



SPECIAL NEWS

Sturt wins 2013 Australian Craft Award in Best Retailer category

The 2013 Australian Craft Awards national winners were announced on Friday 1 November at the Tasmanian Craft Fair in Deloraine by the Premier of Tasmania Lara Giddings. Sturt took out the award for Best Retailer in the inaugural year of these national awards that have been established by Design 100 – a national network that manages the well-established Australian Design Awards in Melbourne and Sydney. For the full list of award winners go to: craftawards.com.au/Craft2013/winners_list.asp

2013 AUSTRALIAN
CRAFT AWARDS

**We remember Marea Gazzard**

We would like to acknowledge the death on Monday 28 October 2013 of Marea Gazzard AM. Marea Gazzard was an important Australian artist who worked in sculpture and clay. Her works are held in many of Australia's leading art institutions including the Art Gallery of South Australia, the Art Gallery of Western Australia, the National Gallery of Australia, the National Gallery of Victoria, Queensland Art Gallery and the SH Ervine Gallery. Marea was closely associated with Sturt for many years in the 1960s and 70s and, through her role as the inaugural chair of the Crafts Board, was instrumental in supporting the establishment of funded traineeships in Sturt's studios during that time. Marea's architect husband Don designed Sturt's accommodation building known as Ainsworth and also the extension to the weaving studio.

:: **VISIT STURT SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS GREAT AND SMALL** ::

**Christmas opening hours**

Sturt Gallery will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day only. Sturt Café will be closed from 16 December until 5 January inclusive. The Café will re-open with special hours for Summer School and will be open from 8.30am until 5pm from 6-11 January.

Summer School 6-11 January

2014. It looks like we are heading for record numbers for our Summer School that begins on Monday 6 January. So, if you are planning on joining us for this great annual event you will need to book your places as soon as possible – **remember that you can now book online via our new website: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/summer-school**

1 Year course in fine furniture design & technology. It is still possible to enrol now for 2014.

Teachers for 2014 include Neil Erasmus (WA), Kevin Rodel (USA), Darren Oates, Paul Nicholson and David Uphill-Brown. Unrivalled teaching, bench time and workshop access. A unique practical and creative experience. Do the full year or take a term at a time, get serious about furniture. **For more information on this opportunity contact the Sturt office on 02 4860 2080.**

STURT GALLERY

Sturt School for Wood 2013 Graduating Exhibition. Continues to 8 December

Graduating students of 2013 display the amazing work they have achieved during their year at Sturt School for Wood. The graduation ceremony took place at 11am on Saturday 23 November with special guest and Sturt supporter, Grace Cochrane, independent curator and writer, on hand to officially open the 2013 exhibition.

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13 December to 2 February 2014

Sturt's own showcase of new work by established and emerging artists and designers, presented in specially created 'room' settings to give a real feel for how objects work together. Artists and designers include: Simon Alterator, Haeli Van Veen, Tom Scarcella, Thirston Morris, Martin Moeller, Mandi King, Illumini, Dean Smith, Kay Andonopoulos, Ink & Spindle, Epicure Tableware, A Skulk of Foxes, Sophie Milne, Tara Shackwell, Emma Davies.

Don't miss our exhibition opening and shopping night 6pm, Friday 13 December. The exhibition will be opened by special guest **Bridie Moran, National Craft Initiative Program Manager**.



The six graduates (L-R): Isabel Avendano, Charlie Gillings, David Uphill-Brown (tutor), Dave Read, Geoff Clayton, Doug Rosemond and Seb Stafford



With Grace Cochrane, guest speaker at the graduation ceremony



Dale Dryen, Wood School coordinator and Phoebe Everill, Tutor.



The graduate exhibition display in Sturt Gallery

SIX
STURT SCHOOL for WOOD
graduating students 2013

EVENTS

Little Mountain Readings – a poetry Open Mic event. Saturday 30 November, 6 - 9pm, Sturt Cottage.

The inaugural Little Mountain Reading for the Southern Highlands presented by South Coast Writers Centre in association with Sturt. In the romantic setting of Sturt Cottage and gardens, writers and literary enthusiasts come together to relax with a glass of wine and enjoy poetry readings by acclaimed writer Mark Tredinnick and local poets Ken Challenor, Kerry Miller and Monica Markovina. Followed by an 'Open Mic' session where the public are invited to share their poetry. Includes live music by folk group Carmody out of Ireland plus drinks, food, and good company.

Bookings essential. General \$25, Concession \$20, Friends of Sturt or South Coast Writer's Centre \$15. For bookings call Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2083 or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Sturt's Christmas Party and Champagne Shopping Night. Friday 13 December from 5pm.

Don't miss our annual Christmas party and shopping night when we say thank you to all our Friends and supporters and offer some special deals in the Sturt Shop as well as the opening of our new exhibition **Newdesign 2**. With complimentary sparkling wine and canapés on offer this will be a night not to miss. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Sturt Gallery on 02 4860 2083 or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au

Sturt's biggest annual event has everything for the aspiring or experienced woodworker. The historic Sturt Wood School will feature displays and sales from Australia's finest tool-makers and specialist timber suppliers. A daily program of woodwork demonstrations will be conducted by Australia's leading furniture makers. *Full program will be available on Sturt website closer to event.*

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 February, 10am to 4pm
FREE admission & parking. Food & drinks on site

TOOLS &
TECHNIQUES
WEEKEND
22-23 FEBRUARY 2014
STURT SCHOOL
FOR WOOD



Craft ACT Emerging Contemporaries Award

Craft ACT has selected two of our 2013 graduating wood students to participate in a major exhibition in Canberra in 2014 to showcase emerging contemporary artists. The two students selected are Charlie Gillings and Doug Rosemond. We would like to acknowledge the important opportunity that this provides for the selected students and offer our thanks to Avi Amesbury and the team at Craft ACT for supporting Sturt through this terrific initiative.

STURT SUMMER SCHOOL Mon 6 - Sat 11 January 2014

Last chance to book your place for our Summer School 2014. Places are filling up really fast with many courses already sold out. So be quick!

Check out the full list of available courses on our website and remember that you can book and pay for your place on-line. It's going to be great fun, we look forward to seeing you at our place this summer!

book online @
www.sturt.nsw.edu.au



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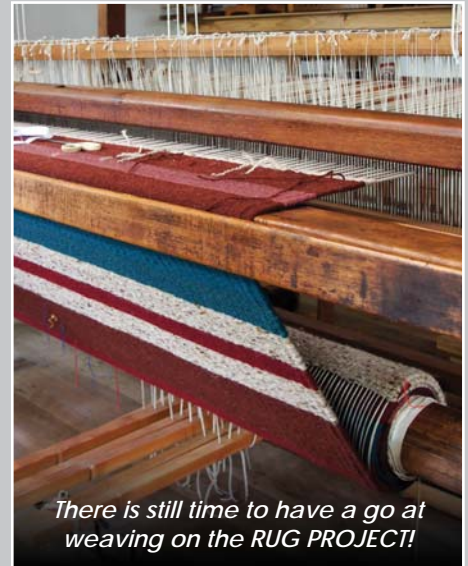
Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website www.sturt.nsw.edu.au or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.

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FRIENDS OF STURT NEWS

At our meeting on 20 November it was a delight to welcome our new **GRADUATE RESIDENT**, Amy Zubick. Amy is a jewellery maker and will be at Sturt for the next 6 weeks. Amy was awarded the Sturt Residency Prize for her entry in the National Contemporary Jewellery Award in 2012.

The refurbishment of Sturt Cottage is nearing completion. **THE RUG PROJECT** has been a major undertaking and is well under way with the weaving of one rug completed and almost half the second one. A number of people have been working on the loom, (under the expert guidance of our resident weaver Kay Faulkner) but there is still time for you to have a go – just call in to the Weaving Room, no experience needed! It is hoped that both rugs will be finished and on show in Sturt Cottage on the evening of Friday 13 December.



There is still time to have a go at weaving on the RUG PROJECT!



Haeli (+ Juniper) and her creature in Sturt garden

Our **SLIDE NIGHTS** are becoming increasingly popular, with the latest featuring presentations by Maike Dahl and Haeli van Veen. These evenings give members an opportunity to meet and talk to our Artists in Residence, to view their work and to hear how they are progressing in their creative journey. Be sure to check out Haeli's large sculpture in the garden near the Café (there's a bear in there!).

Don't forget **STURT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT** on Friday, 13 December. Join us for refreshments, late night shopping, a new Exhibition and, hopefully, a preview of the rugs.

January **SUMMER SCHOOL** (6-11 January) is always a busy and exciting time. Members will be assisting with enrolments and welcoming students with refreshments. We will also be selling tickets in our major fundraiser during the week.

2013 has been a busy and enjoyable year we look forward to 2014 with anticipation.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, followed by an ordinary meeting on Sunday, 9 February at 2.30pm. All members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.

Joan Dinning, President

JOIN FRIENDS OF STURT

GET INVOLVED? Friends of Sturt is a voluntary based organisation, which supports Sturt in a variety of ways. These include assisting with exhibition openings, mailouts, as well as organising a series of fundraising events. Funds raised by *Friends of Sturt* directly supports the Artist-in-Residence program.

Members of *Friends of Sturt* are united by the love of fine craft and art, and a desire to support Sturt. Find out how to become a member or to renew your membership, please visit us, contact **Sturt Gallery** on **02 4860 2083** or online: www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/friends-of-sturt

Supporting the Artist-in-Residence Program www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/friends-of-sturt

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