



Textile and Fibre Arts Newsletter

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Welcome to the TAFAN newsletter.

I would like to start by thanking all those who attended the recent AGM, and the committee who worked hard to organize it. We have retained our committee members with the exception of Margaret Logan. We will miss her wisdom around the table and wish her well.

As a result of the AGM we welcome Loraine Coker, from the Southern Felters, to the committee.

Our guest speaker was Wilson Henderson, Chairman of Arts Canterbury. Wilson spoke about the need to keep our aims and objectives in mind, and spoke about ways in which we could do this. He stressed the need for good communication so Presidents, Secretaries and Newsletter editors please make sure you pass on the information in our newsletters and from your TAFAN representatives.

We also had a small merchants' mall and classes at the AGM. Thank you to the merchants and those who supported them.

The classes were: Felting with Jane Dolan, assisted by Loraine Coker. This was a very well supported class, and very enjoyable. Julie Clemett taught pattern darning from one of her lovely Kiwiana bookmark kits and Ann Bradley ran a very successful "stitch clinic" helping solve any stitching problems.

The next event on the calendar is our combined exhibition. This is being held at the Linwood Community Arts Centre. This is the same venue as last time, and is on the corner of Stanmore Road and Worcester Streets. It is not a selected exhibition and is open to all members of our member groups.

The theme for the challenge section is "Out of the Ashes", however there is no theme for the open section and work of any kind, and on any topic can be entered. This year we are also having a young persons' section. If you have run any classes, or have any junior members please encourage them to enter. Please note their age on the entry form. These forms are available from your guild or tafanetwork@gmail.com

Entries must be taken to the Canterbury Embroiderer's Guild rooms, Hammersley Park School in Amos Place in Shirley, on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July between 1 and 4pm.

The exhibition is being set up the following day by Dianne Sullivan of the Weavers' and Spinners' Guild so we can not accept any late entries.

The official opening is on Monday 29th of July at 5.30 pm, and all members are welcome. Come and get a first glimpse.

During the exhibition we will need your help.

We need to man the exhibition so will be sending a roster round the groups. If you can spare a couple of hours please put your name down. We also plan to run demonstrations and workshops. These will run for 2 hours and all materials will be provided. Workshop participants will be charged \$2 for the workshop. We need volunteers to teach the workshops. They should be small projects that can be achieved in the 2 hour workshop. If you or your group would like to offer a project please let me know as soon as possible so we can advertise it for you.

Offers so far are :

Demonstrations – Eastern cut pile weaving, (have a go option) ; Tapestry weaving, (have a go option); Felting; Needle felting. Workshops – Dorset buttons; Bead weaving, Tape lace flowers and Suffolk puff patchwork.

Don't forget that the exhibition, and the workshops are a great way to promote your group so make sure you have brochures and people on hand (with updated contact details) for prospective members.

Thanks to Julia and the updated website we have been invited to exhibit 20 medium sized pieces at the Selwyn Art Gallery in Darfield from September 26th to October 27th . All the work must be able to be hung as we are sharing the gallery with the Halswell Pottery Group.

The pieces will be selected by the TAFAN committee and we would like a good range of techniques. To cover the cost of the gallery we will be charging \$10 per selected piece. The Selwyn Arts Week is in the middle of the time slot we have been allocated so the Gallery will be taking care of all the publicity.

There is no restriction on work having been exhibited before, although they would prefer that it has not been seen in Darfield, and work may be for sale. More details later.

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