

# STURT NEWS

October/November 2015

## **Slidenight at Sturt.**

The next Slidenight at Sturt will be held on **Wednesday 28 October 5.30pm for a 6pm start** in Sturt Cottage and will include presentations by two of our visiting artists for 2015.

**Isabelle Moore** Edinburgh based furniture designer/maker Isabelle Moore's work focuses on seating and textiles. Endlessly inspired by the incorporation of different techniques, Isabelle has explored the possibilities of 'active sitting', ergonomics and minimal material to provide holistic and fun ways to interact with our built environment.

**Andrew Carvolth** is our 2015 graduate resident from ANU School of Art. Andrew graduated last year after 3 years in the Woodwork department at ANU and now is building his own career as a furniture restorer and bespoke maker.

**Slidenights include drinks, nibbles and good company. \$10 for Friends of Sturt/\$15 for everyone else. Slidenights are supported by Friends of Sturt and all funds raised go to support the Sturt Artist in Residence program. For bookings call Sturt Gallery on 48602083 or email [shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au)**

**Don't forget our deadline for 2016 residency applications is 31 October 2015. For full details go to [www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/artist-in-residence](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/get-involved/artist-in-residence)**

**Sturt School for Wood 2015 graduation and exhibition – Saturday 21 November 11am.** Our world-class Wood School, training Australia's future fine furniture makers and designers, will celebrate the graduation of its 2015 students and the opening of their end of year exhibition in Sturt Gallery. The Sturt School for Wood is now more in demand than ever with a full school already for 2016 and enrolments now being taken for 2017. Prepare to be blown away by the quality of the work that will be on display in this important exhibition showcasing emerging talents.

**Don't miss our annual poetry night – Little Mountain Readings, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 5pm.** Combining poetry with the romance of Sturt Cottage and gardens in spring, writers and literary enthusiasts can relax and enjoy the

best of Southern Highlands verse, with a glass of wine, canapes and live music by Jessica Pierson. Featuring highly acclaimed Australian poets Peter Lach-Newinsky and Lorne Johnson. **\$15 for Friends of Sturt and SCWC members, \$25 for everyone else.** For bookings call Sturt Gallery on 0248 602083 or email [shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au) . Find out about a full day poetry workshop for the serious aspiring poets – contact South Coast Writers Centre 0242 280151 or email [director@southcoastwriters.org.au](mailto:director@southcoastwriters.org.au)  
Our current exhibition...

***At the end of the rainbow*** – new porcelain by Julie Shepherd  
**Continues to 15 November**

*'At the End of the Rainbow'* is an exhibition of exciting new ceramics by Julie Shepherd exploring an evolution of colour and lustre in exquisite fine porcelain. Inspired by Sturt Craft Centre's Garden, these sculptural and functional ceramics with hidden treasures celebrate the fragile beauty and resilience of nature.

**Courses...**

**Summer School 2016 4 - 9 January**

Summer School is filling up very quickly with a terrific program of courses for adults and a new full-week program of courses for children. Check out courses with places remaining via our website and book on-line. Some courses with places remaining include – **Drawing flowers with Suzanne Archer, Painting: exploring narrative with Justin Pearson, Seascapes, rivers and lakes in pastel with Tricia Taylor, Weaving: the basic with Liz Williamson, Contemporary wood project: Coolamon table with Simon Zablotsky and Digital crafting for artists with Rod Bamford.**

**More Courses...**

**Our next bumper short course weekend is on Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 November, 9.30am-4.30pm and includes;**

**Pierced Clay with Julie Shepherd, exhibiting artist in Sturt Gallery**

**Level:** For those with some experience | **Cost:** \$300 + materials

**Sculpture: Hebel block with Britta Stenmanns**

**Level:** All | **Cost:** \$300 + \$25 materials

**Weaving: tackle a new technique with Susan Walker**

**Level:** Intermediate - Advanced | **Cost:** \$300 + pay tutor for materials

**Exploring Bangalow Basketry with Glenese Keavney**

**Level:** All | **Cost:** \$300 + pay tutor \$25 for materials

**SPECIAL 3-DAY WOODWORK COURSE** Friday 13 - Sunday 15

November, 9.30am-4.30pm

**Wood and Weave: Three legged stool construction with Isabelle Moore**

*Work with our international artist in residence, furniture designer Isabelle Moore from Scotland.*

**Level:** Some experience required with machines and reasonable hand skills |  
**Cost:** \$600 + materials

In this exclusive opportunity to work with one of Europe's top furniture designers, gain an overview of frame construction and the elements to be considered when designing seating for comfort, ergonomics and practicality. During the first two days, using pre-prepared stock, students will be shown how to mark out and cut the required joinery using a range of workshop machinery, then hand shape, assemble, glue up and finish a wooden frame construction to accommodate their chosen sitting height. On the third day Isabelle will demonstrate weaving techniques and the selection of appropriate materials for a woven seat surface and guide you through the completion of your stool. The stool will be constructed from native hardwoods and be woven from a choice of Japanese sea grass or Danish cord (or equivalent), other weaving materials could be used if appropriate.

**Sturt Shop and Gallery**

Our shop and gallery is the perfect place for early Christmas shopping and a look at the current exhibition. Some exciting new ranges are in the shop now.

**Sturt Coffee**

Don't forget our great little café in the gallery and garden courtyard – the perfect place for coffee and some really nice sweet and savoury treats courtesy

of Gilbert's Mittagong.

Full details of all Sturt courses, exhibitions, residency programs and events can be found on our website [www.sturt.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au) or to make a booking or enrolment call Sturt Shop on 0248 602083 or email [shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shop@sturt.nsw.edu.au)



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