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Welcome to an exciting year with WAFTA.

The very enthusiastic committee has been working hard behind the scenes to provide a wonderfully interesting and inspirational programme to keep those creative juices flowing. WAFTA was fortunate to spend the evening with India Flint on Sunday February 11 while she was in Perth with the WA Ballet Company Festival as costume designer. Her knowledge of dyeing with natural materials was phenomenal and even had non-dyers fascinated. She showed examples of dyed cloth from workshops she had held around the world along with her very interesting deconstructed and reconstructed clothing. (See the latest Textile Fibre Forum for examples of the costumes). The Embroiderers Guild was a great venue and we had a turnout of over 70 people.

Email

WAFTA Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Morton, will sometimes send messages by group email. It is possible that your SPAM filter will put these emails into your SPAM or Junk email box. You can negate this by registering Heather's email address (praline@bigpond.net.au) as a "safe sender". Contact Heather after hours on 9342 1329 if you need to know more.

Membership Renewals

With this newsletter you will receive an invoice to **renew** your membership. Please choose one of the following payment methods (refer to your invoice for banking details).

- Cheque or money order through the mail
- Direct Deposit into the WAFTA Inc Westpac bank account, by going to the bank
- Electronic funds transfer to the WAFTA Inc bank account using the internet

Check out
the NEW
WAFTA
WEBSITE

www.wafta.com.au

Make a Doll for Africa Uthando Project

Contact Michelle Eastwood on 9201 7717 &
micheleandken@optusnet.com.au

or collect pattern and details at the
next WAFTA meeting on Tuesday 13 March 2007

Take up the challenge with artists and craftspeople from around
the world to provide dolls for AIDS orphans in Africa.

2007 WAFTA Committee

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Position vacant

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Introducing New Committee Members

Karen Langham works full time and is mum to 2 teenagers. She is in the final stages of putting together a WAFTA website. By the time you receive this newsletter it will be up and running so check it out soon. The website will help members stay in touch with events even if you miss a meeting or lose your newsletter! Karen enjoys her involvement with WAFTA and hopes it leads to working with fibre.

Textile artist **Michele Eastwood** has moved into the area of quilting mainly through entering competitions. Of most interest to her is the history of and women's work in quilts. She has used this knowledge to interpret her own families history and up until now has used the image of the dress to represent the women in her family. Michele generally machine stitches the pieces together and adds the images with hand stitching. In 2006 she won the Geelong Wool Quilters Award and has also entered a number of exhibitions around Australia including Stitched and Bound.

Agnes Pallagi joined WAFTA after graduating from Curtin University and wants to keep in touch with what is happening in the textile field. She is interested in contemporary quilting but also knits and hand embroiders. Agnes uses recycled materials whenever she can, drawing on ideas from maps to represent our journey in life. She joined the WAFTA committee to help promote textiles as an artform and also enjoys the support she gets and gives when meeting with like minded people.

Retired lecturer in various art studies **Helen Jones** has a passion for teaching and continues to travel throughout Australia and New Zealand tutoring in many aspects of art. She mainly enjoys working with mixed media - paint, collage, paper and textiles. Helen joined WAFTA a few years ago to keep in touch with what was happening in the textile world and to experience all forms of textile media. She believes being on the committee will enable her to meet interesting people who speak her language and to contribute to an organisation that has given her much enjoyment.

Galleries & Exhibitions

blend(er) gallery

The Joondalup Community Arts Association is seeking applicants who wish to hire the blend(er) gallery for art exhibitions/workshops or other agreed upon projects.

The blend(er) gallery is an exciting creative venue located in the local restaurant and shopping district at 4/48 Central Walk, Joondalup.

blend(er) gallery's features include:

- Over 80 square metres of exhibition space, with over 35 metres of hanging rails
- Over 60 square metres of workshop space
- Air-conditioning, excellent lighting, plinths, movable workshop tables and communal facilities.

Some spaces are available from March 2007. Very reasonable hire fees and conditions apply.

For further information contact:

Judy Rogers

Tuesday – Friday 10am – 2pm

Telephone 9300 3088

Email: news@theblender.org.au

<http://www.theblender.org.au>

Mullalyup Gallery

Have a look at the Mullalyup Gallery website (www.mullalyupgallery.com.au) to see some beautiful woven natural sculptures by Pamela Grima which were recently shown in their Weathered Girl exhibition. This lovely Gallery (also has a very good Café) is situated at 21063 Southwest Highway, Mullalyup.

Exhibition/Display opportunity

Mullalyup Gallery is a unique regional gallery in terms of space and atmosphere that offers artists the opportunity to exhibit to a broad audience.

- Expressions of interest in exhibiting at Mullalyup Gallery from practicing artists are welcome.
- Emerging or professional artists wishing to submit works for display outside exhibition are also encouraged.

www.mullalyupgallery.com.au

Naomie on ph 9764 1006 fax 618 9764 1165

Beyond Fibres

Free exhibition

Beyond Fibres is a joint exhibition brought to you by The University of Western Australia, Mitsui & Co (Australia) Ltd and the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, Japan (Miriakan). This exhibition is travelling outside of Japan for the first time and will be displayed exclusively at the University.

Where:

Molecular and Chemical
Sciences Building, UWA Campus

When:

26 February – 9 March 2007

Monday to Friday

9.30am – 4.30pm

For further information please contact Ms Eva Chye 6488 8685 or Ms Tara Schiller 6488 3263

tara.schiller@uwa.edu.au

www.science.uwa.edu.au/about/events/beyondfibres

The Old Bakery on Eighth Gallery

Showcase One

Textiles, painting and glass
Exhibition open until 18 March 2007

Exhibiting artists:

Jennie Abbott, Carl Altmann

Pam Barbour, Ian Dixon

Enjoy a freshly brewed coffee at
the gallery's new Café
8.00am - 4.00pm

Gallery Hours:

Tuesday-Saturday 10.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 12.00noon - 4.00pm

42 Eighth Avenue, Maylands Ph 9370 3308
galler@oldbakery.com.au www.oldbakery.com.au

Galleries & Exhibitions

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Pojagi and Beyond

Wednesday 4-Saturday 21 April 2007

Moora Fine Art Gallery
95 Gardiner Street
MOORA

Exhibiting artists include Chunghie Lee, Wendy Lugg and Cherry Johnston

This maybe the last opportunity to see this fabulous exhibition

Ellenbrook Gallery

34 Main Street, Ellenbrook

New gallery, small but well situated - close to The Vines and Swan Valley - great space for a single artist or small group exhibition

Contact Sarah on 9297 9900 or
gallery@lwproperty.com.au
Wednesday to Sunday 10am – 2pm

Bridget Waters

Artists in Residence

Thursday 22 – Wednesday 28 February 2007

During this time Bridget will be co-ordinating free art workshops and creating a huge food installation.

City of Wanneroo
Civic Centre Foyer
Dundebar Road, Wanneroo

Spectrum Gallery

Grrr-Freeing the Beast

Friday 9- Saturday 24 March 2007

221 Beaufort St, Northbridge

Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 2-6pm

Exhibiting artists: Nalda Searles, Maria Blaisse Rinske Car-Driesens and John Parks.

<http://www.awaag.org.au/spectrum.htm>

Check these Websites

Bunbury Regional Galleries

www.brag.org.au

Mathematician turns chaos into crochet

www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2007/1834370.htm?tech

Guide to Art in Australia

<http://artnews.com.au/>

Stained Glass to Silk

http://homepage.mac.com/jrcamp/portfolio/JRPortfoliofiles/outreach_professional/inaguralgown.htm

Sex and Religion

<http://mrhk.co.nz>

Knit Bombing

www.knittaplease.com

Beautiful Silk

Supplier of pure silk products. Currently organizing a tour to China departing Australia May 2007.

<http://www.beautifulsilks.com>

The Thread Studio

Beautiful threads, textile art supplies, on-line courses. Full catalogue and ordering on website.

www.thethreadstudio.com.au

Speakers - Tue 13 March

Jo Pickup is a fashion designer and artist in her early 20's shaking the Perth fashion scene. For the past 3 years she has run a self titled fashion label which translates her artwork into wearable clothing and accessory pieces through the process of silk screen printing. She is currently completing her Honours in Fine Arts at UWA while working on her clothing label and art practice. Jo will give a slide presentation of her work and inspirations and latest academic musings on the fashion world.

Past secretary of WAFTA, artist and author **Judith Pinnell** has recently returned from adventuring around Mongolia. Judith caught the train overland from China and received the royal treatment when she arrived in the country's capital. Her travel stories and images are an inspiring insight into this mysterious country, its costumes and connection with the ancient art of felt making.

Workshops

Develop Your Business Skills & Improve Your Business!

Now taking bookings for the following workshops:

- How To Start A New Business - Complimentary
- How To Start A Fashion Label - \$44.00
- How To Save Time In Your Business - \$44.00
- Marketing Today - \$137.00
- How To Grow Your Business - \$44.00
- Media And PR Skills - \$44.00
- Cash Flow Today - \$55.00

Places are limited so book early

You may be eligible for a \$200 Training Voucher to attend any of the above workshops, visit www.gabec.com to complete an application form

Contact Libby or Deepika at
Designedge Fashion Incubator

Phone: 94793777

Fax: 94793888

Email: events@sbcbelmont.com

Bookings: workshops@belmontbec.com

Website: www.belmontbec.com

Catalyst Workshops

Although the Term 1 programme has been postponed until May/June, should you be hankering for some textile therapy, Annie is offering private tuition, one on one (or two or three!!) at her studio in Fremantle.

Annie's skills are many including:

- machine embroidery techniques
- knitting/crochet (larger groups possible)
- design and colour theory
- hand stitching and much more

For more information

Phone: 0414 372 794

Website: www.annierawle.com.au

WOMEN'S Healthworks in Joondalup

Courses for Term 1 2007

Soulplay: An Art Therapy Group for Women
8 week workshop

Personal Journey Mandala for 2007
weekend workshop

**Transformational Doll Making
The Emerging Self**
1 day workshop

For more information ask for Christine
on 9246 3448

info@art-therapy.com.au

www.art-therapy.com.au

For Bookings call 9300 1566

Workshops will be held at
WOMEN'S Healthworks
70 Davidson Terrace, Joondalup

Creative Workshops

With Pam Annesley

Textile & Polymer Clay Workshops

Remida Centre

Old Carine TAFE Library

Cnr Almadine Dr & Marmion Ave Carine

For more information & bookings

0427 424 702

info@textileworkshops.com

www.textileworkshops.com

Fashion Workshop

Demonstrates how to create uniquely individual garments using imaginative and creative processes to transform and reconstruct pre-loved garments.

2 x 6 week workshops

Wednesdays 9.30am – 12.30am

Commencing 21 February and 2 May 2007

Cost \$180 (cash)

Includes scrumptious morning tea

Bookings and enquiries to Christina Newberry:

9444 8405

0417 979 595

Discounts For WAFTA Members

Show your membership card to the following suppliers to save on your purchases

AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY QUILTS

Kathleen Stone
PO Box 742, Rockingham WA 6968
Ph 0401 744 040 Fax 9591 1309
www.australiancountryquilts.com
Printable fabric & Bubble Jet Set distributor
10% off all items (excluding specials)

AUZZIE KID MOHAIR

Margaret Atwell
3456 Toodyay Road, Gidgegannup WA 6063
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llewta@gidgenet.com.au
Raw fibre through to finished yarns. Hand made products. **By appointment only.**
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DALA TEXTILE PRODUCTS

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Fabric paints & medium, gel medium, texture paste, polymer clay, cast paper moulds, sun colours & more. **10% - 15% discount.**

DORMANI YARNS

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Ph 9328 3050 Fax 9328 6696
tony@domani-yarns.com
Brilliant yarn range for all constructed cloth including hand & machine knitting, weaving & machine embroidery. **Discounts available.**

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Email for discount prices

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SILK WORLD/OXBROW AGENCIES

All phone enquiries to Steve
6/7 McNeece Place, O'Connor WA 6163
Ph 9331 5998 Mobile 0429 476 270
Wonderful sample range silk, cottons, etc.
5-15M & all mail order from eastern states
2-3 day delivery, competitive rates.
T-shirting, fleecy, etc is on hand for immediate purchase. **Wholesale prices.**

JAPON

SPECIAL OFFER

Spend \$20 or more at Japon and you will receive "Buy One Get One Free" voucher for Edo Japanese BBQ Restaurant

Minutes of General Meeting followed by AGM

Held on Tuesday, September 12 2006 at Alexander Park Craft House, Menora (Japanese theme night)

Meeting opened: 8.45pm

Present: 22 members

Apologies: 6 members

Minutes read from previous meeting.

General business

- Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 October - Childrens holiday activities - we need people to volunteer.
- 30 September 10am - 4pm Fun day at Craft House \$10 each participant. Demonstrations and displays. Rust and Tannic, silk painting, imitation indigo.
- 18 October - visit to WA Art Gallery Archives, 20 pieces have been selected to show WAFTA members.
- 31 October - Studio visit to Megan Salmon's studio limited to 15 members.
- Canning Vale towel factory is closing down - everything reduced. Details with Jennie Abbott.
- Friday 15 Sept 2006 – Opening of exhibition at Old George Gallery, Fremantle.
- Next month - Old Bakery Gallery is having an exhibition of doll makers. Invitation is in the mail.
- Friday September 15th, 6pm - Exhibition "As We Are" is opening at the State Library. Running for 3 weeks. Refer to Pam Fischer.
- Huge thanks to Pam Fischer our catering officer for tonight's Japanese theme snacks.
- 24 and 25 November 2006 - Jill Hoffman Piesse Brook Craft Fair. Check these dates as they may have changed.
- 10 - 12 November 2006 - Stirling Street Arts Centre, Bunbury is having an Art to Wear Exhibition.
- Denmark Christmas craft market is coming up. Possible sale opportunities, members to advise on dates.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Minutes from last years AGM read by Jennie Abbott.

Chairperson's address to group by Jennie Abbott followed by a humorous poem sent by WA Quilters about what it means to be a member in an association.

Finance report read by Heather Morton and passed by Cherry Johnston and Phyllis Parson. \$6296.66 in account at the start of new financial year 2006/07. A profit of \$935.09 was made.

WAFTA has a total of 117 paid up members.

Election of Office Bearers

All the current committee were thanked for their contribution. Jennie stepped down after serving a maximum of four years as Chairperson. Her contribution was acknowledged and she was thanked for her leadership.

Chair vacated 9.10pm.

The new committee for WAFTA 2006/07 was elected.

Chairperson

Vacant

Secretary

Heather Morton – Renewed

Proposed by Jennie Abbott, Seconded by Lucille Miller

Treasurer

Heather Morton – Renewed

Proposed by Jennie Abbott, Seconded by Lucille Miller

Newsletter Editor

Coryn Keith – Renewed

Proposed by Jennie Abbott

Minutes Secretary

Louise Snook – Renewed

Committee Members

Rae Mail - Renewed

Marlene Page – Renewed

Proposed by Heather Morton

Seconded - Louise Snook

Michele Eastwood - New

Proposed by Margaret Ruane

Seconded Lucille Miller

Helen Jones – New

Proposed by Joan Loek

Seconded Lorelie Smit

Karen Langham – New

Agnes Pallagi - New

No new Chairperson was appointed. Jennie Abbott to advise new committee as required.

Pam Fisher will remain in charge of catering for meetings.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

Signed by Heather Morton

SECRETARY

We are looking for a **Chairperson** and **Committee** member
You would be backed up by our wonderfully supportive committee
Contact Heather Morton
ph: 9342 1329 or email:
praline@bigpond.net.au or any committee member (contacts on Page 1 of this newsletter)

Membership Application Form

- Renewal New Membership

Send to:

Heather Morton, Treasurer
 WAFTA Inc
 PO Box 1376
 SOUTH PERTH WA 6951

Membership Fees (includes 5 newsletters per year)

- \$25.00 Regular/Practitioner
 \$20.00 Student/Concession
 \$20.00 Country Member
 \$25.00 Affiliated Guild,
 Association or Corporate

Name _____

Business Name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ P/Code _____

Phone/Fax _____ (h) _____ (w)

Mobile _____

Email _____

Field of Expertise/Practice _____

I grant permission for WAFTA Inc to publish my name/address/phone as a member of the Association.

- Yes No

Signed _____ Date _____

**Membership runs from
 FEBRUARY to FEBRUARY**

Calender

March

13 Tuesday
 General Meeting
 Speakers Judith Pinnell &
 Jo Pickup (see page 4)

May

8 Tuesday
 General Meeting
 Speaker Graham Hay
 Paperclay & Sculpture artist

July

10 Tuesday
 General Meeting
 Speaker Christina Newberry

August

3, 4, 5 Fri, Sat & Sunday
 Craft Quilt & Stitch Show
 Claremont Showgrounds

September

11 Tuesday
 General Meeting

30 Sunday
 Trade Day

November

13 Tuesday
 General Meeting &
 End of Year Celebration

**General Meetings held 7pm at
 Craft House, Clyde Street, Menora
 Please sign in and pay \$2 at the door
 Fabulous supper provided**