

THE FELT STUDIO NEWSLETTER

August 2011

Hello to all my felting friends. It has been an enjoyable few months with lots of fibre and textile work being done. I can't believe I only have one set of Samford Studio classes left till the end of the year!

The Textile Art Festival was a great event yet again and I thoroughly enjoyed my time there. We had three great classes-a 3D Cushion, A 3D scarf and a lovely table runner.' Textile Art Academy was the next week and the classes held were Techno cover-ups (covers for mobiles, laptops, ipod's camera s, and a tree of life class.)Much fun was had and lovely pieces made. The next week was Koala Conventions with a hat class and three flower classes-it was a busy month. I will be at Koala Conventions next year again, teaching a wrap class and a baby blanket/knee rug class. The links are in the sidebar .

My only other teaching is a trip to Melbourne and teaching with The Victorian Felt makers -I will be teaching flowers and a 3d Cushion (see below for details)

So now my busy time has finished I am enjoying making some felt samples-trying out new fibres and dyes. Soy silk, milk fibre, corn fibre, tencel , rose, banana, hemp, and viscose. It is fun to try new things and experiment and really interesting how these fibres felt so differently yet share many similar characteristics. I think tencel and bamboo are my favourite s so far! I am also experimenting with some super fine muslin/scrim.

Samples are really important when trying new fibres and fabric, saves a lot of grief if you know how a product works before doing a large piece of work.

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I will be teaching at Koala Conventions (at Brisbane Girls Grammar School) again next year!

Join me for two fabulous two day classes!

Bookings to be made directly with Koala Conventions

www.koalaconventions.com.au

Click on links for class details

[..\koala conventions\Baby Blanket Class Koala Conventions.pdf](#)

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Classes for September.

Last classes for the year!

Thursday September 1st , Friday 2nd, Sat 3rd, Sun 4th. Please note the 4th is Fathers Day so plan your celebrations for the evening! **Saturday class is booked out** but plenty of spaces are available in the other classes.

As it is the last class for the year I will be baking a special cake for each day... so only bring savoury finger food to share for lunch. I will be posting new dates for 2012 early next year. There will be some exciting new classes!



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Victorian Felt maker's

Friday 16th September 3D TEXTURED FLORAL CUSHION - WENDY BAILYE*

Learn to use a template and make a lovely exquisitely textured 3D floral cushion cover using wool and silk fibres and fabrics with Feltmaker Wendy Bailye. Learn textural techniques that will amaze you. Create your own original felted design and wonderful 3d flower. This technique is also applicable to a range of felted projects, bags, hats, tea cosies etc. The finished size is 45-50 cm.

(Does not include insert)

Date/Time: Friday 16th September, 9.00am - 4.00pm

Cost: \$70 for member / \$80 for non-members

**** NEW****

Sunday 18th September FABULOUS FLOWERS - WENDY BAILYE

Learn the fabulous art of felt making with felt artisan Wendy Bailye. Wendy will teach you simple and fun techniques enabling you to quickly and easily make your own unique flowers from handmade felt. Create a vibrant, colourful floral display and then use them to adorn clothing, bags, hair, hats, presents and home wares. You will be amazed at what you can create so effortlessly - these flowers are simply stunning. During the class you will make a variety of beautiful flowers with wool and silk. This class suits beginner to advanced felt makers and sorry, it is guaranteed to turn you into a felt-a-holic!

Date/Time: Sunday 18th September, 9.00am - 4.00pm each day

Cost: \$70 for member / \$80 for non-members

For more information: <http://www.wendybailye.com/>

AT LAST! GREEK OLIVE OIL SOAP!

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\$4.00per bar.



Shoe lasts -two styles

Prices coming!

Sizes: 34/35, 36/37,
38/39, 40/41, 42/43,
44/45, 46/47.

**Coming soon! Make
your own slippers.**



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Helpful Felting hint...

Instead of towels to mop up or blot your work use a shammy ("shamwows" are now available from Woolworths apparently!) They can be wrung out and used over and over and dry quickly -they are very absorbent. It saves a lot of washing and drying of towels .Another big advantage of "shamwows" is they do not absorb any dye runs. I use them all the time now and love them!



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I will be traveling to the Felt Convergence in Western Australia on the Indian Pacific Train –I am so excited-it is my 50th Birthday gift to myself ! I will be doing a couple of tutoring sessions and attending a Master Class with Anita Larkin. Can hardly wait!

<http://feltconvergencebunburywa.blogspot.com/>

More details to follow as plans progress. Convergence is SO much fun!
Pictured on the right is an Owl for Jenny Kings Owl Project and one of my odd creatures....I made six creatures-this is one of them -felt like being a little silly....

WILD THINGS 2011

Annual exhibition by Sharyn Hall and myself is on again this year. Pop the dates in your diary now!

A Selling Exhibition of Affordable Contemporary Textiles by

Sharyn Hall mixed media artist and Wendy Bailye, felt artisan.

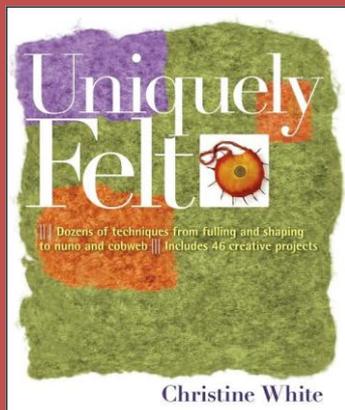
Friday25th, Saturday26th, Sunday27th November 2011. (Exact times to be advised-there will be no official opening night this year but we will open a little later on the Friday night)Meet the artists and enjoy the textiles.

Richard Randall Art Studio, Brisbane Botanical Gardens, Mt Coot-tha.



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WONDERFUL BOOKS TO PURCHASE AND BONUS FREE POSTAGE THIS MONTH!



This book is my favourite felting book and the one I recommend to all my students. It has lots of info, patterns and very clear instructions .

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To the right is one of my students work from the tree of life class at TAA. It was curiously named the " Tree of Death" with a little white cross underneath. Very cute .A memento of the tree in the garden where her dear old pets are buried!

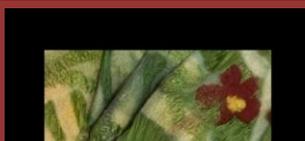
The other picture is flowers made at Koala Conventions.(I have kits available email me!)

GIFT CERTIFICATES

With the end of the year looming I have finally got around to producing some nice gift certificates that can be purchased for gifts .They can be spent on either a felt class or materials for felting (don't forget to tell the family!) - great for Christmas, birthdays etc. And don't forget that a felt class is a perfect Baby Shower/Hens night activity. In the past we have made some gorgeous collaborative baby blankets and pictures. A nice thick felt rug is another possibility....

SPECIAL GROUP CLASSES

If you get a group of friends together I am happy to hold a special class in my break season anytime from September till March. There is a minimum of 6 people and usual class rates apply. It is fun to get a group of friends together. Just remember it is HOT and we can't have fans on until everyone's work is wet down!!Under the house is a nice cool area though compared to most places as the temperature rises!



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Fibres and other lovely things for sale....

If you are looking for a unique gift I have flower kits for sale. They make two silk and wool flowers and cost \$25.00.Two colour ways available blues/purples and also cream . See picture above. If you live in Brisbane and want to visit I also have plenty of wool and new fibres for sale if you would like to make an appointment and come to the studio to purchase anything .I can also take email/phone orders.

Enjoy your feltmaking journey. Remember Blessed
are the felt makers!

Wendy xx

