

FRIENDS OF THE HIGHWAY GALLERY

Newsletter - April 2016 Convenor: Marie Donald

🌸 *Message from the Convenor*

Welcome to several new members to the HG Friends. We trust you enjoy your association with the Gallery and involvement with Community Arts.

We have just celebrated Easter and now we prepare for "Material Girls". For nearly a decade our Friends group has been keen to stage an International Textile Exhibition. This is now about to take place under the title of "Material Girls". Your **Invitation to the Opening** and **Booking Form** included with this Newsletter.

🌸 *Friends' Coffee Mornings- 1st Monday of each month at 10:30 am*

Report of Monday March 7, 2016 - Ms Jo Powell, Secretary MIA

It was great to have the MIA (Museum of Indonesian Arts) Exhibition in the Gallery for our March Coffee Morning showcasing the work of 5 Indonesian Artists who live in Melbourne.

We were privileged to have Jo Powell, Secretary of MIA, to speak to us about the activities of MIA and to hear about the artists involved with the Exhibition.

Monday April 4, 2016 Speaker - Jenny Ruffy, City of Monash

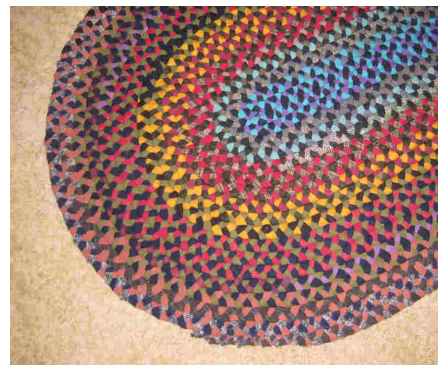
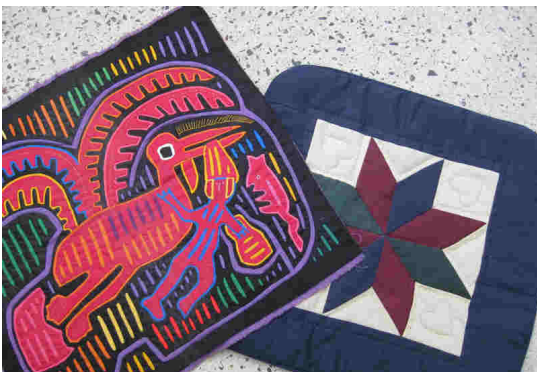
Jenny's topic will be "**Arts and Cultural Development in Local Government in the 21st century.**"

Many of you will remember Jenny as she worked in the Arts and Culture area of the City of Monash prior to about 7 years ago so she is back now well aware of the passion the HG Friends have for 14 The Highway.

The Council wish to speak to the Community, to seek their opinions and advice, about the process they should follow in developing Community Arts facilities. Many of you have ideas and suggestions.

We will also be talking about "Material Girls" Exhibition on Monday April 4. Whilst this Exhibition is being sponsored by the City of Monash most of the team putting it together are members of HG Friends.

If any of you wish to bring the items for exhibit you are welcome to bring them on April 4, otherwise the day for delivery in Wednesday April 13 from 10 am



Left: Mola appliqué panel, Panama
Textile Art of the Kuna Indians of Panama
Right: Amish patchwork and quilted cushion

Amish braided rug for family home
use in Pennsylvania
Made from recycled materials

 ***Current and Forthcoming Exhibitions at The Highway Gallery:***

"Material Girls" **Apr 16 to May 8**
A celebration of material textiles from around the world.
Details and your invitation to the Opening included.

Fashion Parade, **Wed April 20 at 7 pm**
 Tickets are now available at \$20 and must be **pre purchased.**
 Lina is taking bookings on **0416 120 739** or Marj **0417 146 394**
 Tickets will be available for purchase at the Coffee Morning next Monday.

Reconciliation Week - details in May Newsletter **May 16 to 29**

CPCVA **June 1 to 12**
Chinese Photography Club of Victoria, Australia

MCFA **June 18 to 30**
Paintings by members of the Monash Chinese Friendship Association

 ***Other events of arts interest:***

"Mind the Gap" *Opening Sat April 9, 4:30pm to 6:30pm* **April 2 to May 28**
Work of 6 East Timor artists addressing social and cultural issues on our doorstep at the Maroondah Access Gallery, 32 Greenwood Ave, Ringwood. *mag@maroondah.vic.gov.au*
MAG is a Community Arts initiative, supported by the Maroondah City Council

"Patterns of Islands" *Decorative Art Styles of Indonesia* **May 8 to 31**
Official Opening: Sun May 15 at 3pm at the MGA

The Highway Gallery, 14 The Highway, Mount Waverley 3149
Opening times - Wednesday to Sunday 12:00 noon to 4:00 or by appointment
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