



# *Textile and Fibre Arts Network*

## *Newsletter 14, January 2017*

Website <http://www.textileandfibreartsnetwork.org.nz/>

Greetings from the Network. We trust that you have all had a relaxing & creative break & are ready to accept the challenges that 2017 will bring. Do let us know if your group has an event coming up so we can promote it on our website and in our newsletters.

**From the Committee** Our first committee meeting for the year is this Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30am at the meeting room McDonalds Moorhouse Avenue.

### **Upcoming Events/Exhibitions**

- **Craft de clutter sale, 4 February. See details page 2.**
- **Jenny Gillies** is having an exhibition of her floral works in the Botanic Gardens until the end of June. **For more information please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.**

- **Southern Felters Felting Days 2017**

We are a Canterbury-based group who get together monthly in Halswell Hall to spend the day felting. Felting is a wool craft and we make a wide variety of things from garments to vessels and artwork. We welcome new members and while we don't run formal classes we can help you learn. Have a look at our website for more information: <http://southernfelters.blogspot.co.nz/> or contact [southernfelters@gmail.com](mailto:southernfelters@gmail.com)

Our felting days are at Halswell Hall again this year. The hall is on the corner of Halswell Junction Road and Halswell Road. 9.00 am - 3.00 pm. We welcome new people to our felting days which are very informal. There is a \$10 door charge.

Saturday 11 February 2017

Saturday 4 March 2017

Saturday 1 April 2017

Saturday 6 May 2017

Saturday 3 June 2017

Saturday 1 July 2017

Saturday 5 August 2017

Saturday 2 September 2017

Saturday 7 October 2017

Saturday 11 November 2017

Saturday 2 December 2017

- **Wellington Area Felting retreat, 9-12 Feb 017.** Registrations \$210.00, includes meals and accommodation. Contact Lynn Evans at [earthpalette.dyes@gmail.com](mailto:earthpalette.dyes@gmail.com)
- **NZ Spinning, Weaving and Woolcraft Festival 21-23 April 2017**, Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
- **Fibre Arts N.Z. Five day residential workshops in Whanganui 23 - 28 April, 2017** [www.fibreartsnz.com](http://www.fibreartsnz.com)

- **National Quilting Symposium 5-10 October 2017** at St Andrews College. CHCH. Check the website if you haven't registered.

## **Craft de Clutter Sale, 4 February, (Waitangi weekend), St Christopher's Church hall, 244 Avonhead Rd, Avonhead.**

If you having a great cleanout, remember to donate any saleable items to the Network. Let the Network representative from your group know if you have stuff to donate and they can arrange collection in advance for sorting and pricing.

We also seek volunteers for the Friday night setup 6-9pm, and to sell on Saturday- needed from 8.30 -1.00 pm. Phone Debbie 386 2951 if you can help. We really appreciate your support.

Make your stash  
look like this!!!!!!

Donate unwanted  
craft stuff to TAFAN



# **“Textile and Fibre Arts Exhibition”**

## **“Look, touch, experience”**

**Advance notice.** Eastside Gallery 31<sup>st</sup> July – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

We will be seeking your work to display in the Open category. Anything you are pleased with that has been made in the last two years and not exhibited elsewhere. Edgy experimental work most welcome, and yes with your permission, some works will be touchable. Textiles are so tactile and we all love to touch.

The challenge for 2017 will be **‘Transitions - from old to new’**. This theme is in keeping with the philosophy of Eastside Gallery that has an annual recycling exhibition. So rescue that old jersey, blanket, table cloth, shirt, scraps, wool oddments, found items etc., and create something new and exciting. Any size, any shape, but if free standing must be able to stand unsupported.

Groups will be offered their own little space to exhibit their work. So far, Christchurch Needlework Guild and Southern Felters have expressed interest in this.

### **Demonstrators/Tutors sought to do demos and short 2 hour workshops.**

**Week one.** Demonstrations of skills and techniques of any of our arts and crafts. Think short demos, up to one hour, that can be repeated. Ideas so far are knitting socks on circular or four needles, felting, spinning silk, embroidery stitches, weaving demo, easy machine piecing etc. Half to one hour maximum. One for morning and one for afternoon.

**Week 2.** Tutors sought for short classes of up to 2 hours. These will be advertised in 2017 as we didn't get a very big response in 2015.

### **Photographs of your work are sought!**

Our Network brochure will be updated early next year and we want your photos to pretty it up. This can be any item of your work. - something you are really pleased with. It doesn't have to be an award winner. If you are pleased with it we want to see it. Work in light and bright colours that photograph well is preferred. Send a full photo and close up if appropriate. Send as an attachment to Julie Devlin, [devlin.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:devlin.family@xtra.co.nz)

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# *Enchanted Garden*

EXHIBITION

Christchurch Botanic Gardens Kiosk  
Dec 2016–June 2017

**[jennygillies.com](http://jennygillies.com)**

Costume & Fabric Artist

## Be bewitched by the magical influence of Jenny Gillies' "Enchanted garden" Exhibition featuring her ever popular floral costumes.

Seasonal collections of these acclaimed botanical "works of art" are inspired by the beautiful surroundings of the Christchurch Botanic Gardens and are a must see attraction which has been featured both nationally and internationally in static exhibitions and live performances promoting our beautiful Garden City.



Beauty, humour and an abundance of colour are showcased in this enchanting exhibition which will "grow" and fascinate the senses seasonally.



*Enchanted Garden*  
EXHIBITION

**December 2016–June 2017**

Hours: 10am–4pm (*closed Christmas Day*)

Adults: \$10

Seniors, students and children (*5 and over*): \$5

Children under 5: Free

Family concession (*two adults, two children*): \$15

