

# CRAFTY FROG

Canberra's No. 1-Stop Needlework Shop - bigger and better than ever before!

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Hello and welcome to only my second Newsletter for 2009!

## EXTENDED HOURS

In order to try and accommodate our wonderful customers and to keep up with demand I am extending my opening hours. From Monday 07 September we will be open from 9am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. The Saturday hours will remain the same ie 9.30am to 3.30pm. So please, spread the word!

## NEW TEACHERS AND CLASSES

This Term I would like to welcome Pat Bootland, Carroll Pichelmann, and Helen Britten to Crafty Frog. Pat will be teaching Goldwork to start off with, but will also be teaching, Stumpwork and Or Neu` in the future!!! Carroll will also be sharing her fabulous creative ideas with us starting with the "ABC's of Crochet". But wait.... there's more Helen Britten will be joining us once a month to guide us in our Creative Tapestries! Of course we still have our fabulous teachers, Christina Armstrong and Lexie James doing Beading, Belinda Ingram does wonderful Embroidery, Ruth Kelly is once again wowing us with her Needle Felting prowess and last but by no means least, Julie Collins will be teaching us how to turn a reel of wire and a bottle of beads into a wearable work of art!!! Can you tell I'm excited!!!

Also the classes are no longer just going to be run on the school Term as I recognise that many people don't have school age kids, or those who do are grateful for an excuse to escape from them in school holidays, so we will continue classes throughout the year! All I need is for you to support my fabulous teachers by attending the classes! As in previous years, if you feel there is a class we are not currently doing, but would love to learn just ask and I will see what can be done!!!

## SALE... SALE... SALE

**\*10 to 50% OFF ALL STOCK FOR ONE DAY ONLY!!**

**SATURDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2009 from 9.30am – 4pm**

**So bring your friends, bring your neighbours and save... save... save!**

**\*(INCLUDES already discounted items, but excludes consignment stock, gift vouchers and classes)**

## LEATHER HIDES

A very limited number of leather hides from deer to kangaroo, goat to lamb, are available at Crafty Frog – just ask to see them. There is, again, a limited range of colours, but the prices are very very good.

## LOCAL LACEMAKER, JENNY REES, LAUNCHES LACE BOOK

Jenny Rees is a very well known Canberra Lacemaker and sought after teacher – she will be teaching at Crafty Frog in the future, so stay tuned!! Jenny lost her home in the 2003 Canberra Bushfires, and along with her home the start of her book. After a long journey I am now very proud, privileged and honoured to announce we are one of only two businesses – the other being the Botanic Gardens – where you can purchase Jenny's fabulous book. For anyone interested in Torchon Lace and looking for new and Australian designs then this is the book for you. It is called "Lace from the Australian Bush – Australian Wildflower Patterns in Torchon Lace" and is sure to become an heirloom. Pop into the shop to have a look and purchase your copy.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Again I am bowing to pressure – happily, of course! Many people have approached me to see whether or not we will do Kids parties, and yes now we will! There will be a maximum of 10 kids (minimum of 5), food and drink in the form of fruit, juice and perhaps some fresh popcorn will be provided, along with the kits needed to make the items required and a present for the birthday person. A basic price for a 2 hour party, inclusive of the above will be \$18.50 per child. Party time will be between 1.30 and 3.30pm on available Saturdays, and will be held at the shop. For further information and bookings, just call me at the shop!

## GENERAL SHOP STUFF

I have to say a huge thank you to all my wonderful customers who continue to not only support their local specialty craft store – Crafty Frog – but also continue to recommend us to their friends and escort them on their first visit to the store – we will continue to endeavour to provide the high level of service and product we have become renowned for. The thing that won't be changing is the free parking at the door, the personal, friendly service and the best selection of embroidery, cross stitch, tapestry, knitting and beading supplies in the Region. Without you, of course, we would not exist! Remember though if you are not able to make it into the shop we are always more than happy to post supplies out to you. Generally within Canberra you'll receive your items the following day and I only charge the postage Aus Post charges me!

## FOLLOW ON VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES

Once again I have to pass on both my thanks and more importantly the thanks of the Salvation Army in Victoria for all the craft items that were donated, packaged and shipped to Victoria. My contacts in the Salvation Army tell me the goodies you donated were snapped up very quickly by appreciative craftspeople – thank you very much. At the time of collection it was decided to keep Christmas related crafts until later (that being now). Those left with the final kitting also decided to make up the donated Christmas goodies into finished products to be donated to Bushfire victims to be placed on their Christmas trees, or to be used to brighten up their homes at Christmas time. To this end we will be having a Working Bee on Wednesday 21 October, starting at 10am and finishing at 4pm. It would be great to see as many people as possible turn up to help out.

## HOUSEKEEPING

If you have received this Newsletter by Snail Mail, but have access to the Internet, PLEASE save lots of trees, money and time by changing to receive it by email. Also if, for whatever reason (including gremlins in the system) you have received the Newsletter and no longer wish to, just ring me at the shop and I'll remove your details immediately. Please also be aware your details are not given out to anyone without your prior approval. I still appear to be having some problems with my Email list, so please bear with me, but let me know if I've mucked up something!!!

Layby is available at the shop and there are now "Terms and Conditions" available for anyone wanting to avail themselves of this service.

Please note that orders will no longer be placed without a Deposit. I will also be enforcing the "deposit" rule on **all** classes.

## CLASSES

**Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds! – Gordon B. Hinckley**

If you are interested in doing a class, but can't see it on the list, or it's not on the day best suited to you, we will try to accommodate, so please ask. Equally if you have a group of friends wanting to do a class together, let me know and we should be able to organise something to suit!

Samples of all the class projects are on display in the shop – if you can't find them, again, just ask!

**It is essential you pre-book for all classes as they tend to fill very quickly! A deposit of 50% of the total class cost is required to secure your place. If Crafty Frog cancel a class, your deposit will be either refunded, or transferred to another class. If, however, you cancel or do not turn up to a class and a replacement is not able to be found, you will forfeit your deposit!**

**Please note** all **original designs** taught remain the property of the teacher concerned and Crafty Frog. Whilst we are happy for you to make and give items taught in our classes, you must ask permission of the teachers before selling completed items and patterns or being paid to teach others.

**Class Costs: \$35 for 3 hours** unless otherwise advised. This cost is exclusive of class requirements, again unless otherwise advised

**Basic Beading** with Lexie

**Date:** Monday 31 August

**Time:** 10am-1pm

All the basics and more! Learn how to make bracelets, necklaces and earrings, attach findings and much more.

**Basic Needle Felting** with Ruth

**Dates:** Wednesday 02 September OR Saturday 03 October OR Friday 09 October

**Time:** 10am-1pm

Learn the techniques of this amazing craft whilst completing a scarf and journal cover (time permitting).

**ABC's of Crochet** with Caroll Pichelmann

**Dates:** Thursday 3 & 17 September OR Saturday 12 & 26 September

**Time:** 10am-1pm

**Cost:** \$70

Grab your balls of yarn, any crochet hooks you may have laying around and come and play. Caroll will not only teach you to crochet, but to create a bag or a garment from your scraps of yarn. This class is bound to fill up quickly, so don't delay!!!! Don't have crochet hooks or yarn, don't worry – there's stacks to choose from at the shop.

**Embroidery with Belinda****Dates:** Friday 04 OR Tuesday 15 September OR Thursday 01 October **Time:** 10am – 1pm

You chose the project from one of many on display or bring one along. Whether you want to do a basic introduction/refresher or advanced course in Candlewicking, Silk Ribbon Embroidery, Embellished Prints, Smocking, Wool Embroidery or more, then this is the class for you. Do one or all of the classes at \$35 per 3 hour class – excluding kits.

**Basic Gold work Initial with Pat****Dates:** Tuesdays 8 & 22 September OR Saturday 10 & 24 October **Times:** 10am-1pm **Cost:** \$70

Let Pat guide you through the wonders of Gold work and produce your own initial, or a gift for a friend.

**Brick stitch with Lexie****Date:** Wednesday 09 September **Time:** 10am-1pm

Chose one of Lexie's many projects to make while learning this basic beading technique.

**Learn to Cross Stitch with Laura****Date:** Friday 11 September OR Thursday 22 October **Time:** 10m-1pm

Whether you're a complete beginner, or just wanting to iron out a few problems, Laura will guide you through step by step.

**Learn to Loom Bead with Christina****Date:** Saturday 19 September **Time:** 10am – 1pm **Cost:** \$40 includes pattern

Learn to use a bead loom and create either a bracelet or bookmark – chose from one of Christina's many designs. Please note you must bring your own loom to this class. (Looms are available for purchase at the shop)

**Creative Tapestry with Helen****Dates:** Saturday 24 October, OR 07 November, OR 05 December **Time:** 1.30-3.30pm **Cost:** \$20 per class

Bring your tapestry along and be guided and taught by Helen who is an accredited teacher.

**Peyote Stitch Project with Lexie****Date:** Monday 21 September **Time:** 10am-1pm

Chose from one of Lexie's many fabulous Peyote designs including bracelets, brooches, earrings or needle cases.

**Advanced Needle felting with Ruth****Date:** Wednesday 23 September, Friday 23 October OR Saturday 21 November **Time:** 10am-1pm

After exploring the basics use your new found skills to create a vessel, a bag, or even slippers.

**KidzKlub with Jenny and Amanda****Dates:** Saturday 26 September, 31 October, 28 November **Time:** 1.30-3.30pm **Cost:** \$16.50

Kidz will be individually guided through projects from beading to needlework and beyond. Encouraging creativity, and design whilst teaching the basics of many crafts – great fun for kids from ages 5 to 15.

**Herringbone Stitch with Lexie****Date:** Wednesday 30 September **Time:** 10am – 1pm

Chose from Lexie's designs a project you would like to work on whilst learning this technique.

**Bead Embellished Biscornu with Lexie****Dates:** Wednesday 7 & 14 October **Time:** 10am-1pm **Cost:** \$70

Use basic cross stitch and bead embellishment techniques to complete this shapely pin or brooch cushion.

**Beaded Dimensional Spiral Bracelet or Necklace with Christina****Date:** Saturday 10 October **Time:** 1.30-4.30pm**Wire Knitted Bracelet or Necklace with Julie****Date:** Tuesday 13 October **Time:** 10am-1pm

Create a stunning knitted bracelet or necklace using an assortment of beads and a reel of wire!

**Beaded Christmas Balls with Lexie****Date:** Friday 16 or Saturday 31 October **Time:** 10am-1pm

Create this year's decorations and next year's heirlooms

**Bead Embroidery with Christina****Date:** Saturday 17 October **Time:** 10am-1pm

Learn the simple technique of bead embroidery

**BUSHFIRE CHRISTMAS DECORATION MAKING DAY – WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER**