

30th Stirling Range Fibre Weekend

Friday 30th March - Sunday 1st April 2012

Preceded by Porongurup spin-in Thursday 29th March 2012

*The feature craft for 2012 is Felting and the theme for Show & Tell is
"30 years of History of the Fibre Weekend".*

Hello, everyone!

I'm sure we are all looking forward to gathering again in the Stirling Range in 2012. As the Porongurup Spin-In is held on Thursday before the Fibre Weekend, so do consider meeting at this enjoyable gathering (more info. below), then continue up Chester Pass Road to stay at the Stirling Range Retreat on Thursday night - then you'll have all day Friday to do some sightseeing, climb a mountain or two, or sit and spin (or whatever!).

The fibre weekends 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.

Last years Friday night **quilt square activity** went well. For those that still wish to contribute a square, please get it to me before the end of the year, so that the quilt can be made up ready for display. If you don't have your piece of calico, let me know.

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.

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.
- 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 to make resist patterns.
- We have a collection of other items such as pegs, plastic sheeting, tongs and clothes line and we have on hand a couple of boxes of other materials left over from past years for you to make use of.
- For the felting some tops will be supplied out of funds.
- ***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.

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.

Meals:

- You will need to provide all your breakfasts, lunches and dinners for the weekend. The Bluff Knoll Café, over the road from the Retreat, may be open for meals - 'phone 9827 9293.
- 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, morning and afternoon teas and basic materials for workshops.

Timetable:

- **Friday, 7.30 pm:** Activity (Parchment card) 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. Nominated theme for 2012 is **30 years of history of the Fibre Weekend**. We look forward to seeing items made at previous camps, especially some of those made 30 years ago. On display will be the quilt from 2011 and hopefully the earlier combined one as well.
- **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 Gail to be put on the mailing list.

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

To book accommodation:

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Porongurup Spin-in Thursday 29th 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 or Fiona Glen on 9851 1875 bus hours or 9853 1192 a/h.