, vines, leaves, bugs would be most welcome to add some magic to the corridors, consulting rooms and playrooms in the unit.

Some members have already expressed an interest in making things appropriate to the Exhibition which would then be donated.

If you would like to visit the Unit to get an idea of the spaces and the potential for special pieces you would like to make for the Exhibition and then donate, we have arranged a time that will cause the least disruption to the Unit.

We will meet at 8:50am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April in front of Building 5 of the Canberra Hospital. This building is next to the National Capital Private Hospital on the Gilmore Crescent side of the hospital. The best carpark would be the one behind the private hospital. For more information, ring Anne on 6292 5292 or 0421 178 722.

2. Following the Exhibition, we plan to make donations to the Oncology and Intensive Care Units. The details of these donations are yet to be finalised.

### Support from Adore Tea



We are very fortunate this year to have the support of [Adore Tea](#) at Federation Square who have agreed to provide the tea that we will serve as refreshment over the weekend of the Exhibition.

If you are looking for somewhere pleasant to go, this great teashop offers a huge range of leaf teas which you can enjoy on the spot with some rather delicious food as well. They are a local business, so it is great to support our partnership with them.

Many thanks to Carol who had with the idea of approaching a business to sponsor part of the Exhibition in this way. It is particularly appropriate given our theme for this year.

### Hands

As well as the pieces for the Gallery, we are still planning to line the entry to the Exhibition with the hands that were the Challenge for this year, putting each into a sand-filled bubbly bottle to line the walkway.

If you haven't made one, or would like to make some more, the requirement is to create a hand – either 2 or 3 dimensional - and mount it on a smooth stick no shorter than 30cm and no longer than 90 cm. You can shape it and embellish it anyway you choose.

They can be brought to meetings for the display table, and then can be stored with the others until the Exhibition.

## Points of interest

**Interesting websites:** The following are links to websites you might find interesting

- ∞ [Keeping a visual diary](#)
- ∞ [Townsville Fabric and Fibres Association](#) blog showing many of their diverse activities
- ∞ [Ozquilt Network](#) – Our Association is a member
- ∞ [Ideas for fabric flowers](#)
- ∞ [Making life-size figures](#)

# From the Arts World

## Exhibitions

### 30<sup>th</sup> March to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2010

*TAYENEBE* – Tasmanian Aboriginal women's fibre work exhibition. National Museum of Australia.

### 31 March to 2 May

Meroogal Women's Art Prize 2009 Exhibition will be shown at Tuggeranong Arts Centre, Cnr. Cowlshaw & Reed Street, Tuggeranong, ACT

### 8 April to 22 May 2010

*VESSEL* will highlight the variety of mediums and techniques that are employed by the Accredited Professional Members of Craft ACT. Gallery 2, Craft and Design Centre, Level 1, North Bldg, 180 London Circuit, Canberra city. [www.craftact.org.au](http://www.craftact.org.au)

### 30<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

*Warped and Twisted 2010*: Canberra Spinners & Weavers Inc. Annual Exhibition and Sale, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross Street, Black Mountain ACT.

### May 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> May

*Rapt In Felt*, Canberra Region Feltmakers 2010 Annual Exhibition and Bazaar, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Clunies Ross St, Black Mountain, Canberra.

## Workshops, Conferences and Courses

### 28<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm

*Pathways To Stitch*, a lecture by Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn who will talk about how they develop their initial ideas and take these through to finished pieces of work Cost \$20 including afternoon tea. 2.30pm at the Canberra Museum and Gallery cnr London Circuit and Civic Square Canberra City. Contact Robyn Duncan @ Canberra Needlework on 02 6251.

## Opportunities to exhibit

### Textile Showcase Exhibition: 17<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Members of ACT Textile Arts Association Inc are invited to exhibit work at this exhibition to celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Townsville Fibres and Fabrics Association. The theme of the exhibition is "Totems – a symbolic representation of a group" The Exhibition will be held at the Perc Tucker Regional Gallery in Townsville. For further details see

Anne Dickens or pick up information at the next meeting.

### Petite Miniature Textiles: 12 June - 11 July 2010

*Closing Date*: 14 May 2010

Artists working in textiles or fibre are invited to submit proposals for artwork to be included in the exhibition Petite Miniature Textiles to be shown in the Gallery workshop space @ Wangaratta Exhibitions Gallery 12 June - 11 July 2010

#### Proposal Requirements

- ∞ Artists may submit up to 3 works for selection. Entry is free
- ∞ Works must not exceed 30x30x30cm in size but may be smaller
- ∞ Submissions must include a CV or brief artist's biography and Jpeg files or photographs of the works for selection. Include title/s, medium, dimensions, price including 20% commission
- ∞ Submissions must be received by 5pm Friday 14 May 2010. All submissions will be subject to a selection process
- ∞ Artists will be notified of the selection by 21/5/10
- ∞ Selected works must be delivered to the Gallery by Monday 7 June or by prior arrangement. Artists are responsible for all delivery transport or postage costs
- ∞ Artworks will be returned by Express Post at the conclusion of the exhibition on 12/7/10

For more information contact the Exhibitions Officer on 03 57220761 or [gallery@wangeratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:gallery@wangeratta.vic.gov.au)

### Textile Arts Festival: June 25 – 27, 2010

Expertise Events are holding several competitions in connection with Textile Arts Festival Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank

Art U Wear – Wearable art inspired by Alice in Wonderland

The Art of Recycling – Wearable art, Textile art to live with, and

Wearable Accessories Embellish a Bag –

Theme: Flights of Fancy

For more information visit <http://textileart.com.au/>

Details of other exhibitions and events are available at the following web sites:

<http://www.capitalmagazine.com.au/DC/DailyCAPITAL.htm>

<http://www.craftact.org.au/exhibitions/>  
<http://www.tafta.org.au/news-events.html>

## Advertisements

### Craft Fair

The Craft and Quilt Fair will be held in Canberra from the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> August this year. For further information and the opportunity to receive the free preview Magazine before the event, visit the website at <http://www.craftfair.com.au/Canberra2010>.

### Textile Tour

Shuji is offering another textile tour to Japan. Please see him for details.

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### ACT Textile Arts Association Inc

We are a non-profit organisation whose members are interested in the design and embellishment of textiles which they use to produce wearable art, wall hangings, sculptural forms, jewellery, bags, hats, accessories and household items.

#### Meetings:

General meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at the Woden Seniors Club, Melrose Drive, Woden and on the fourth Thursday of the month from 10am to 2pm at the Community Room of the Tuggeranong Library.

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