

TEXTILE ART FESTIVAL

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Queensland artists unite for one fashionable festival!

Queensland's Sue Dennis, Sharyn Hall, Wendy Bailye and Carol Wilkes will accompany other artists from all over Australia and overseas for the inaugural **Textile Art Festival, Brisbane Exhibition Centre, May 29 – 31, 2009**. In addition to hosting classes with expert tutors, the festival will be a great opportunity to see some magnificent displays and shop with the nation's best textile retailers.

Brisbane's Sue Dennis is an award-winning textile artist recognised internationally for her distinctive, colourful and original art quilts. Incorporating innovative surface design techniques and stitch to create texture, her quilts generally tell a unique Australian story. Sue has exhibited widely through Australia, USA, Great Britain, Europe, South Africa and the Middle East with many of her works featured in various magazines. Join Sue for one of her classes where you could learn how to create stunning surface decorations or simple printing techniques.

A matter of minutes from Brisbane, **Brookfield's Sharyn Hall** is a professional teacher who as a textile artist uses stitching, dyeing and mixed media to create artworks which currently reference landscape and culture. Taking time out from her busy international and national teaching schedule, Sharyn will be teaching three classes at the Textile Art Festival. Don't miss your opportunity to learn how to create fabulous 3D fabrics, simple painted colour combinations, or colourful and unique prints and patterns.



'From Desert to Downtown' by Sharyn Hall

Located close to Brisbane in **Yugar, Wendy Bailye** is well-known for her imaginative felt artworks. “Felt making is my passion,” said Wendy. “For me it is creative, vibrant, fun and challenging. At present I am using a lot of recycled materials in my felt work – concentrating on wearable art, wall art and homewares.” With artworks featured in private collections in Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, Sydney and Melbourne, Wendy loves learning new skills and reworking old techniques. Join her in one of three classes where you could learn to make a beautiful hand felted silk scarf decorated with a variety of flower patterns inspired by the colours and style of Monet’s Garden; fine handmade felt and experiment with various fabrics, threads and fibres as surface embellishment; or felt flowers using silk fabric and wool tops.

Maleny’s Carol Wilkes is an experienced, multi-skilled textile artist and tutor who refers to herself as an experimentalist in both embroidery and contemporary quilt and fashion design practices. With a passion for fabric and fashion, Carol has worked as a judge, lecturer and critic at various forums, textile and fashion awards and her work is represented in collections worldwide, including Japan, New Zealand, England and USA. Join Carol in one of her classes and learn how to add textual interest and individuality to wearables, quilts or embroideries.

In addition to attending classes with some of Queensland’s best textile artists, you’ll also have the opportunity to attend classes with award-winning artists from the far reaches of Australia and beyond including Dijanne Cevaal (VIC), Jude Skeers (NSW), Vicky McKeown (QLD), Ken Smith (TAS), Louise Snook (WA), Kirry Toose (NSW), Cecile Whatman (ACT) or Yanny Split (New Zealand). For a full program and to book classes visit www.textileart.com.au. But hurry, classes will fill fast!

Where & When: Textile Art Festival
Brisbane Exhibition Centre, South Bank
May 29 – 31, 2009

Time: 9am – 5pm

Admission: Adults: \$13, Age & disability Pensioner: \$12, Children 5 -16yrs: \$7,
Children under 5: FREE
All prices include GST
Tickets available at the door or from <http://www.textileart.com.au>. Ticket sales onsite cash only

Groups: Pre-booked tickets are available for groups of 10 people or more at \$11 each. Call (02) 9452 7575

Information: Visit <http://www.textileart.com.au>, email textileart@expertiseevents.com.au or call (02) 9452 7575

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