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From the Crafts Expo Section Head

Welcome to the spring edition of the Crafts Expo-Sure Newsletter!

What a Crafts Expo it was last February! If you did not visit the Coorong Pavilion during the Royal Canberra Show you missed out on seeing some brilliant pieces of craft, the period costumes worn by all the Stewards and the fabulous maypoles and decorations adorning the building inside and out to celebrate the centenary of Canberra. We received a great deal of positive feedback on the displays, it has set a precedent for next year now!

The Crafts Expo Schedule is now available. You should have received yours through the post. Otherwise the

Schedule can be downloaded from the RNCAS website. You will also notice some changes to the Entry Form for 2014, the most significant being the additional payment methods to make entering even easier.

The theme for the 2014 Crafts Expo is "Landmarks", which is expected to inspire a great deal of creativity and ingenuity amongst exhibitors.

I have just returned from a month's holiday in the USA. I just have to tell you about Hobby Lobby, an art and craft chain store that I frequented more than once. I was in heaven! The range of craft supplies and home wares was unbelievable and extremely cheap. I was lucky enough to strike a half price sale to top it off! If you are going to the USA, be sure to find a Hobby Lobby. They are in most cities and big towns.

Happy crafting, Kay

2013 Crafts Expo Debrief:

There were over 1200 entries for the 2013 Crafts Expo. A good proportion of these entries were in the 'Centenary of Canberra' categories across the various subsections. Even though the number of entries was down this year, the judges believed the quality of the exhibits was superior to previous years.

Preparations for 2014 Expo

It will be hard to live up to the success of 2013. However, planning for the 2014 Crafts Expo is underway and we intend to make 2014 just as interesting and eye catching with our theme of "Landmarks". Let your imagination meander through geographical or architectural landmarks from around the world or maybe focus on those

that are pure Australian. It may be as simple as your favourite holiday destination.

The Crafts Expo Schedule will continue to have your favourite classes including the Great Canberra Scarf Competition. Please note that the Machine Knitting and Handknitting Subsections have been amalgamated. The subsection will now be called "Knitting" and will include both handknitting and machine knitting.

Also note that there has been a small increase in the entry fees. However, every fifth entry is free! So five entries costs no more than last year.

2014 theme is "LANDMA RKS"

Due Date for Entries:

How fast has this year gone! Don't forget that your Crafts Expo entry forms are due 13 December 2013 and exhibits are to be delivered to the Coorong Pavilion on 16 February 2014.

Delivery of
exhibits is
Sunday 16th
February 10am
– 12 noon.

Crafts Expo Feedback

The Craft Committee is always interested in your feedback on the previous years Crafts Expo. One of our objectives is to continually improve the Expo. Whilst our focus is improving processes, we would like to know what your views are, including: what would you like to see at the Crafts Expo that is different or what were the most interesting parts of the Crafts Expo or what were the least interesting? This will allow us to improve the Crafts Expo and cater to all interests. You can provide your feedback to the Section Head through the RNCAS Office on 6241 2478.

Craft Tips

Here are another few craft tips to make your craft even more enjoyable....

Craft Tip #5: Tobacco or black pepper are natural moth repellents. Also, bay leaves, cedar, cloves, cinnamon, eucalyptus, lavender, rosemary, or wormwood will keep away unwanted bugs. Always clean garments before storing.

Craft Tip #6: Never leave a mistake even if it requires much time to remove - the mistake will always show.

Previous craft tips can be found in previous Crafts Expo-Sure Newsletters, available on the RNCAS/Craft Website.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Keep these dates in mind!!

Entry Forms due	13 Dec '	13

Chief Stewards Meeting 16 Jan '14
Chief Stewards Meeting 13 Feb '14
Working Bee 15 Feb '14

Delivery of exhibits 16 Feb '14

10am - 12 noon

Judging 16–17 Feb '14
Pavilion setup 18–20 Feb '14

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