



Membership program



Craft ACT is one of the longest continuous running visual arts membership organisations in Australia.

50 years of sustaining the practice of craft, locally, nationally and internationally.

Be a part of the creative, professional community at Craft ACT and connect into the vibrant contemporary craft and design scene locally and nationally.

Receive support through membership benefits and exhibition opportunities for those pursuing a professional career in contemporary craft and object design.



Tom Skeeahan, Thought - Process exhibition, 2015. Photo: Dream Pieces

Membership categories

We have five levels of membership to suit every interest, scroll threw to discover the member benefits for each category.



Accredited Professional Membership

\$250.00 p/a

Accredited Professional Members are Craft and Design practitioners who have local, national and international experience and standing. Craft ACT offers APM's access to premium members only and early invitation benefits.

Benefits

- Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance Package
- Opportunity to apply to present current work in the Annual Members Exhibition
- Invitation to apply for members only Craft ACT Artists-in-Residence program
- Participation fees waived for selected Design Canberra programs
- Personalised page in the Members Directory on the Craft ACT website
- Access to professional development courses and workshops
- 10% discount on participating Australian Craft & Design Centre (ACDC) stores; JamFactory, Australian Design Centre's Object Shop, Design Tasmania
- 10% discount at Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to apply to sell work through Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to be invited to exhibit work in Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra signature exhibitions
- Access to Craft ACT Facebook group, for discussions and collaborations
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings

Kirstie Rea, Accredited Professional Member since 1994



Rene Linssen, Associate Member since 2016

Craft + Design Maker Plus Membership

\$250.00 p/a

Associate members are emerging and established craft and design practitioners who have strong local experience and engagement. Craft ACT offers AM's the following:

Benefits

- Public Liability Insurance and Personal Accident Insurance Package
- Opportunity to apply to present current work in the Annual Members Exhibition
- Invitation to apply for members only Craft ACT Artists-in-Residence program
- Participation fees waived for selected Design Canberra programs
- Personalised page in the Members Directory on the Craft ACT website
- Access to professional development courses and workshops
- 10% discount on participating Australian Craft & Design Centre (ACDC) stores; JamFactory, Australian Design Centre's Object Shop, Design Tasmania
- 10% discount at Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to apply to sell work through Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to be invited to exhibit work in Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra signature exhibitions
- Access to Craft ACT Facebook group, for discussions and collaborations
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings



Rene Linssen, Associate Member since 2016

Craft + Design Maker Plus Membership (without insurance)

\$180.00 p/a

Associate members are emerging and established craft and design practitioners who have strong local experience and engagement. Craft ACT offers AM's the following:

Benefits

- Opportunity to apply to present current work in the Annual Members Exhibition
- Invitation to apply for members only Craft ACT Artists-in-Residence program
- Participation fees waived for selected Design Canberra programs
- Personalised page in the Members Directory on the Craft ACT website
- Access to professional development courses and workshops
- 10% discount on participating Australian Craft & Design Centre (ACDC) stores; JamFactory, Australian Design Centre's Object Shop, Design Tasmania
- 10% discount at Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to apply to sell work through Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to be invited to exhibit work in Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra signature exhibitions
- Access to Craft ACT Facebook group, for discussions and collaborations
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings



Kristina Neumann, General Member since 2016

Craft + Design Maker Membership

\$66.00 p/a

General members join an engaged community focused cohort that have access the the following benefits:

Benefits

- Access to Craft ACT Facebook group, for discussions and collaborations
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings
- Access to professional development courses and workshops
- 10% discount on participating Australian Craft & Design Centre (ACDC) stores; JamFactory, Australian Design Centre's Object Shop, Design Tasmania
- 10% discount at Craft ACT SHOP
- Opportunity to apply to sell work through Craft ACT SHOP
- Invitation to apply for members only Craft ACT Artists-in-Residence program
- Participation fees waived for selected Design Canberra programs
- Opportunity to be invited to exhibit work in Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra signature exhibitions



Craft ACT retail stockists. Photo: Lean Timms

Craft + Design Lover Membership

\$110.00 p/a

Not a maker but want to support Craft ACT? Join our annual Craft + Design Lover membership for access to event invitations, discounts and the latest news. Your annual Membership fee will directly support Craft ACT to create greater opportunities for our community of craftspeople and designers, and for the growing audience who admire and appreciate the beauty, skill and excellence of their work.

Your generosity supports our organisation as an advocate for contemporary craft and design in Canberra and beyond. Help us to shape a handmade and creative future through exhibitions, events, residencies, professional development and commissions, as well as the annual DESIGN Canberra festival..

Benefits

- 10% off in the Craft ACT store
- 10% off DESIGN Canberra tickets (Craft ACT run events only)
- 10% off at other Craft + Design organisation stores (JamFactory, Australian Design Centre, Design Tasmania, Artisan, Craft Victoria and Garland subscriptions)
- Complimentary gift wrapping
- Free access to family workshops
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings
- Access to professional development courses and workshops



Previous student member, Daniel Leone.

Student Membership

Free

Student members connect to the Craft ACT craft and design community through the following benefits:

Benefits

- Access to Craft ACT Facebook group, for discussions and collaborations
- Receive Craft ACT and DESIGN Canberra festival newsletters
- Receive invitations to Craft ACT exhibition openings
- Access to professional development courses and workshops

Membership Benefits



DESIGN
CANBERRA
FESTIVAL
2017

LUCY
IRVINE



DESIGN Canberra festival

Design is in Canberra's DNA and the annual DESIGN Canberra Festival is a celebration of all things design. From the time of Walter and Marion Griffin's visionary design a century ago, to iconic experimental modernist architecture of the 1950s and 60s, through to contemporary and sustainable design developments today, Canberra has been – and will always be – a living design laboratory.

DESIGN Canberra celebrates and promotes Canberra as a global city of design with events, exhibitions, talks, tours, markets, artist studios and open homes. The festival is run annually, each November. Craft ACT members receive exclusive benefits including being able to take part in the open studio program, run workshops, show in exhibitions, feature in large scale installations and more.

DESIGN Canberra is the major outreach activity for Craft ACT: Craft + Design Centre — a not-for-profit membership based organisation which supports local artists, designers and makers at every stage of their careers. The festival is delivered in collaboration with industry, associations and educational institutions committed to the design arts and creative industries in Canberra.





Open Studios Program

Open Studios have been a feature of DESIGN Canberra since the 2014 festival. An Open Studio is a unique opportunity for the general public to engage directly with artists and designers, to learn about, and hopefully to purchase their work. Collectively, the program also makes an invaluable contribution to DESIGN Canberra's efforts to create a culture that values craft artists and designers and the work they produce.

As we work hard to attract new and more diverse audiences for design, Open Studios are a revealing part of the festival's offering and one of the main ways we aim to give benefit back to Craft ACT members.

We encourage studio artists to create an experience for visitors while being authentic to your craft. Each year we are impressed with the diversity of studio events, from hosting workshops, scheduling live demonstrations, collaborating with other makers, to creating an atmospheric day with music, food and retail. Last year over 5,300 people attended Open Studios over two days. Open Studios are a fantastic way to build your creative community and the more inviting the experience, the better.





Artist- in-residence program

Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre manages this acclaimed Artist-in-Residence program and collaborates with arts organisations, educational institutions and national cultural institutions, and industry. Through these linkages we create opportunities for artists and designers to develop and maintain successful professional practices.

For over ten years, Craft ACT has collaborated with the ACT Parks and Conservation Service to offer residencies for artists to translate the beautiful and infinitely variable qualities of both craft and nature to the contemporary world. Held annually at Namadgi Gudgenby Ready-Cut Cottage, the residency brings stillness, solitude and space to artists and culminates in an exhibition at Craft ACT: Craft + Design Centre.



Marilou Chagnaud, Functional Shadows exhibition, 2018. Photo: 5 Foot Photography



Exhibition call out

The annual artistic program showcases and supports recent graduates and early career artists, high-calibre and iconic practitioners, as well as craft and design researchers. Every proposal is assessed by a panel of respected artists across the craft mediums of ceramics, textiles, glass, jewellery and furniture, as well as design.

This rigorous 'peer review' approach is considered the gold standard in the arts sector, helping to promote excellence, represent diversity and remain at the cutting edge in contemporary craft and design. Selection is highly competitive every year. Craft ACT receives more applications than can be accommodated.

The call out is typically opens in February each year for the following year's artistic program.





Professional development workshops

Craft ACT is dedicated to supporting our members through professional development workshops and seminars. These run throughout the year and act as a platform for early to established artists to extend and share their professional skills and knowledge.

Previous professional development programs have included, photography workshops, styling workshops, Ready Set Market, CO:LAB, MAKE:OVER and more.



Craft ACT retail stockists, Jenni Kemarre Martiniello, Wayne Simon, Tjanpi Desert Weavers. Photo: Lean Timms



Stock in our shop

The Craft ACT shop carries unique handmade items from some of Australia's leading craft practitioners.

Stock Selection Criteria is assessed by the following points:

Design concept and functionality are demonstrated in the completed product.

All artwork has a sales potential and is aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

The artwork is original and innovative.

All work is produced and made within Australia

Applications are on a consignment basis and are reviewed regularly.

You're a Craft ACT member

The Craft ACT shop is a location for artisanal objects, which sit in the broader context of Australian craft and design. Our aim is to connect people with bespoke objects for their homes rather than throw away items.

Our GM, AM and AMP membership levels give you the opportunity to stock your work in our shop. Find out more about our membership program [here](#).

Any further questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact the retail coordinator at shop@craftact.org.au



Craft ACT annual members exhibition, 2018. Photo: 5 Foot Photography

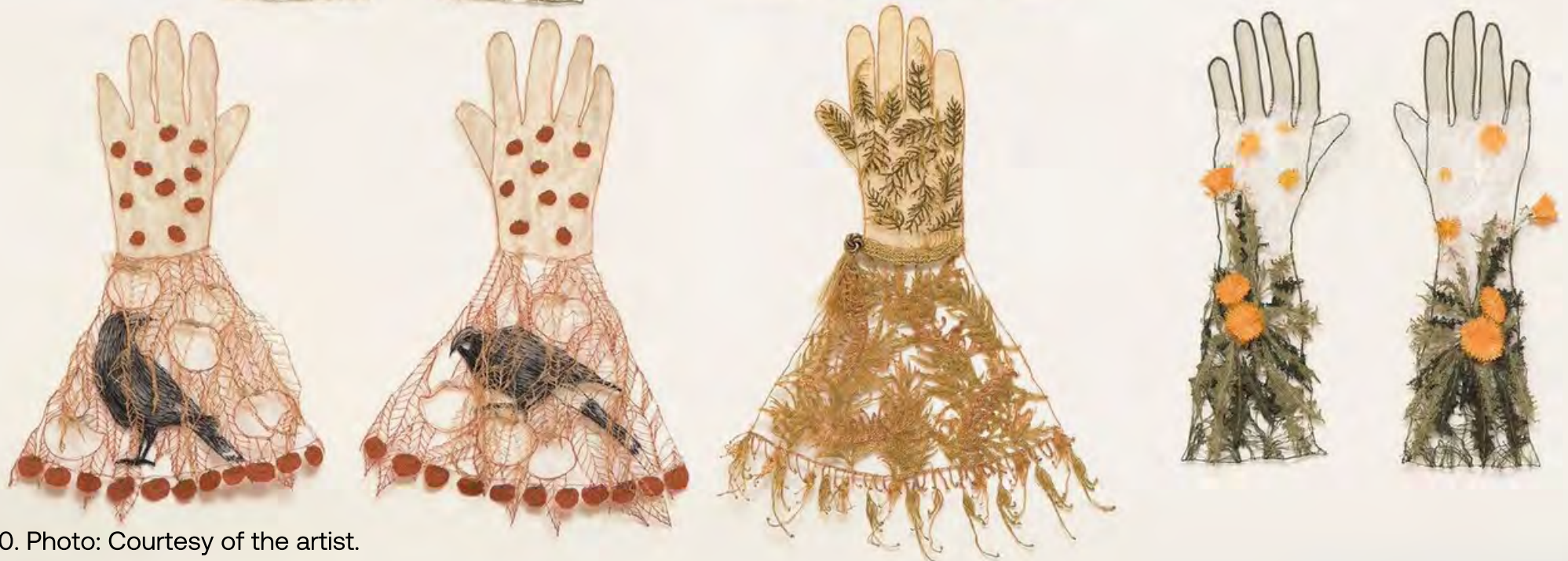


Craft ACT annual members exhibition, 2018. Photo: 5 Foot Photography

Annual members exhibition

Curated by Craft ACT, this is showcase exhibition demonstrating the trends in contemporary craft and design in Australia by accredited practitioners from the ACT and surrounding region.

Every year, Craft ACT defines a theme for the members exhibition which helps us to communicate the importance of contemporary craft, and appeals to audiences, collectors and media.



Sharon Peoples, winner of the APM CAPO award, 2020. Photo: Courtesy of the artist.



CAPO awards

Craft ACT: Craft + Design Centre sponsors two awards as part of the acclaimed annual CAPO awards. The Craft ACT awards will support contemporary craft practitioners, designers and makers who are current members of Craft ACT.

CAPO seeks to foster the highest standards of excellence in the arts and contribute to cultural development in Canberra. Craft ACT is pleased to sponsor two cash awards and partner with this vital organisation.

Craft ACT outstanding practice award - \$2000

\$2000 will be awarded to the winner of the Craft ACT outstanding practice award to create new work. Applicants must be a current Craft ACT Accredited Professional Member (APM) and the work will be featured in the following year's Craft ACT members show.

Craft ACT emerging artist award - \$500

\$500 will be awarded to the winner of the Craft ACT emerging artist prize. Applicants must be an early career (first 5 years of practice) artist and current Craft ACT General or Associate Member. This award will support the development of work which will be featured in the annual Craft ACT Emerging Contemporaries exhibition.

NU - 1786

FE - 804

FRONT | CENTRE

DESIGN INSTITUTE
OF AUSTRALIA

SPICERS

SCHIAVELLO

GREEN MAGAZINE

CN - 1623

CADRY'S
1922

CADRY'S
1922

C
A
D
R
Y
S

FE - 804

IS

MOSK

NU - 1786

FRONT | CENTRE

3617 ENOC™ Architectural Finishes is
a self-adhesive product range that can
be applied to a wide variety of surface
materials, allowing infinite creativity.
With the addition of 235 new patterns
that incorporate the latest trends,
more than 1000 different designs are
now available. ENOC™ is suitable for
multiple fields of use, from walling
with steel partitions to refurbishing
the ceiling and furniture. It is a great
product option for a reduced but
maximum redesign of spaces.

Front Centre 2019 have applied 3617
ENOC™ Architectural Finishes in these
different displays:
Compass CN 1623, Table FE 804 and
Table NU 1786.

Experience greater design freedom
with 3617 ENOC™ Architectural
Finishes from System.





Interiors Australia + DENFAIR

DENFAIR is Australia's highly curated fair for authentic contemporary furniture and lighting.

DENFAIR is accompanied by its sister show Interiors Australia. Together, Interiors Australia and DENFAIR, combine to create the most comprehensive design event for interior architecture and design seen in Australia for many years.

A selection of Craft ACT members will be a part of the Australia's Next Top Designers: Championing the Next Generation of Design Showcase. This exhibition will shine a spotlight on emerging designers, makers and creatives, Australia's Next Top Designer's Showcase and Awards curates an array of breakthrough products and concepts shaping the future of design.

This is an opportunity for creatives from all across Australia to place their work in front of industry-leading adjudicators, who select the most outstanding works for a final shortlist.

Contact us

Call Craft ACT on (02) 6262 9333 or email membership@craftact.org.au to make any enquires.

