

SPECIAL NEWS

Sturt gains funding from Arts NSW. For the first time Sturt has been successful in receiving funding under the 2012 Annual Program Funding category of the NSW Government's arts funding body Arts NSW. This is a very important achievement for Sturt and indicates both the significance and competitiveness of our program that includes exhibitions, artists in residence, special events, workshops and classes and our major shop and production opportunities. A grant of \$25,000 will support the broad range of our activities for 2012.



Sturt is supported by the NSW Government through Arts NSW

Friends of Sturt Gallery Excursion. The Friends of Sturt have organised a trip to Sydney for Thursday 22 March. The itinerary for the day will include 3 galleries:

1. **Object Gallery – Australia Centre for Craft and Design** – St Margaret's Precinct Bourke Street Surry Hills – the exhibition planned for March is "Storied in Form" – the work of 5 designers.
2. **Sabbia Gallery** – 120 Glenmore Road, Paddington – their March exhibition of "Tutti" glass by Ben Edols and Kathy Elliott – this is likely to be absolutely stunning!
3. **Kerrie Lowe Gallery** – 49-51 King Street, Newtown – this gallery specialises in ceramics but also shows paintings/prints, jewellery etc.

In addition to the above galleries we will visit the **Danks Street** area where you can lunch at Sopra or one of the many other cafes and also shop at Fratelli Fresh or stroll through the other galleries found in the area. The Coach will leave Sturt at 9 am returning at approximately 5.30 pm. The cost for the day trip is **\$25.00** and bookings can be made through Sturt Shop. All payments should be received by 1 March please. We do hope you will be able to join us – it promises to be a great day out.

Summer School 2012. This year's Summer School was another huge success that was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended (see photos). We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees and also some constructive feedback about new ideas or changes that could be made in the future. All suggestions will be fully considered. This year's school featured fantastic teachers, great events and talks, a live painting demo and even a movie world premier that, along with our 70s themed party, capped off an incredibly busy week. This year's school featured an exhibition of works by the 2012 tutors that is on display in the Sturt Shop and Café until 26 February so make sure you get to Sturt to see it.



Summer School 2012
More photos >>

Sturt Wood School graduates have got the edge. Congratulations to David Cummins and Elliot Holdstock (2011 graduates from the Sturt School for Wood) who have both been selected as finalists for the 2012 The Edge furniture design competition. The competition is in its 9th year and is known for unearthing the next generation of furniture design talent. We wish David and Elliot the very best of luck.



STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD

Welcome to our 1-year Wood School students. Led by Director of the Wood School, Stuart Faulkner, our new intake studying for the 1-year VETAB-accredited Certificate IV Furniture Design and Technology – Fine Woodworking Course for 2012 begin their exciting and challenging year on 30 January. Welcome also to David Uphill-Brown who will be teaching the first of our special 10-week woodwork courses for 2012 beginning on the same day.

Just 3 places remain available for the second 10 week wood course for 2012. The tutor for this course, James Carr, is a graduate of the Sturt Wood School and has since established his own business in the local area specialising in commissions for a wide range of clientele. James is a regular and highly popular teacher at Sturt. This course begins on 23 April.

TERM CLASSES

Enrol now for term classes 2012. New teachers this year include **Tracy Hopkirk** teaching jewellery (Monday night), **Kwirak Choung** teaching ceramics (Thursdays) and **Phoebe Everill** teaching woodwork (Monday night). **Daryl Ingate** will also be teaching a new daytime woodwork class on Tuesdays.

*L-R: Tracy Hopkirk, Kwirak Choung
and Phoebe Everill*



SHORT COURSES

Our first weekend of short courses for 2011 is scheduled for 10-11 March. Courses include woodwork – tuning and sharpening your tools with Daryl Ingate and ceramics – creative wheel forming with Kwirak Choung . Full details can be found on our website and places are filling fast.

Special 'Easy Start' one day introductory workshops on 22 & 23 March. Absolute beginners can have a go at ceramics, woodwork, jewellery or textiles for the special price of just \$58.

WINTER SCHOOL 2012

The full program for Winter School 2012 is now available on the website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au

Courses for 2012 include: book binding, botanical art, clay – kilns and raku, 3D felting, fresco painting, wild knitting, calligraphy, painting acrylics and much more.

STURT GALLERY



Meroogal Women's Arts Prize 2011

**A touring exhibition from the Historic Houses Trust
12 February to 25 March 2012**

A touring exhibition from the Historic Houses Trust. The Meroogal Women's Arts Prize for 2011 asked entrants to respond to the theme "Made by Hand" through visual arts, crafts and design. The resulting exhibition showcases winning, commended and selected works from the 2011 competition.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 12 February at 11am by special guest Councillor Juliet Arkwright, Chair of Wingecarribee Arts & Culture Board.

FREE EVENT – ALL WELCOME.

A Common Thread

Kay Faulkner – Textiles. 1 April to 13 May

Australian master weaver Kay Faulkner returns to Sturt in 2012 for an extended residency. This exhibition will showcase new work developed by Kay over the last 2 years.



EVENTS

Tools & Techniques Weekend, Sturt School for Wood

Saturday 18 - Sunday 19 February 2012

Explore Sturt's workshops in this special annual event when Sturt hosts many of Australia's finest tool makers including HNT Gordon Classic Plane Maker, Colen Clenton, Harold & Saxon Chisels and Michael Connor Woodwork offering you the opportunity to discuss, try and buy their beautifully crafted tools. The weekend will also feature a program of demonstrations on a range of special woodworking techniques presented by Sturt experienced teaching staff.

FREE ADMISSION AND PARKING. Open 10am to 4pm both days. Food and drinks available on site.



Friends of Sturt Annual General Meeting

Sunday 12 February 2012 at 2pm in the Sturt Cottage

All FOS members are encouraged to attend the AGM and consider nominating for positions on the FOS Committee. Light refreshments will be served.

**TOOLS &
TECHNIQUES
WEEKEND**
18-19 FEBRUARY 2012
STURT SCHOOL
FOR WOOD

Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.



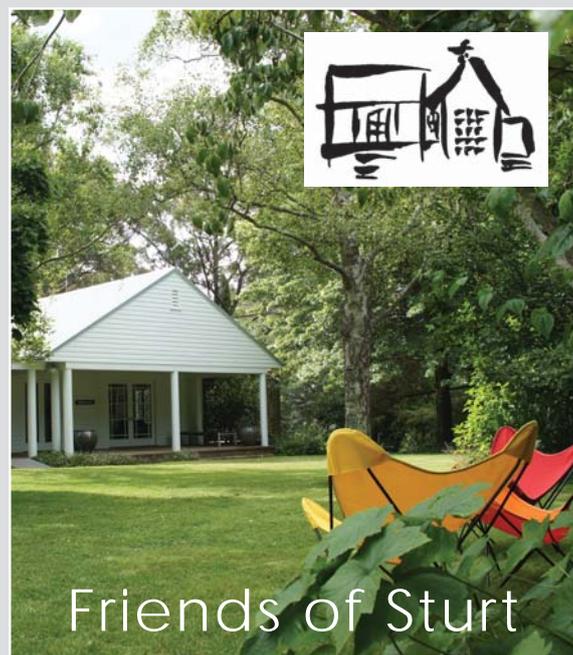
FRIENDS OF STURT

Welcome to 2012!

As with 2011 we are hoping that this year will be a great one as we work to support Sturt and its many endeavours. 'Friends' will still be called upon to help out on Exhibition Opening Days, serving drinks and manning the archives so that visitors can view part of the Sturt Collection. We will also continue our fund raising efforts in support of the Artists in Residence Program.

In 2012, however, we would like to try a few new things aimed at increasing our membership and encouraging more active involvement from existing members.

Our first meeting of the year will be on **12 February - 2 pm Sturt Cottage** - this will be the AGM and we would really like as many people as possible to attend. Do not be put off by the thought that you might be 'volunteered' into a position on the Committee - that will simply not happen! We do value the input of all members so please come along to the AGM and let us know your thoughts.



Friends of Sturt

Meetings of the Friends of Sturt will then be held on the 28 March, 16 May, 22 August and 21 November. With the exception of the AGM all meetings are at 5.30pm in Sturt Cottage. These meetings are 'open meetings' and the Committee would like to encourage all members, if they are able, to attend. We hope that this will be seen as a good opportunity to hear news first hand of Sturt activities and to share ideas over a convivial glass of wine. Please note the dates in your diary and come along if at all possible.

I would particularly like to mention the meeting on the 28 March. This meeting will be one focussed on the issue of Membership - how can we make being a 'Friend of Sturt' of value and meaning for our members? How do we attract new members and keep existing members interested and involved? If you can come to no other meeting please try to come to this one so that we have lots of ideas to bounce around.

An initiative of the FOS Committee this term is a bus trip to Sydney to visit a number of galleries and the Dank Street area. Please put Thursday 22 March in your diary and come and join us. Further details of this trip are elsewhere in this newsletter but places on the bus can be booked through Sturt Shop at a cost of \$25.00.

The Committee is certainly looking forward to the activities of 2012 and hope that you will be able to join in the fun.

Supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/sturt_friends.htm

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(except Good Friday, Christmas Day & Boxing Day)

STURT CAFÉ 02 4860 2086
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