

SPECIAL NEWS



Sturt School for Wood 2015. Enrolment enquiries are now invited for 2015 – term dates, fees and prospectus for 2015 are now on our website or call 02 4860 2080 to discuss making an application. **A 5% discount on 2015 course fees will apply to all completed and accepted applications made before 31 October 2014.**

Kids clay for the holidays. Kids will have the chance to create their own version of Tyrannosaurus Rex using clay and hay in a 1-day workshop with well-known ceramics tutor Karen Farrell. This class will suit everyone from beginners to the old hands. **Monday 14 April 11am to 4pm, 8-12 years, \$70 including all materials and morning/afternoon tea.**

New addition in the Weaving Studio. A new loom and associated weaving equipment has arrived in the weaving studio through the generous donation of Marjorie Eve Ey. This 8 shaft mechanical dobby will be of great benefit to the students. A communal warp has already been put on to enable each student to create and weave their own design from a universal threading. This is a new style of loom for the weaving studio and is a very exciting addition.

2014 ADFAS Bursary support for Sturt students. Our Bowral committee of the Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Society has once again offered hugely valuable financial support to two of our students in the Wood School this year with Bursaries being awarded to Ben Croweller and Harry McInnis. Members of ADFAS and Sturt gathered at the Wood School on Thursday 10 April for the announcement of the bursaries and to share a light lunch. Sturt would like to thank our ADFAS committee for their continuing support for students to access our course.



Foundation Fundraising Dinner for Sturt. In honour of **Les Blakebrough AM** the Winifred West Schools Foundation will be holding a special fundraising dinner for Sturt on Wednesday 4 June in advance of Les Blakebrough's new exhibition at Sturt that will open on 8 June. With this event we hope to kick start some serious future fundraising for Sturt to help with the renewal of major studio equipment and to recognise the great contribution made by Les Blakebrough to Sturt and Australian ceramics all at the same time. **Anyone who would like to attend the dinner should contact Head of Sturt, Mark Viner, to request an invitation to be sent to them. Contact Mark on 02 4860 2080.**



STURT SCHOOL FOR WOOD – Tutor, Neil Erasmus, giving a demonstration.

Sturt website a real hit! Statistics to the end of 2013 show that our new website attracted 24,635 unique visitors in the period from 24 June (when the new website went live) until the end of December 2013. This is a terrific result for a newly established website. Furthermore, our on-line booking facility for Summer School 2014 accounted for almost 80% of total sales in its first outing – showing the high demand that exists for easier ways to secure places on our courses.

WINTER SCHOOL 2014 ~ 30 June - 4 July

Rug up and get creative at Sturt's Winter School in July. A terrific new program for winter this year includes; Basketry with Jim Wallis, Clay with Les Blakebrough, Sculpture with Vince Vozzo, Drawing with Louise Owen, Photography with Don Hildred, Painting with Kim Shannon and much more.

The full program of 15 different courses is now on the website. Remember that we offer online booking plus accommodation and meals packages to give you the perfect artistic holiday.



Short Courses 2014. Our next weekend of short courses will take place on 24 & 25 May and will include **Woodwork – tuning and sharpening** with **Daryl Ingate** (book early for this one as these courses fill fast), **An introduction to tapestry** with **Dimity Kidston**, **Metalwork – vessel making** with **Alison Jackson** and **Knitting in the round** with **Shelley Millbank**. These are all top class practitioners in their fields and all these courses are for 2 days. **Book online or call the Sturt Shop on 02 4860 2083.**



Look out for our special **BASKETRY WEEKEND** coming up **25-27 July** in conjunction with our exhibition tribute to the work of **Virginia Kaiser** (27 July-7 September).

STURT GALLERY

ORDINARY | EXTRAORDINARY

Contemporary textiles by **Dimity Kidston & Al Munro**
Continues to 1 June

Working with ideas of extraordinary moments found within domestic routines textile artists Dimity Kidston and Al Munro present work in crochet, digital print and woven tapestry.

The exhibition was opened in front of a large crowd on Sunday 6 April by special guest Dr Kirsty Darlston, Acting Head of Textiles, ANU.

Special 2-day tapestry workshop with **Dimity Kidston**
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 May, 9.30am - 4.30pm.

Visit Sturt website for full details (under Short Courses).



L-R: Dr Kirsty Darlston, Dimity Kidston and Al Munro.



My place by **Les Blakebrough**

New work in porcelain. **8 June - 20 July 2014**

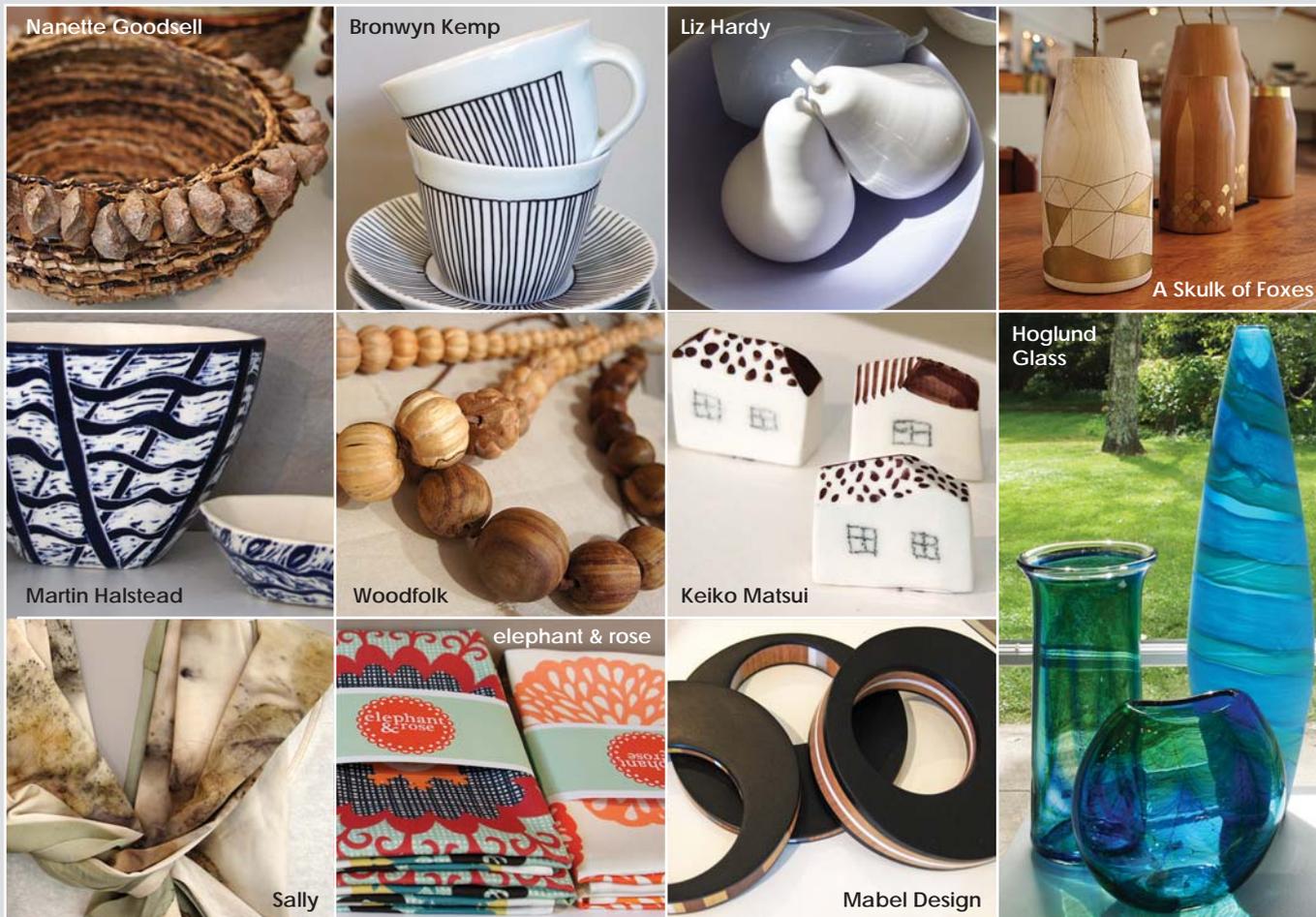
Les Blakebrough AM is one of Australia's masters of craft with a national and international reputation for his ceramic work built over many decades working in this artform. Les began his career at Sturt and returns with an exhibition showing his new work in fine porcelain.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday 8 June, 11am by special guest **Professor Ann Stephen**, Senior Curator Sydney University Art Gallery.



STURT SHOP

At a total of 230 square metres Sturt Shop and Gallery is one of the largest dedicated craft and design retail spaces in NSW. We support and showcase the work of craft and design artists from all over Australia plus many artists who come to Sturt to produce work, teach classes or undertake residencies. Have a look at some of the new work we have on display this month.



EVENTS

Welcome for Friends of Sturt new members. Thursday 8 May 10am.

New, recently joined or interested FOS members are invited to join the FOS Committee and Sturt staff for a morning tea in Sturt Cottage and a tour of Sturt facilities with Head of Sturt, Mark Viner. RSVPs to Sturt Gallery.

Slidenight at Sturt. The next Slidenight at Sturt will be held on **Wednesday 14 May, 5.30pm** for a **6pm start** in Sturt Cottage and will include presentations by three of our visiting artists for 2013.

Vince Vozzo has been a professional sculptor for over 30 years and is well known in the galleries of Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane. Vince is our current artist in residence and will be teaching a sandstone sculpture class for this year's Winter School.

Dimity Kidston & Al Munro are the two textile artists that have created our current exhibition in Sturt Gallery (Ordinary | Extraordinary).

Slidenights include drinks, nibbles and good company. \$10 for Friends of Sturt, \$15 for everyone else. Slidenights are supported by Friends of Sturt and all funds raised go to support the Sturt Artist in Residence program. For bookings call Sturt Gallery on **4860 2083** or email shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au



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 NEWS

The **Annual General Meeting** of Friends of Sturt was held on Sunday 9 February and elections for positions for 2014 were as follows: *President* – Joan Dinning; *Secretary* – Robin Golledge; *Roster Secretary* – Ruth Wright; *Mail Out Organiser* – Denise Sumner; and *Committee Members*: Chris Topp, Julie Musgrave, Bill Dinning, Michael Harris, Ann Thomson, Ann Schavemaker and Kay Faulkner.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for accepting office. A copy of the President’s Report for 2013 is available – phone 4872 3375.

Sunday 9 February also saw a packed opening for an **exhibition of art works** by **Denise Sumner**, our hard-working Mail Out Organiser. Congratulations Denise on a wonderful exhibition.

The **Rug Project** is almost complete. The rugs are finished and in place on the floor in the Cottage. They will be officially “laid” with appropriate ceremony when the present carpet is lifted and the floor polished. This project has been a part of the refurbishment of Sturt Cottage.

Our first **Artist-in-Residence** for 2014 arrives towards the end of April. He is well-known sculptor Vince Vozzo and we look forward to welcoming him to the Sturt Campus.

A SPECIAL INVITATION

All **Friends of Sturt** are invited to **morning tea** on **Thursday, 8 May** at **10am** in Sturt Cottage (adjacent to the Shop) and to **bring a friend**. After morning tea, Mark Viner, Head of Sturt, will lead us on a tour of the Sturt Campus, highlighting the many and varied activities that take place at Sturt. It should be a very interesting and informative morning and I look forward to meeting as many Friends as possible on the day. For catering purposes could you please RSVP to Sturt Shop on 4860 2083 by 1st May.

Joan Dinning, President



PIZZA & FAREWELL



Sturt staff and students gathered at the pottery on 12 March for one of our regular pizza nights and to farewell Alex Standen, our terrific trainee in the pottery for the past two years who is off on major travels to take up residencies in Israel, Switzerland and France, we wish her well.



FIND OUT MORE ABOUT STURT



FRIENDS OF STURT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It’s time to **renew your membership for 2014/2015**. Friends of Sturt membership runs from 1 June to 31 May annually. Single membership \$40, Couple \$60, Family/Corporate \$80.

To renew online, please go to:

www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/friends-of-sturt-form

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



STURT GALLERY 02 4860 2083
Open daily 10am - 5pm
(Sturt closed on public holidays)
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STURT CAFÉ 02 4860 2086
Open Wed-Fri 10am - 3pm
Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm



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