

33rd Stirling Range Fibre Weekend

Friday 27th March - Sunday 29th March 2015

Preceded by Porongurup spin-in Thursday 26th March 2015

Hello, everyone!

I'm sure we are all looking forward to gathering again in the Stirling Range in 2015. As the Porongurup Spin-In is held on Thursday before the Fibre Weekend, do consider meeting at this enjoyable gathering (more info. below), then continue on up Chester Pass Road to stay at the Stirling Range Retreat on Thursday night - you'll then have all day Friday to do some sightseeing, climb a mountain or two, or sit and spin (or whatever!) .

The fibre weekend's activities start on the Friday evening with an activity. Saturday night is a time to share a BBQ and relax in the Camp Kitchen. Sunday morning is Show & Tell before those departing get away. Some even stay on to Monday.

For those new to the event, the weekend provides an opportunity to get away from it all and spend time doing what we enjoy most – playing around with textiles, sharing ideas and skills. Traditional crafts such as spinning, knitting, crochet and embroidery have been enhanced over the years with spontaneous workshops on nuno felting, shibori and brooch-making using found and recycled materials. In other words, anything goes, and the more varied the better.

In 2015 we will be focussing on SILK.

Remember, the ethos of the weekend is sharing, so come along prepared to share your skills and ideas with others. And if you would like to learn a particular craft, let us know so that we can put you in touch with someone who is skilled in that area.

Informal workshops & dye-baths:

- As usual, I am sure there will be several dye baths running, but if anyone wishes to share something special, please let us know so that we can pass the word around. Anne will be available to help with some eco-print making, so bring fabric or clothes ready to dye.
- If you wish to do dyeing, please bring dye pots and extra portable gas stoves if you have them, also rubber gloves, aprons, notebooks, pencils, scissors, a bucket; plus needles, thread, poly pipe etc for manipulating the fabric or yarn to make resist patterns.
- Maureen will be showing making leaves from natural fibres and threads. Bring along various thread, cotton, silk, linen and a large eyed needle.

• As always, we'd love it for participants to share their own ideas and skills.

- All workshops are limited to half a day so that their organisers can do their own work, have the opportunity to learn from others and use the dye-baths.

Chairs & Tables:

- We meet each day in the camper's kitchen and meeting area, where there are benches and tables - however, many participants bring a more comfortable fold-up chair to sit on, and if you have a small camp table this can also be handy.

Name badge:

- Please bring and wear one! What better than one you have made yourself. Gail will be helping on Friday night, anyone who would like to make one. She will have felting and embroidery gear to get you started.

Sales:

- Please bring craft books, equipment, fleece or craft material to exchange, give away or sell. An area will be set up for sales and it is your own responsibility to supervise stock. Commercial scale stall holders must pre-book and supply their own display tables etc. The camp kitchen tables are reserved for crafters, and are not available for stall sales.

Meals:

- You will need to provide all your breakfasts, lunches and dinners for the weekend. Morning and afternoon tea

will be provided.

- Saturday night we get together for a barbecue, so please bring something to cook, a salad or sweet to share, your own nibbles, and drinks.

Fees:

- \$15 for the weekend or \$10 for those coming for one day only (cash, please, we don't have bankcard facilities). This covers all expenses, including photocopying, postage, supper and basic materials for workshops.

Timetable:

- **Friday, 7.30 pm:** Activity (Name badge making and a quiz) in the Orchid Function Centre (near the office); light supper provided (i.e. tea, coffee & biscuits).

- **Saturday, 8.45 am:** meet at the Orchid Function Centre. Any items for display can be set up on the trestles provided. Bring textile items of interest, including what you have made or have been working on over the past year, or perhaps something you have found or bought on your travels.

- **Saturday evening** (approx 6:00pm): meet in the Camper's Kitchen for BBQ – see above.

- **Sunday morning (9:00 am)** is 'Show and Tell', where information about the items on display is provided by each contributor. We would also be interested to hear what workshops you attended last year (e.g. Fibre Forum, Fungi-map) and would be delighted to see examples and pictures of what you made there. We'll recap and report on what has been learned during the weekend and have a brief discussion to decide on next year's theme, workshop offers and anything else!

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For new attendees please contact stirlingrangefibreweekend@gmail.com to be put on the mailing list.

Please indicate your attendance to aid with the catering, the quantity of materials being supplied etc.

RSVP - by 1st March. Accommodation is your own responsibility.

To book accommodation:

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Porongurup Spin-in Thursday 26th March.

The spin-in will be held from 10:00 am onwards at the Porongurup Hall, Porongurup Rd. The

\$5 entry fee includes sumptuous morning teas, lunches and afternoon teas. There will be

a display of textiles (bring something for the display). Traders, selling a wide range of

fibre and equipment, will also be present. No need to book in, but any queries please contact either Gail Glen

or Fiona Glen on 9851 1875 bus hours or 9853 1192 a/h