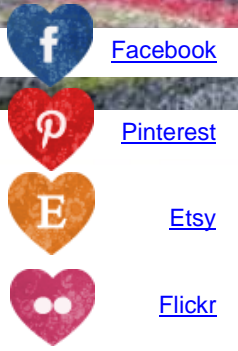


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NEWSLETTER – April 2015

Hello to you all!

The year has started with a bang. What's been happening I hear you chorus! Well here goes!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

My year usually takes a while to get going but this year it seems I have been working non- stop since Boxing Day, many people I know have had the same experience this year! I spent two weeks at the beach in my little caravan with a friend doing paperwork and website work as well as filing 16,000 images. I think this will be an annual event! Awful job so I thought a beautiful place would help! I then had a week with a graphic designer getting my graphics in order for workshops etc. I am starting the year being organized and my plan is a low stress busy year.

I have been to Canberra teaching for the wonderful Canberra Regional Feltmakers. I taught 50 Shades of Grey-Felt ! A sample based class which I will be teaching in Norway in 2015. It was a great class, lots of fun and learning.

Whilst in Canberra I visited the War Memorial and was fortunate to see Ben Quilty's moving exhibition which had me (in combination with the other exhibits) weeping in the bathroom for 20 minutes so as not to make a complete spectacle of myself. I don't mind a good cry in public but I was a bit of a mess and needed a little time by myself. I will never understand war.

There was also a fabulous exhibition at the National Gallery and the indigenous textiles and basket weavings were amazing.

This week ,I have just returned from teaching on a cruise to South East Asia...Wonderful fun! I loved all the colours and textures and inspiration and friendships made. Singapore was a treat as was Vietnam and I had a few days in Perth .

A piece inspired by pumice stone and Stradbroke Island



Land of Fire and Ice.Felted bag inspired by the Northern Lights and Iceland with Icelandic Fish skin and stitch.



At the Felt Studio in March we have had a wonderful class with Marjolein Dallinga from Canada. Amongst other things Marjolein makes costumes for Cirque Du Soleil. We found the class inspiring and challenging working sculpturally and with new techniques. Most enjoyable and I have made a lovely new friend! The Felt Studio has exceptional international tutors who come to teach throughout the year. I am 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 is a good excuse to ask them to visit! Queensland often misses out on international and interstate tutors, so this is a way to remedy this. It saves us all travelling so far and is more sustainable, plus I get to spend time with some lovely people. It is wonderful what can happen when you are open to new ideas!

I plan to have a few new International tutors to visit next year so let me know if you are interested

CLASSES 2015

I have only one scheduled class from my studio this year as I have so many events to teach at and refuse to make my life too full. This class is May 1/ 2/3rd at my Samford Studio, there are a few spaces remaining so let me know ASAP if you would like to join us. You can do one two or three days. See my website for details.

KOALA CONVENTIONS

I will be teaching at Koala Conventions (at Brisbane Girls Grammar **Join me for four fabulous two-day classes.**

Bookings at: www.koalaconventions.com.au

It is a truly wonderful, high quality event which I am proud to teach at. Love it! The workshops include the most sumptuous morning and afternoon teas as well as a huge buffet Lunch. All participants in my workshop this year will receive a copy of my DVD felting with Fabrics as part of their kit cost. My kits include full use of a huge variety of wool colors and silks so that you can end up with a creation you will truly love. It is an event not just a workshop! There is a fabulous shop to shop at for all your creative needs as well.

[Koala Conventions Pastel Pajent Two day Class](#)

[Koala Conventions Tropical Treasures Two Day Class](#)

[Koala Conventions Moroccan Flowers Wrap Class Two Day Class](#)

[Koala Conventions Mosaic Magic Class Two Day Class](#)

I will be having a sabbatical from Koala Conventions in 2016 as I am going to Alice Springs to the Beanie Festival. Have always wanted to go!

Teaching at [Jumpers and Jazz](#) in Warwick - 21st-23rd July 2015. Winter slippers and warm wraps. A Quirky country Festival not to be missed!

STUDIO VISITS

For the month of June my studio will be open every weekend from 10.00-3.00pm-it is part of the Samford and Surrounds Arts Trail and Open Studios see www.creativesamford.com for details-30 fabulous artists will be showing and

Shades of Grey –Felt ! Canberra



Sculptural vessels with Marjolein



Commemorative Poppy Wrap.

Lest we Forget.



their studio's will be open .If you need some felting supplies or books pop in and purchase some goodies! I will be demonstrating and showing my work as well. There will be cake and really yummy things to eat and hopefully homemade lemon drink!!

Hat Academy – Online Tutorials available now!

All going swimmingly with my online lessons and thanks for the fabulous feedback! My online lessons with The Hat Academy have been very well recieved . Projects are shown from beginning to end and you can access them at any time. A perfect way to do a class without having to leave your home! I am thrilled with how they have been produced and know that they will help many people sharpen their felt skills. They are a very economical and very comprehensive way to do a lesson.

[Cloche Hat](#) [Concertina Hat](#) [Floral Felted scarf](#) [Fabulous Flowers](#)

OVERSEAS ADVENTURE

The end of the year I will be teaching in the UK, London , Scotland, and Norway .I am so looking forward to it. I have also been asked to be the Regional Coordinator of the International Feltmakers Association for Australia and New Zealand .I am looking forward to this new role. I will be in London for one of their meetings so it will be very interesting I am sure.I have room for another class or two in mid October so do let me know if your group would like me to visit.

FELT TECHNIQUES-

Techniques to try... from my Shades of Grey –Felt ! class.

- Use masking tape as a resist ..tape off areas on fabric using masking tape and lay wool over .The tape acts as a resist and can be removed later. When felted cut up the channels of tape to see the fabric underneath. Soap cut edges well and work till hard. You can also leave them as channels by carefully removing masking tape from the channels when the piece is finished. They should come out easily as they are wet and soggy!
- Use crinkled tissue silk laid on top of black prefelt. Leave it crinkled and you will get a lovely effect of shadows on your piece.You can also overlap folds of tissue silk and get a pleated shadow effect.
- Use thick cotton or linen fabric between layers as in the first picture in this newsletter inspired by Straddie. First layer wool, second layer thick fabric piece , third layer Paj Silk.Felt till hard. A lovely effect!

My Website has some new items in my etsy shop. Three wonderful CD rom books on Feltmaking by my friend Liz Evans who is a very creative and experienced feltmaker. Her books are well worth purchasing! I also have my DVD and some great felting books if you are interested.

Well that's it folks hope all is well in your world and that are getting time to be creative.

Happy felting and remember Blessed are the Feltmakers,

Kind Regards Wendy xxxx



My new great neice with her new felt hat!



Playing with hat designs on holidays



Easter gift from my son and Kyra..Hand dyed eggs they made....



How hilarious... Princess Fiona in my felt...can only happen on a cruise!! Not sure whether to be proud or embarrassed!

