



Jeff Mincham Exhibition opening plus a pizza and a plate!

We opened Jeff Mincham's new exhibition "Ephemeris" on Sunday 24 September with special guest Michael Keighery doing the honours in front of a packed crowd. Virtually all the work on show was made by Jeff in Sturt Pottery during his month-long residency. It was a big day for Sturt with the opening of Jeff's exhibition plus the opening of our new Archive Gallery – housing the Sturt collection (see p. 2) and the big Pizza and Plate event in Sturt Pottery – organised by Friends of Sturt as a fundraising event. Hundreds of supporters turned out to buy plates made by students and staff over the last few months and then enjoy the hot pizza, tea, coffee and homemade slices on offer. Despite a sudden total fire ban that prohibited the use of our wood-fired pizza oven the event went ahead with an efficient team of volunteers turning Sturt Cottage in to a pizza factory for the day and ferrying platters down to the Pottery. Over \$4,500 was raised and the FOS Committee have pledged to fund the purchase of a new test kiln for the Pottery – and that will mean job done on the kiln front for the foreseeable future – **well done Friends of Sturt!**

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/whats-on/current-exhibition



Sturt Permanent Collection in the Archive Gallery

A new display of the Sturt permanent Collection is now on show in the Archive Gallery. For the first time we will be able to display a significant proportion of the Sturt Collection that has been amassing since the 1950s and includes ceramics, metalwork, jewellery, furniture, textiles, glass, basketry, photographs and historical written material. Uniquely among collections of its type anywhere in the world, almost everything in the Sturt Collection was made at Sturt and therefore the Sturt Collection tells the story of the development of Australian craft and design since World War 2. With volunteer support we aim to have the Archive Gallery open twice a month. The next confirmed day will be the day of the Wood School graduation on Saturday 18 November.



www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/about/sturt-permanent-collection

Our special end of year project

In these hands – Ernabella Arts, 70 years of Indigenous art & design



We have recently received a grant from the Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support program of the Federal Department of Communication and the Arts of \$40,000 to support the development and production of our major end of year exhibition in conjunction with Ernabella Arts Centre in South Australia. This very special project for us will be a celebration of many things – Ernabella's 70th birthday, the unique residency collaboration that took place between Sturt and Ernabella in the early 1970s and the wonderful contemporary work that is produced now at Ernabella. The funds received will enable us to produce the exhibition to touring standard including a full catalogue and interpretation.

The exhibition will open at Sturt on Thursday 7 December.

Who's in residence?

Isabelle Moore, fine furniture maker and chair designer residing in Scotland is with us for 8 weeks teaching the chair design component in the Sturt School for Wood. **Cara Johnson**, graduate jewellery/textile maker from Victoria and winner of our award in last year's National Contemporary Jewellery Award exhibition will be with us for 4 weeks developing new work in the Jewellery studio.

Sturt Summer School 2018 – Wednesday 3 - Sunday 7 January



This is the twentieth year of Summer School and we have a bumper program to celebrate! 23 courses for adults and daily classes for children are on offer and the program and brochure are out now and places are filling fast. So, if you plan on joining us for a creative summer then jump on line and book your place. Remember we also offer accommodation and meals packages and the week includes a range of social events, talks and demos.

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school

Short Courses 2017

Our last short courses for 2017 will be held on **Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 October 9.30am-4.30pm**. Details and online booking: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/short-courses

- **Experimenting with laminations – the construction of a simple curved tray with laminations and ply** with Isabelle Moore
- **Ply-Split braiding** with Angharad Rixon
- **Exploring the Bangalow basket** with Glenese Keavney



Our current exhibition...

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'Ephemeris' – Some Notes from The Natural World

Jeff Mincham AM, Master of Ceramics – 24 September - 12 November

South Australian, Jeff Mincham AM, is a recognised master of Australian craft with an international reputation and is one of the most significant ceramic artists working in Australia today. In his very first exhibition at Sturt, Jeff will explore the Australian bush as inspiration for his new work made in a residency at Sturt Pottery. *"This exhibition represents a series of observations of the natural world, or at least the part of it that I am closest to. It is a world that explains itself slowly and often in surprising ways. Events, some barely noticeable and others intense and dramatic, make up the continuous rhythm of life, death, rebirth and regeneration"*.



Our next exhibition...

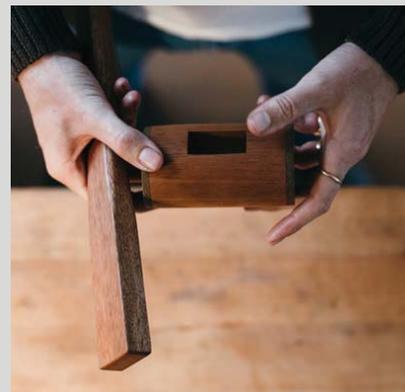
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"Idyll" – Sturt School for Wood Graduating Exhibition 2017 – 18 November - 3 December

The world class Sturt School for Wood accepts just 12 students each year to learn the craft of fine furniture making and design. This end of year exhibition offers a showcase of the exceptional works produced by the students during the year.

The exhibition (including graduation ceremony) will be opened by Neil Erasmus, fine furniture maker/designer from WA on Saturday 18 November, 11am.

Tyler Bambury | Hugh Bergstrom | Reuben Daniel | Paul Darlison |
Martin Jones | Huon Lemercier | Luca Lettieri | Lachlan Malone |
Lachlan Napier | Jun Rung | Scott Van Manen | Duncan West

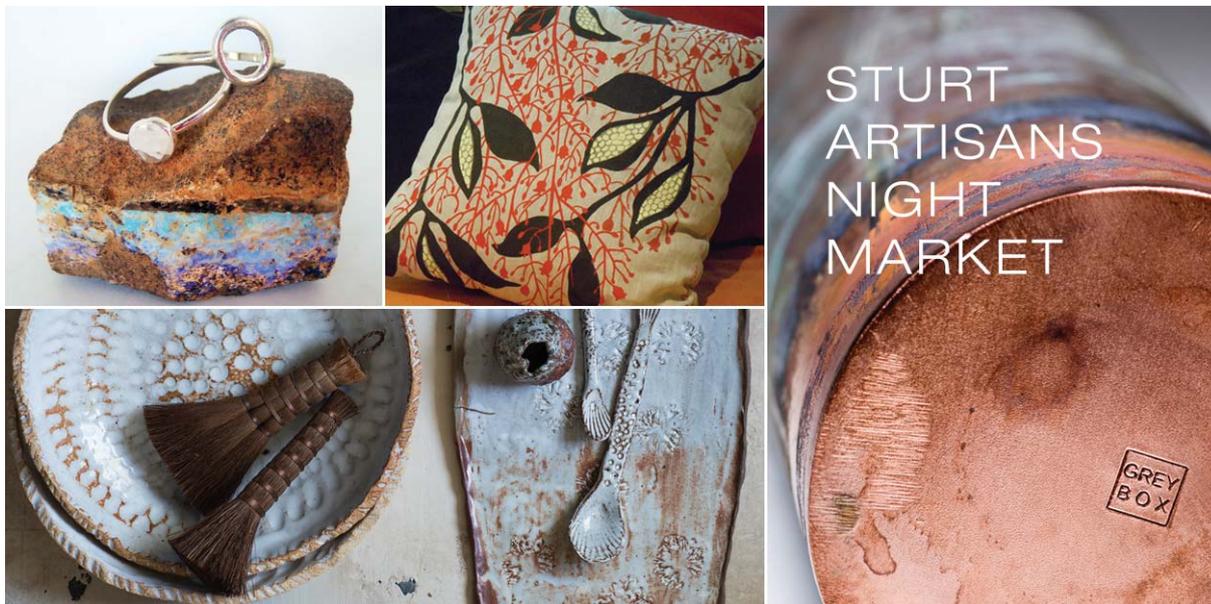


Events

Artisans Night Market in the gardens at Sturt

Thursday 7 December from 5.00pm

Join us for our annual Artisans Night Market when we will have all types of wares on sale from a wide variety of makers in a market style setting in Sturt's historic gardens. The night will include live music, food and drink on offer, plus the opening of two new exhibitions in Sturt Gallery and some great special offers in Sturt Shop. The perfect night before Christmas is at Sturt.



Little Mountain Readings 2017

Saturday 2 December from 5pm in Sturt Cottage

Mittagong's annual poetry readings, the little mountain readings, with special guest poets as well as local poets, food, drink and good company.



little mountain readings

To book contact South Coast Writers Centre 02 4228 0151 or Sturt 02 4860 2083 Cost: \$25.

Other news

Don't forget the Southern Highlands Arts Festival including the Art Studio Trail during November, full details at www.shaf.com.au

A number of Sturt School for Wood graduates are participating in a major exhibition by the Victorian Woodworkers Association at the Manningham Art Gallery in VIC
www.vwaexhibitions.org.au

Our own Jeff Mincham exhibition is part of the inaugural Sydney Craft Week organised by Australian Design Centre www.sydneycraftweek.com

...and don't forget the Design Canberra Festival from 6-26 November, now in its second year
www.designcanberrafestival.com.au

Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au ~ Enquiries on booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083 or email: shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au



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