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The group has been very productive with members involved in lots of workshops and the committee has been making decisions re our 50th birthday celebrations in 2019. Remember if you have anything you think our members might find interesting please email me zanzibar2508@gmail.com. Hope you enjoy! Lyn Johnson

RECENT NEWS

Workshops galore courtesy of our co-ordinator Sue Duyker

Sue has certainly been busy organising a myriad of workshops that have been very popular with our members. Most recent workshops have been: 21st August **Spindling**; 16 October **Felting with Resists**; 23 October **Market Bags**. In October A number of our member got together to learn the basics of four shaft weaving under the instruction of Lynne Peebles.

Sue advises me that future workshops will include: 27 November **Folded Paper Christmas Stars with Christa Clemensen**, and 19 February 2019 **Woven Tapestry with Lynne Peebles** Keep up the good work Sue!



Some objects felted with resist from the workshop



Sue D. felting away with help from Jane SH



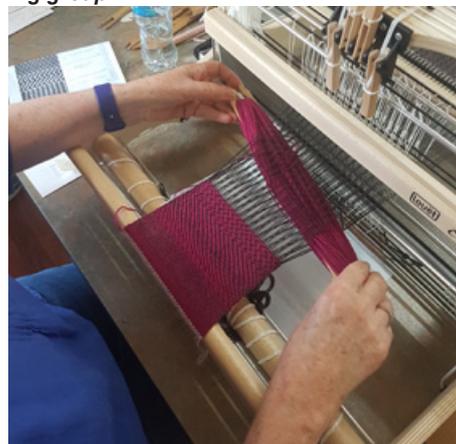
Warping up with Lynne Peeble in the weaving group



Some of the finished market bags from Sue Duyker's workshop



Kay Jackson's hat in progress



Di Stevenson weaving on her new loom

JUST BECAUSE....

I captured this photo of Jane felting away while our meeting was going on. Also look at the other members concentrating on their various projects!



Great result Kay!



Di Stevenson and Kay Jackson proudly showing off their first weaving

INTERVIEW

I know our group is successful and we are regularly getting new members. However most of them are over 50 and generally join the group when they reduce their work hours or they retire. However one of our most recent new members is a young (under 40) woman who teaches geography at Kirrawee High School and has two very young daughters. Cate Robinson has turned up whenever she has the chance. I asked her why she had joined our group and this is what she had to say:

“I’ve been crocheting since I was 22 and I learnt it for a scout award and fell in love with it. Not many other people I know crochet. I’m in all my groups so facebook was a wonderful door opener to find other people. I went to the Winter Wool Fair last year and decided I need this in my life. I would like to learn to weave and spin and people here do that very well and I have a lot to learn from them. It is nice to find others who have the same interest because it’s rare.” She finds our group (as I did) very welcoming.



SSSW 50th Birthday Celebrations

The committee has discussed at length how our group should celebrate this auspicious occasion. It is a rare thing for a community group to run continuously for 50 years and still be going from strength to strength.

So it has been decided that the National Trust Heritage Week festival will be kicked off with an opening night by our group to be held in the Como School of Arts on Friday night 12th April, with the hall being open over the weekend of 13th and 14th. There will be two exhibitions in the hall - the larger one will take an historic look at the work of group members over the last 50 years. We need people to provide some item you’ve made for yourself, or as a gift you’ve given to people (which we can borrow for the exhibition). We are looking for items that cover the the fields of spinning, weaving, knitting, crochet and felting, and all items must be predominantly made from natural fibres. Have a look in your cupboards for that special item you made a long time ago and might have forgotten about. Older members might be able to contact the families of members who have passed away to get hold of anything special made by them.

Sue Duyker has volunteered to co-ordinate this aspect of the exhibition so please email her at susanduyker@gmail.com or phone her on 9522 7027 if you have any questions.

We are running out of time to get this all organised so we need to finalise a possible inventory of items before we break up for Christmas on 12th December. So please

get your thinking caps on and see if you can think of any items suitable to showcase our members’ work over the last half century.

Alyson Keays has volunteered to put together a souvenir booklet of our 50th Anniversary Exhibition items and photography will take place on **29th January, 5th and 12 February**, so we would need you to bring the items in on the dates above. It would also be great to have some anecdotes or stories about the group printed off and displayed along with the historic exhibition. We already have some in the SSSW Book of Memories but that only covers the first 25 years of the group. We need some from the last 25 years.

The person co-ordinating the collection of stories will be Gwen Roberts. Please contact her with your story at ratsptyltd@bigpond.com or 9542 3828. Alternatively write it out and give to her at the group meeting.

PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE

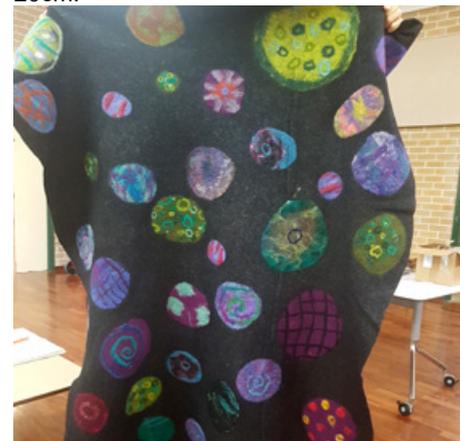
As our President has advised the theme for our challenge is ‘The Golden Fleece’ so please make something that is predominantly made from natural fibres and in colours of yellow, gold and golden browns. These items will be displayed along side the historical exhibition and should provide a nice contrast.

Challenge Banner: Wendy Cashman and Jan Harrison are going to make up a large felted banner in colours of gold. They will provide each member three pieces of roving to be used to make a

three layered felted square whose finished size is to be 20cm x 20cm. Don’t cut the edges. Please decorate the square any way you like, with felted designs over the top, embroidery etc. and put your initials in the bottom corner about 2.5cm in from the edge, so they know whose square is whose.

WINTER WOOL FAIR RAFFLE PRIZE

For our annual raffle prize it has been decided to make a felted blanket similar to the one in the picture below, which was put together by members of the Illawarra Felters. We will purchase a dark grey prefelted batt and each member can contribute a small prefelt of their choice, or some loosely knitted lace or loosely woven weave it square. If doing a weave it square make sure you use either 3, 4 or 5ply feltable wool so it will shrink down and felt into the blanket. Maximum size for your contribution should be 20cm x 20cm.



Illawarra Felters Blanket

WHAT’S ON

27 November: Folder Paper Christmas Stars with Christa Clemensen

11 December: Group Christmas Party

28 November-22 December 2018 - Organic Forms in Felt by Pam Hovel at Timeless Textile Gallery Newcastle More Information

1&2 December: Open Studio with Liz Calnan More information

5 - 18 December: The Secret Life of Colours Exhibition by Sally Campbell at Barometer Gallery More Information

January 2019 - Summer School of classes and workshops at Hand Spinners and Weavers Guild of NSW More Information

3 - 7 January 2019: Sturt Summer School More Information

Until 20 March 2019 - Meroogal Womens Art Prize exhibition More Information