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|  The Felt Studio Newsletter  for January 2017.Pamela MacGregor next week..One spot available!  |

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| **Invest in your creativity this year.**One workshop space remaining after a late cancellation! Pam is joining us from the USA for 3 days for this very special class.It is next week so let me know ASAP if you have a little life space and would love to come. Pam is retiring from teaching and so this will be your last chance to learn all about sculptural felt from a master maker.Have a peek at Pam's amazing work. [http://www.tarveycottagestudio.com/](http://wendybailye.us12.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=0385447a942d66ca689643514&id=402651726a&e=7ffba6dd73)**PAMELA A.  MACGREGOR   A Study in Three Dimensional Felting    (USA)**January 6/7/8 2017Design a felt sculpture, vessel, or perhaps a teapot. Learn how to form spouts, handles, well fitted stoppers or manipulate a simple pattern into a beautiful sculptural form.During this 3 day workshop each participant will explore interesting surface designs suitable for their individual work as well as study new approaches to sculpting felt.This is an intermediate to advanced workshop.   A thorough skill in using a resist pattern and basic wool layout is a prerequisite.Email wendy@wendybailye.com for full details.**2017****Natalya Brashovetska**I have invited Natalya Brashovetska to come from Cyprus to teach at The Felt Studio. She is an International tutor specialising in felt boot and shoemaking. For this class you will need to pay the full amount to book as Natalya is travelling from Cyprus for the class. Email me with an expression of interest as I am sure it will fill fast. Natalya’s class is confirmed and she will be teaching in Yugar, Brisbane at The Felt Studio on October 4-8th so I need notice of your firm bookings.There are twelve spaces altogether and six remaining.  The amount will be $650 AUD per person for five days tuition.There is also a materials fee to be confirmed but may be  $140 or so dollars.This will include special wool and shoe lasts and soles etc,tools and all the hardware needed. I will send you a link for payments later in the year. Full payment was required by November the 30th 2016 ( now extended until early in the New Year) so that Natalya can book airfares etc. So please budget for this. I have always wanted to make my own felt boots with soles and Natalaya’s finished product is exceptional.…. there is also a chance of making a bag whilst we are waiting for our boots felt to dry. Natalya has a great facebook page **Natalya Brashovetska** with some great photos of what you can make, once skills are learned.https://gallery.mailchimp.com/0385447a942d66ca689643514/images/b2bc62b9-4756-4b6f-b42e-d8a1d6d07df0.jpg2018 Classes:I have tentatively booked Mary Hettmansperger from the USA to teach from The Felt Studio in March (ish) 2018. We will be doing some felt specific jewellery making! I am SO excited,she is an amazing jewellery maker and I have loved her work SO much. [www.**mary**hetts.com](http://wendybailye.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0385447a942d66ca689643514&id=e0a73f20ec&e=7ffba6dd73) If you are interested pop your name on the tentative booking list by emailing me. Google Mary Hettmansperger Images and be amazed!**Felt Convergence 2017****Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for all felt makers !****The 14th** **Southern Hemisphere Felt-Makers Convergence 2017****Host City: Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia** **Date 24-29 September 2017****General Information****Convenor :  Ms Marilyn  Jensen O.A.M****Email contact:** rosevalegirl@gmail.com**Venue:** Toowoomba, University of Southern Queensland. Accommodation is in single rooms at the Mc Gregor College.  .**History** This event commenced in New Zealand way back in 1990. Since then, the event has alternated between Australia and New Zealand. The focus has been on felt makers voluntarily sharing their knowledge and skills during the event. There will be a number of prominent felt-makers present sessions. **That's it folks!**Thanks for reading and look forward to seeing you in The Felt Studio or at a textile event sometime soon!My year has been filled with inspirations and I am planning a little down time soon to create and think back on the incredible colours and textures I have been exposed to in my travels.Look forward to seeing some of you in upcoming classes.Thanks for your support and friendship that makes my life so beautifully rich and colourful. My teaching schedule will be posted in the next few weeks on my website [www.wendybailye.com](http://wendybailye.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0385447a942d66ca689643514&id=6c9318e1df&e=7ffba6dd73)***“Creativity is just connecting things. When you ask creative people how they did something, they feel a little guilty because they didn’t really do it, they just saw something. It seemed obvious to them after a while” – Steve Jobs***I will be scheduling some themed play days finally this year for those of you eagerly awaiting a chance to come and play in the studio with like minded people.So excited!Remember Blessed are the Feltmakers!Wendy x  |

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| Don't forget I have a well produced and comprehensive felting DVD to help you with your felting and add to your knowledge base.Felting with Fabrics is $35.00 and available from my [Etsy shop](http://wendybailye.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0385447a942d66ca689643514&id=44ac9e4ec0&e=7ffba6dd73). Three projects in total and lots of hints and tips.On my Etsy store I also have three wonderful CD Rom books by talented Canberra feltmaker Liz Evans.I also have four great value feltmaking classes available from The Hat Academy! [Click here for details.](http://wendybailye.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0385447a942d66ca689643514&id=321b59fa67&e=7ffba6dd73) They make a great gifts. |

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