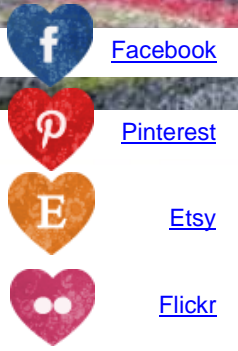


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NEWSLETTER – January 2015

Hello to you all!

Happy New Year my friends! Years come and go, and some years are definitely better than others! I was blessed to have a lovely year in 2014 –one that challenged me on all levels but left me with a sense of accomplishment coupled with new found peace by its conclusion. It was a full year and one that was personally very wonderful. Those of you who visit the studio probably know that I made contact with my birth family at the very beginning of 2014. So my year went off with a big bang. I was adopted into a wonderful family as a tiny baby and finally have had the chance to understand fully my birth heritage at 53 years of age. What a blessing that has been. You will not be surprised to hear that I have discovered my very, very rich wool heritage- I was born into a third generation wool farming family. How funny and amazing ! So as a friend just recently said “You have been living in the memory of your history without knowing it.” My great affection for wool is now fully explained and I now have a family farm to visit, sheep to enjoy and over 20 new rellies to fit in to my world. Hard to beat that for a year!

2015 is shaping up to be a very good year, one that has plenty of adventure and challenge. I will be travelling and teaching overseas extensively this year.

CLASSES 2015

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!

International Tutor Class @The Felt Studio

Sun 22 - Wed 25 March - 4 day class – Guest International Tutor Marjolein Dallinga: www.bloomfelt.com . Special International Tutor class **for experienced feltmakers** only . Email me for details. **Three spaces remaining.**

I am still on a very reduced local teaching schedule as I am teaching at a number of special events and teaching overseas. I will only have one set of classes in the first half of the year in my home studio. So for those of you have been waiting for this, this is your chance! Why not do three days and learn a different skill each day? Start the piggy bank filling now! Classes and details are listed on my website in the Workshops section with images of sample projects you can try. Please note the design is your own .These are just samples.

- Fri 1st May - Samford Studio with Wendy Bailye Class
- Sat 2nd May - Samford Studio with Wendy Bailye Class
- Sun 3rd May - Samford Studio with Wendy Bailye Class

Hopefully late in the year I will have another set of classes but as I don't finish overseas until late October it may not happen!

These dates are correct at the time of publishing but sometimes do change due to family/life circumstances. Please always confirm.

KOALA CONVENTIONS

I will be teaching at Koala Conventions (at Brisbane Girls Grammar **Join me for four fabulous two-day classes in 2015!**

Bookings at: www.koalaconventions.com.au

Teaching Elsewhere

[Canberra Regional Feltmakers](#) – March 14/15 2015. (Three spaces remain)

I am teaching at Koala Conventions in July 2015, come join us, it is a truly wonderful event which I am proud to teach at. Love it!

[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!



Learn to make this scarf on my online lesson with the Hat Academy.



Daisy and I cruising to New Zealand and teaching on the cruise ship! I don't get sea sick thank God!



Some new pods..sold at my Exhibition and off to new homes

Teaching at [Jumpers and Jazz](#) in Warwick - 21st-23rd July 2015. The classes are not online yet but will be soon- slippers and warm wraps. A Quirky country Festival not to be missed!

STUDIO VISITS

I do have the lovely new edition of Felt Magazine and a whole selection of beautiful Felt books for sale at my studio .You are welcome to pop in to stock up. Just ring before hand to make sure I am home.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Have not made a lot of felt but have been busy redesigning my website and business paraphernalia! Much to sort out. I am looking forward to a bit of making very soon, just waiting for the illusive inspiration to strike .About to head to Stradbroke Island with my little 1970's caravan and spending time tidying all my computer images and files by the beach! Awful job so I thought a beautiful place would help!

Hat Academy – Online Tutorials available now!

I have also just completed some wonderful online lessons with The Hat Academy. 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

Heading off to teach felting on a cruise in April which is heading to South East Asia-looking forward to going to new places and see new cultures! Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam here I come. The end of the year I will be teaching in the UK, Scotland, Sweden and Norway and also visiting Iceland to see Anna Gunnarsdottir a lovely friend I have made through felting and teaching. Anna taught in my studio a few years back. Not sure if I will teach in Iceland-maybe just holiday! I am on a mission to get bike fit for a bit of European cycling. That will be a laugh-stay tuned!

FELT TECHNIQUES- An idea for your felting surface

embellishment.....Ooh ...what to share....? Try placing cut out shapes of thick cotton fabric in between your silk fabric and wool layers .The fabric resists the wool and you get a lovely variance in texture. The spiral on the wrap to the right and spots use this technique. Connect with me on Facebook THE FELT STUDIO and Wendy Bailye and don't forget to LIKE! (Links at top of page) Remember..... Blessed are the feltmakers! Wendy Bailye xxx



Some bags from my exhibition



My violet scarf was featured on the cover of the Journal of the International Feltmakers Association. Lovely surprise!

