



# *Textile and Fibre Arts Network*

## *Newsletter 21 March 2018*

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

Update from TAFAN Committee

### **Greetings to all.**

There are an exciting range of events coming up in 2018. Check our list below and why not make 2018 the year to try something new?

The Southern Felters' **annual workday programme** is listed below and they love getting you started on their favourite pursuit.

There are also **two quilting exhibitions** coming up this year. Christchurch Quilters in April, and Canterbury Patchwork and Quilting Guild in October.

**The Network AGM will be held at 12.30 pm, Saturday 23rd June, at the Christchurch Bridge Club, 2 Nova Place** (off Barbadoes Street)

Six of our current Committee complete their terms of office and need to stand down. These members are Julie Devlin, Ros McCarthy, Linda Tayles, Hayley Sears, Margaret Haverland and Diane Sullivan.

Some groups have no reps, so it would be really great to have some new enthusiastic members join the Committee. Do give this some serious consideration.

### **Committee places that will be available in May 2018**

- **Canterbury Patchwork and Quilting Guild, Christchurch Lacemakers, Christchurch Machine Knitting Club, Cust Craft Group, Canterbury Embroiderers' Guild & Canterbury Modern Quilters** can all have up to two nominations for the committee.
- **Christchurch Needlework Guild, Christchurch Quilters & Christchurch Guild of Weavers and Spinners**, one new rep can be nominated.

In particular, a **chairperson, secretary and treasurer** are required. If you have served on your own groups committee in the past, this is no different or more onerous than being on your own committee.

Contact your current Guild or group rep for further information or call Julie Devlin, 357 1409, Ros McCarthy, 385 1110, or Linda Tayles, 03 314 7578 for further information.

**De clutter sale.** We have had a lot of enquiries about this popular annual event, running for the last five years. The committee decided to put it 'on hold' at present this year, and focus instead on a weekend of activities based around the AGM. The new committee can look at this as one of their first events.

Do let us know of planned events for 2018 so we can put these on our website and promote them in Christchurch. Contact Secretary/Newsletter editor Ros at [ros.mccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:ros.mccarthy@gmail.com)

## How can the Network help your Guild or Group?

Two of the purposes for the Network are as follows:

- To promote, support and publicise textile and fibre arts Guilds, groups and artists in the community
- To facilitate an increase in participation in textile and fibre arts and crafts

We seek suggestions as to how we can do this. **Funding may be available.** Examples are publicity/resourcing of exhibitions that are open to the public, and promotion/resourcing of beginner classes. You may have other suggestions. Please forward to the secretary Ros at [ros.mccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:ros.mccarthy@gmail.com)

## 125 years of Women's Suffrage

Wellington Council are looking for a creative response to 125 years of women's suffrage.

The organiser Ruth Robertson-Taylor is planning "to make a street art style textile, crafted in collaboration with older crafting women (especially those from outside Wellington). The brief would be to source the story of historic political women in the areas. Then to collaborate with the crafters, drawing from their stories. Combined with a computer-generated aesthetic. This work would be created for a particular site such as the Wellington train station or airport and would be shown from 19 September."

If you are interested in having a conversation about being involved, contact Ruth at [gorsetreeart.com](http://gorsetreeart.com)

### Upcoming events

- **Christchurch Quilters Exhibition**, 18-22 April, Pumanawa Room- Arts Centre (upstairs from I-Site.) 10 am -5 pm daily  
Check out the Christchurch Quilters website for some great tutors coming up this year. Melissa Burdon, Pam Holland and Lisa Walton, the latter two from Australia. [www.christchurchquilters.nz](http://www.christchurchquilters.nz) Non-members can register if places are available.
- **Wanaka Embroidery School**, 16-18 March
- **Textile and Fibre Arts Network AGM/market/workshops, 23-24 June.** Christchurch Bridge Club, Nova Place.
- **National Embroidery Exhibition**, 13-19 July, Nelson
- **Canterbury P&Q Guild Exhibition** 10-14 Oct, 2018
- **Southern Felter's** workday schedule for 2018  
Halswell Hall, Saturdays, 9am- 3pm. All welcome. (Fee towards hall hire.)

7 April	8 September	* The <b>Glenroy Retreat</b> will be Thursday 29 November – Sunday 2 December, (With an optional Wednesday 28 November).
5 May	6 Oct (International Felt United Day)	
9 June	3 November	
7 July	8 December	
4 August		

## Natalya's Boot & Bag Workshop

The Christchurch boot and bag workshops dates are as follows:

Monday 1 October to Friday 5 October 2018 8.30 am to 5.30 pm (ish) or Monday 8 October to Friday 12 October 2018 8.30 am to 5.30 pm (ish). Please note these are approx times and dependent on progress we may need to stay later. These will be held at Redwood Primary School Hall, Prestons Road, Christchurch.



Natalya has developed a new basic template and you will learn how to make changes to it to make boots with laces front or back, zipper, flat or heel height from 5cm to 12 cm so it will be really amazing. It takes it to a whole new level as the original workshop related to flat heels only and lace front style.

The price of the workshop is currently \$675 approx. for the Christchurch workshop.

Once I have confirmed numbers I will approach Creative Fibre again to see if we can get some funding, Christine Marks and Bev Muir are also going to attempt to obtain funding and if we get some funding obviously the price will decrease - fingers crossed. The other thing that may affect the price is the Euro. Once I have paid the travel and student box cost I will make the adjustments to the costings. Prices will probably go down.

A deposit of at least \$100 before 23 March 2018 please. In May, a further payment of \$160 will be due to obtain the "student box" at the best rate. A further payment due when I order the wool batts and a final payment during September. This is to spread your payments for you. Of course you are welcome to pay more or in full whenever you

wish. To ensure your place please deposit \$100 into the following bank account number with your Name as reference

Barbara King needs to confirm numbers for Natalya's boot workshops, she has additional information about the workshops, email Barbara King at [arly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:arly@xtra.co.nz) Deposit due 23 March 2018.

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- **Christchurch Needlework Guild Meeting Days**  
**Tuesday Evenings at The Tannery, 7-9pm.**  
**Third Tuesday, The Tannery, Committee Meeting, February 20th, 7.30-9pm.**  
**Fourth Saturday Workshop, Risingholme, February 24th, 10am-2pm.**  
**Fridays, Garden City Bar.**

*Most exciting is our AGM weekend, 23-24 June, of workshops, speaker and market.*

## **AGM Tutors and workshops**

(Registration forms and more details on classes will be available from 1 April, at your Guild or Group, and in our April newsletter.)

### **Ronnie Martin**



Ronnie will be taking two workshops and is our **guest speaker** at the AGM Saturday 23 June.

A former teacher, Ronnie has made a name for herself in both New Zealand and Australia as

a textile and mixed media artist, most recently teaching at the Christchurch Quilting Symposium last October, and the upcoming National Embroidery exhibition in Nelson in July.

Ronnie is skilled in a wide range of techniques, fabric painting, image transfer, printmaking, embellishment, surface design techniques, free machine embroidery, felt, layering, burning and cutback techniques, and design. Ronnie has exhibited widely and received a number of awards for her work both nationally and internationally. She is also a trained judge. As guest speaker, Ronnie will be speaking about her creative life entitled "The Journey", immediately following the AGM.



**Vicki Allen**

Vicki is a keen beader and specialist in seed beads. Vicki came from the UK 13 years ago and found lots of beautiful colours in New Zealand. A friend introduced her to a bead shop in Manchester St and she was instantly struck. Vicki has been lucky enough to make her creative hobby into a successful business. Vicki sells and teaches all things beading and enjoys meeting wonderful creative people. Now based in Blenheim, Vicki enjoys

making shapes from beads, especially flowers.



**Sue Spigel**

Sue Spigel has been sewing since she was 4 and making quilts for the last 42 years. She had a quilt shop with Brenda Visser as well as a studio at the Arts Centre where they dyed and printed their own fabric. Most recently she was Artist in Residence at the Cathedral until the earthquake had other ideas. Now retired and having seen the light, she uses recycled fabrics, of all sorts, that she may ecoprint and then hand stitch together and quilt to produce quilts that are full of meaning and kind to the environment. These are the best of all.

Now retired, she is still eager to teach and show others how she makes her quilts and encourage others to have a go for the sake of the earth.

<b>Saturday 23 June</b>		
<b>Ronnie Martin</b> 'Make Your Mark' (Stamp, print, stencil)	8.30-12.00, 2-4.30pm (Lunch time break for AGM)	\$50.00 + small fee for kit TBA
<b>Vicki Allen</b> 'Kerrie Slade's Poppies' (Beading)	8.30-12.00, 2-4.30 pm (Lunch time break for AGM)	Tutor, \$25.00 per person, Kit \$40.00, includes everything required. Total \$65.00
<b>Sunday 24 June</b>		
<b>Ronnie Martin</b> 'Mixed Media Art Journal'	9-12.00,1-4.00 pm	\$50.00 + fee for kit TBA Total \$
<b>Vicki Allen</b> 'Bezel Fun' (Beading)	1-4.00 pm	Tutor, \$25.00 per person, Kit \$25.00, includes everything required. Total \$50.00.
<b>Sue Spigel</b> 'The Fabric of our Lives' (Hand stitching recycled fabrics)	9-12.00,1-4.00 pm	\$50.00

## AGM Workshops

'Bezel Fun' Tutor Vicky Allen



'Make Your Mark' Tutor Ronnie Martin



'Kerrie Slade's Poppies' Tutor Vicki Allen



'Mixed Media Art Journal' Tutor Ronnie Martin



'The Fabric of our Lives' Tutor Sue Spigel



## *Market Stands - Locally made craft supplies*



*10am - 12:30*

*2 - 4:30pm*

*Locally made craft supplies, fabric, fibre etc.*

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