

THE FELT STUDIO NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Happy New Year to you all! I cannot believe that January is almost over –though I must say it has been a very productive January- no felting for me but plenty of unexpected planning and activity. My teaching year is from March till October so the end of year is usually holiday season for me. I have spent a few weeks setting up the website and making new classes and organizing the years felting events.

NEW CLASSES 2012

The year's classes have been set and you will find them on my website. This year I have finally got around to taking photos for each class so it makes it a little easier for you to choose. I still have a few to go but need to make the samples first and the studio is completely uninhabitable - woops!! There have been a few price changes; this is explained in the class details. There are some great new classes including floor rugs and a baby day (booties and hat!), some lattice work and Moroccan style bags, small framed artworks and textured journal covers to name a few .Go to [Workshops](#) to see all the classes available. To see photos go to <http://www.wendybailye.com/workshops-samford-studio/felt-workshop-examples>

STUDIO REFURBISHMENT The Felt Studio is having a major refurbishment. We have knocked out walls in what was the garage and now have windows or at least the space for windows to go in. Ollie enjoyed knocking the wall down with a sledge hammer- even a broken leg doesn't stop him! We are converting our very messy garage into a lovely space that will be the new workshop area. You will have much more space to work in and my studio will have a separate space just for me. It is such a thrill. I am so blessed to be married to a very handy, very tolerant hard working man.



At present my studio is covered in the remains of the garage so there is a lot of work to be done! As with all renovations it seems a never ending list of to do's...you know the ones...'Well now we have tiled it looks so nice I think it should have ceilings and if we are going to do the ceiling then nicer lights are needed". It will be ready with bells on for March classes !

GARAGE STUDIO SALE FEB 25th Don't forget my annual studio sale Clear the Clutter Sale is just around the corner and with all the changes I have been quite ruthless. We will this year have a lot of garage sale items as well. There are lots of bargains and interesting bits. **FIBRE. TEXTILE . CRAFT MATERIALS & EQUIPMENT STUDIO/ GARAGE SALECLEAR THE CLUTTER** Strictly 8am – 4pm **WENDY BAILYE'S STUDIO:** 50 Mc Dowall's Rd Yugar (Samford) 3289 1352

Saturday 25th February 2012 for details [CLEAR THE CLUTTER SALE](#)

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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

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KOALA COVENTIONS CLASS-1

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One of the reasons for the renovation is so that I can host workshops at the studio with Guest Tutors and have plenty of space to move and make. It will also enable me to have classes on more advanced techniques (eg. dyeing, garment construction) and we will have more space for bigger projects. It will also double as a once a week Yoga studio for my husband Murray and his [Arthouse Building](#) Company Blokes Yoga Group each week. A wild collection of ageing carpenters, assorted tradies, designers, plumbers, and a few teenage boys thrown in for good measure. Yes they are not your average builders! I truly want to be a fly on the wall. I'm sure too all sorts of interesting activities will transpire in this new space. Make a space and something will happen.

GUEST TUTORS

Many of you have done a lot of classes with me and I thought you might like to experience someone else for a change without having to travel too far. I am only asking guest tutors whose work I have admired for a long time. In fact I want to do a class with each of them so it was a good excuse to ask them to visit! Queensland often misses out on international and interstate tutors, so I would like to remedy this. It saves us all travelling so far and is more sustainable, plus I get to spend time with some lovely people. The workshops will be over a few days and that allows people to travel to visit us as well. For Viltes class I had bookings from New Zealand, America and from Spain-unfortunately for the ladies from Spain and America the class was booked out-so we are very fortunate to have Vilte visit us here in Samford. I am hoping she can see clear to visit in 2013 for all those who missed out. The whole renovation idea began in a very synchronistic manner in early January after I tried to book a class with Vilte in Melbourne and couldn't get in. So I thought "maybe I will email her" and it just took off from there. It is wonderful what can happen when you are open to new ideas!

TEACHING IN MELBOURNE

April 2012

Last year I taught at the Victorian Feltmakers and they have invited me back to teach fabric embellished hats and then slippers. See my website for details or contact Victorian Feltmakers. Please book directly with them.



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FELTING HELPFUL HINTS

- To make a felt ball with a jangly inner get two milk bottle plastic lids or two metal or plastic soft drink lids. Insert little stones, rice or a tiny bell inside and gaff tape lids together to seal from water. Then felt a ball around that inner as usual.
- This one is for the kids and is great fun and comes from felting queens Maude and Carol Bath in South Australia. Get an empty kinder surprise inner put some wool fleece in different colours inside a little soapy water and put the lid on shake, shake, shake for about 10 minutes and there you have it a magic felt ball! You can do the same with a small plastic container and make a square bead. Thanks be to felters who share ideas!
- Make a felt bangle around those plastic rings that come off large yoghurt containers-you can also make felt rings for jewellery from the smaller milk ones. Wrap very fine layers of fleece and threads firmly around the ring. Dampen slightly with soapy water and gently work till hard. Have patience and work slowly or you will end up in a mess! Thanks to the girls from Jondaryan for that!



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EXCITING GUEST TUTORS FOR 2012

VILTE The first event with Vilte didn't even make it to the newsletter I am sorry to to say. The grapevine just did its thing and it booked out in a day. Vilte comes all the way from Lithuania and makes gorgeous garments with a high degree of manipulation and many exotic fibres. We have decided to put on one more one day class. It will be an intensive class- a little bit longer than our other classes 9 hours . It will be shared lunch as usual . Vilte has confirmed it will be on Thursday the 5th of April.It will be \$150 for the day because of the longer hours. I will post more details as soon as they are finalised. This class will focus on making a scarf that uses both fabric manipulation techniques and the fibre manipulation techniques with the raw fibres –bamboo, silk, hemp etc.(not the raw wool techniques).A little bit from each of the other two classes . If you would like to attend please email me .There are about 3 spaces left. If you would like to book email wendy <mailto:wendy@wendybailye.com>

PAM DE GROOT is our next Guest Tutor who comes from the Blue Mountains in NSW. Pam's workshops will be 8th/9th/10th August 3 days of natural dyeing-From Garden to Garment -making a wrap and 2 days mosaic wrap August 11/12 using synthetic dye processes(not natural). Pam does gorgeous natural dyeing and garment making. I personally can hardly wait for her to come. I have always admired her work. We did a Judit Pocs hat workshop together a few years back. Please look on her blog pamdegroot.blogspot.com/ for examples of her work. The cost for Pam's workshop will be \$130/per day inc GST. email wendy on address above to book.



VILTE FABRIC
MANIPULATION APRIL 2012



PAM DE GROOT MOSAIC
WRAP AUGUST 2012



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Another workshop is in the pipeline with Myfanwy Stirling who many of you may know. Myf's mum is Polly Stirling .Polly coined the phrase nuno felting and developed the process and techniques we all love so much in Australia .Details will be announced soon.

Myfanwy Stirling's Vón-we Felted Fashions are an inspirational blend of traditional handcrafting techniques and modern urban design .Myfanwy has studied ,lived and taught in New York and now lives in northern NSW . Her unique background inspires a style unique unto itself.

Beginning with the world's finest Australian Merino wool, every accessory is handcrafted using traditional felting techniques passed down through generations. Accentuated with an eclectic array of modern materials, each design fuses the old and the new, producing a unique organic style with an elegance right at home in the big city.



PAM DE GROOT NATURAL
DYED WRAPAUGUST 2012

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DATE SAVER

Wild Things Annual Selling Exhibition. A little earlier this year so it won't be as hot. A Selling Exhibition of Affordable Contemporary Textiles by Sharyn Hall mixed media & textile artist and Wendy Bailye felt & textile artisan. Art. Homewards. Wearables. Accessories.

Fri: 2 Nov. 10am – 5.30pm, .Sat: 3rd Nov. 9.00am – 5.00pm, Sun: 4th Nov 9.00am – 4.00pm Meet the artists and enjoy the textiles

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

It is the same weekend as the Orchid Society Event at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium as well, so make a day of it! www.sharynhalldesigns.com www.wendybailye.com

Our fourth year! Thanks all for attending last year's event. It gets easier each year and more fun as at least we don't need to worry about whether anyone will come- it's not so scary!!

ONLINE STORE

Don't forget to visit the online Store <http://www.onlineshop.wendybailye.com/> There you will find my new DVD and other felting goodies. Very soon my felt work will be there to purchase...Stay tuned.

The next DVD that I am working on is Slippers and Booties: Warm Feet, Warm HeartI will let you know when it is available-I imagine it will be towards the end of the year. It will show techniques for baby booties, ballet flats and small boots and have general info on felting using a resist.



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GIFT CERTIFICATES IN THE ONLINE SHOP

Gift Certificates are now available on the online shop all at the click of a button . They make a great gift for those who are hard to buy for. They are a lovely printed gift certificate in an envelope. I have had a few people purchase them for people who are leaving from their workplace as a group present which I thought was a great idea!

Enjoy your felting journey. Remember Blessed
are the Felt Makers!

Wendy xx

