

Established in 1981, the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild seeks to promote the traditional skills of hand bookbinding and to exert a progressive influence on bookbinding design and technique. The interests of Guild members include traditional craft bookbinding, contemporary design bindings, book repairs and conservation, letterpress printing and alternative book arts experimentation. The Guild meets every second month and welcomes new members. More information about the guild can be found at **www.canberrabookbinders.org.au** 



Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild

### An exhibition of recent works by members of the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild

#### Venue

Civic Library Mezzanine Gallery, London Circuit, Canberra City 14 September – 6 October 2018

Monday - Friday 10.00am-5.30pm Saturday 10.00am-4.00pm

#### Thank You

Special thanks to Libraries ACT for its ongoing support of the exhibitions of the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild.

#### Participating Bookbinders & Book Artists

Nicky BAZLEY-SMITH Lee BRATT Monica CARROLL Dario CASTELLO Lyndell DOBBS **Roslyn HUMPHREYS** Chris JOHNSON Erika MORDEK Monica OPPEN **Beverley QUENAULT** Barbara SCHMELZER Wendy TAYLOR John TONKIN Joy TONKIN Marilyn TOWNSEND **Terence UREN** Marama WARREN Vicki WOOLLEY

#### **Exhibition Coordination**

Nicky BAZLEY-SMITH Gini HOLE Roslyn HUMPHREYS Beverley QUENAULT Terence UREN Vicki WOOLLEY

#### An introduction to the exhibition

Our challenge mini exhibition in December 2017, was described as 'a tour de force of quirkiness, elegance, innovation which indicated, in many cases, control over bookbinding techniques, and it also displayed how members had pushed themselves to create interiors (or exteriors) which were highly inventive and showed both artistic and technical skills.'

An apt description for Guild 18 ...

GUILD 18, recent work by members of the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild. The 37 works by 18 local and interstate exhibitors, show the creative diversity amongst members. Artists' books and book sculptures sit comfortably side by side with contemporary bindings. There is the evidence that each is influencing the other in design and creation.

The outside, the inside and container represented.

*Outside* - resin, steel, manipulated leather, stone veneer, paste papers, dyed muslin, handmade bookcloth, 'Tudor' overlap, inlays, onlays, tooling and vellum.

*Inside* - articulated leather, felting, silk fibres and eco dyed papers, graphite drawings, watercolour paintings, hand printed etchings, gelatine prints and paint brushes.

Container - elliptical, jigsaw, quarter round, cabinet de curiosité and dos-à-dos containers.

The exhibition includes a number of works made in response to the Guild's 2017 challenge, dos-à-dos. A minimum of two to a maximum of five volumes bound together, proportions the makers choice. The content of each volume related by a theme. A cover design suggestive of the nature of the work, without giving it all away, while appealing to the viewer's curiosity.

2017 Conference, workshops, demonstrations at meetings and drop-in Saturdays have opened access to ideas, many techniques and people happy to share their skills. A stimulus to explore with others, experiment with techniques and learn skills.

Our appreciation and many thanks to members Nicky Bazley-Smith our photographer and Terence Uren our designer, collaborating to produce the catalogue and advertising imagery.

Thank you to all those individuals for your assistance behind the scenes ensuring all runs smoothly.

To all the members, thank you for submitting your wonderful art for exhibition.

A digital catalogue to share the diversity of members work in styles, designs and materials. A stimulus for all to create and enjoy the art of binding.

Vicki Woolley President Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild



#### Nicky BAZLEY-SMITH Romantic Nature Nicky Bazley-Smith et al

Case binding

Marbled paper covered boards, hand coloured bookcloth spine. Decorative stitching. Fifteen hand printed etchings and inkjet text on Hahnemuhle paper.

150mm x 110mm x 20mm



#### Lee BRATT The Earth is Hollow Dimitris Tzoumacas

Cased-in Coptic binding

Pre-printed book block. Resin, paper, felt. Housed in a drop-side box

255mm x 195mm x 60mm



Lee BRATT Dos à Dos Cabinet de Curiosité

Book Sculpture

3-drawer cabinet covered with book cloth/embossed leather. Felting, silk paper, silk fibres, seed pods, 3 dos à dos bindings.

145mm x 125mm x 175mm



#### Monica CARROLL Triage Monica Carroll & Adam Dickerson

Loose leaves Box board, paper, cotton, steel. Housed in four-fold phase box.

162mm x 118mm x 22mm



Dario CASTELLO The Gathering Canberra 2011 Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild

Case binding

Morocco spine and inlay. Laotian handmade paper. Erratically tooled title.

240mm x 175mm x 23mm



### Dario CASTELLO

Randall Davies Books of Nonsense Paul W Nash

Flat spine laced-in binding

Japanese cloth. Original woodcut and print by the binder. Endpapers digitally reproduced from book illustration.

235mm x 170mm x 30mm



Dario CASTELLO Bordeaux International Exhibition of Wines 1882 Legislative Assembly of NSW

Case binding

Morocco spine and corners. Payhembury hand marbled papers. Slipcase.

295mm x 220mm x 25mm



#### Lyndell DOBBS Alice in Wonderland Lewis Carroll

Accordion fold dos à dos binding

Fabriano Artistico 200gsm paper, cut-out silhouette. Graphite quotations and illustrations.

190mm x 100mm x 15mm



#### Lyndell DOBBS Untitled

Accordion fold stab binding

Fabriano Artistico 200gsm paper, design with walnut ink. Cut out letter silhouette.

230mm x 160mm x 4mm



#### Lyndell DOBBS Envelope Book

Origami binding Handmade book cloth. Watercolour paper.

180mm x 120mm x 5mm



#### **Roslyn HUMPHREYS** All the World's a Stage

Book sculpture

Paint brushes, 300gsm paper, acrylic paint, pen, ribbon embellishments, Coptic sewing.

310mm x 265mm x 90mm



Chris JOHNSON Articulated Staple Workshop Binding

Articulated stapled binding

Kangaroo and pig suede leather. Made at a five-day Canberra workshop with Coleen Curry.

208mm x 150mm x 12mm



#### Chris JOHNSON Recipe Book

Stab sewn 'Tudor' overlap binding

Various coloured goat leathers. Second volume of a set collecting hand-written recipes.

155mm x 215mm x 18mm



Erika MORDEK Foucault's Pendulum Umberto Eco

Case binding

Cloth covered rebind with gold tooled elements. Sewn headbands.

210mm x 145mm x 35mm



Erika MORDEK The Prophet Kahlil Gibran

Islamic/experimental miniature bindings

Set of 2. Islamic binding in kangaroo leather with Islamic headband. Experimental binding in leather with gold tooling

60mm x 75mm x 20mm



#### **Monica OPPEN**

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Through the Looking Glass – What Alice Found There Lewis Carroll

> Laced-in dos à dos binding Goat leather.

158mm x 110mm x 40mm



Monica OPPEN The Chronicle of Jocelin of Brakelond, Monk of St Edmundsbury Jocelin of Brakelond (translation LC Lane)

Laced-in binding

Goat leather, crash canvas cloth.

155mm x 130mm x 30mm



#### Beverley QUENAULT Leather Play

Articulated binding with suede tackets

Craquelled and dyed kangaroo leather, dyed suede, distressed tissue doublures.

150mm x 117mm x 16mm



#### Beverley QUENAULT Criss Cross

Secret Belgian binding

Paper covers, leather spine linen stitching, Procion eco-dyed papers, mark making.

178mm x 113mm x 19mm



#### Beverley QUENAULT Black and Gold

Non-adhesive binding

Marbled paper covers, bookcloth borders, link stitched, embossed leather tapes, button decoration. Rusted, eco-dyed, Sumi inked papers.

213mm x100mm x 19mm



Barbara SCHMELZER Silbernes Seil und Goldene Schale Robert von Radetzky

Limp vellum binding

Decorated calf vellum cover sewn onto alum tawed pigskin with Fabriano endpapers.

228mm x 153mm x 10mm



#### Barbara SCHMELZER Will There Be Words Alan Loney

Stone veneer binding (after Sün Evrard)

Stone veneer, Cave and Japanese handmade papers, wood, staples.

245mm x 162mm x 11mm



Wendy TAYLOR Poets and Their Poetry Wendy Taylor et al

Simplified binding

Leather spine paste paper covers. Laser printed on Zerkall book paper.

210mm x 140mm x 7mm



Wendy TAYLOR Homage to Bruno Munari

Dos à dos binding

Wordless book. Hand cut coloured pages enclosed in light card cover. Includes text on Munari's wordless book philosophy.

100mm x 100mm x 4mm



#### John TONKIN The Mongrel Bush Mark O'Connor

Simplified miniature binding

Leather spine and fore-edges, decorated paper boards, onlay title. Housed in an elliptical lidded box with leather edges and covered in decorated papers.

69mm x 52mm x 8mm



#### Joy TONKIN My Country Dorothea Mackellar

Simplified miniature binding

Leather spine and boards, manipulated kangaroo leather onlay, onlay title. Nepalese endpapers, leather headbands, painted head. Housed in an elliptical lidded box.

63mm x 54mm x 7mm



Marilyn TOWNSEND Plumage Marilyn Townsend

Crown binding with wrap Card, paper, Kozo, feather.

82mm x 55mm x 15mm



#### Marilyn TOWNSEND Special Ts

Case binding with decorative Ts Book cloth, marbled paper, Hahnemuhle signatures.

154mm x mm x 20mm



#### Marilyn TOWNSEND Nature's Patterns Plus Marilyn Townshend

Modified Japanese stab binding

Kozo backed cotton drill bookcloth, 3ply coloured silk thread, gelatine prints, 150gsm Hahnemuhle paper. Unique stitching pattern

165mm x 100mm x 12mm



Ribbon-hinge accordion fold bindings

Set of four, housed in a lidded box. Geltex, Suedex, gros-grain ribbon, colour swatches, gold leaf calligraphic markings.

190mm x 140mm x 85mm





#### Terence UREN Fantoches (Bilingual edition) Paul Verlaine (translation Terence Uren)

Single section pamphlet bindings

Set of two, housed in a dos à dos drop-side box. Geltex, Suedex, Eggshell Soft White text paper, digital images.

225mm x 80mm x 40mm



#### Terence UREN Book Girl Cover Peter Boxall & Siobhan Lyons

Bradel binding

Paper collage covered boards and spine. Kangaroo headbands, Eggshell White text paper.

105mm x 80mm x 20mm



#### Marama WARREN Here and Now Marama Warren

Hexagonal fold binding

Digital prints on goatskin parchment. Handmade plant paper.

85mm x 80mm x 10mm



#### Marama WARREN Dream Seeds Marama Warren

Circular flower fold binding

Digital prints on Awagami paper. Linen thread. Housed in a quarter-round slipcase.

50mm x 50mm x 20mm



Vicki WOOLLEY Ireland | England Vicki Woolley (images Mike Woolley)

Dos à dos concertina binding

Procion dyed muslin covered boards, Fabriano Accademia 200gsm paper, inkjet print digitally modified photographs.

105mm x 200mm x 23mm



Vicki WOOLLEY A Cover Up Vicki Woolley (images Mike Woolley)

Elbum binding

Chiyogami, Sakura covers, Arches crème 120gsm tea stained laid paper, rakusui washi interleaves, inkjet print photographs.

110mm x 150mm x 20mm



#### Vicki WOOLLEY The Gathering Canberra 2011 Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild

Simplified binding

Procion dyed muslin covered boards, leather spine and title.

248mm x 168mm x 17mm



#### Glossary of binding styles

Accordion Fold (concertina) binding: A binding in which the book block is one long strip, folded to make the required leaves.

**Articulated binding with suede tackets:** An articulated staple binding in which the customary staples/timber replaced with stitching/suede tackets.

Articulated Staple binding: A form of case binding developed by Sün Evrard in which the text block is secured to the case with hand crafted fasteners of wire.

**Book sculpture:** A three-dimensional object which has been inspired by the form of the book or notions of the qualities of a book.

**Bradel binding:** A form of case binding in which the hollowback is separated from the cover boards by well-defined grooves.

**Case binding:** A binding in which a book and its covers are produced separately and combined at 'casing-in' stage.

**Circular flower fold binding:** Similar in form to the flower fold binding but using individual circular (rather than square) leaves.

**Coptic binding:** A binding in which the sections are sewn through their folds and attached to each other with chain stitching across the spine.

**Crown binding:** An adaptation of Hedi Kyle's Blizzard book in which a concertina is formed into pockets into which single leaves can be inserted.

**Dos à dos binding:** Two separate books bound together the fore edge of one adjacent to the spine of the other and with a shared back cover.

**Elbum binding:** A variation of Hedi Kyle's Blizzard book developed by Ben Elbel in which the leaves are not permanently attached.

**Flat spine laced-in binding:** Similar in form to the traditional laced-in binding but with a flat (rather than rounded) spine structure.

**Hexagonal fold binding:** A binding style in which six hexagonal pages are cut and folded to fit a hexagonal cover and revealed when the book is opened.

**Islamic binding:** A binding style typically characterised by the absence of sewing supports, sewn headbands and cover boards flush with book edges.

**Japanese stab binding:** A stab binding in which stitches are made at a number of points (usually four or five) along the spine edge of the cover boards.

**Laced-in binding:** A traditional binding style in which the boards are attached to the sewing tapes or cords before covering.

**Limp vellum binding:** A soft binding featuring a cover made from a single piece of vellum folded around the text block with double folded front/rear covers.

**Miniature binding:** A book in any style of binding where the book's maximum dimension is less than three inches (~75mm).

**Non**-adhesive binding: A binding constructed without the use of paste or adhesives. Typically assembled without presses or other heavy equipment.

**Origami binding:** An Asian binding style in which the book block consists of multiple folded containers of varying sizes.

**Pamphlet binding:** A simple method of binding a single section book in which cover, endsheets and text block are sewn together in a single operation.

**Ribbon-hinge accordion fold binding:** A form of concertina binding using multiple laminated boards/ribbon strips instead of single folded strip of paper.

**Secret Belgian binding:** A binding style developed by Anne Goy with primary and secondary sewing and a distinctive thread pattern to cover and spine.

**Simplified (French simplified) binding:** A binding in which the spine is fixed separately from the covers, allowing the boards to be decorated off the book.

**Stab sewn 'Tudor' overlap binding:** A stab sewn binding in which the boards are built up by covering with a series of overlapping leather strips.

**Stone veneer binding:** A form of articulated staple binding with covers formed from a very thin slice of stone, mounted on a thin fabric.

