



Newsletter - October 2021

Welcome to my October Newsletter

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A New Normal

As we move out of and beyond lockdowns it will take us all some time to find our feet in whatever the new normal shapes up to be. And, it will take some time for the arts sector to reactivate and stabilise again. Some of the pivots and alternative engagement options we have had to turn to during lockdowns will embed and some will fade away. I am looking forward to exploring some new ideas along with being able to exhibit in physical spaces and teach face-to-face again. News and updates will appear on my website as well as in future editions of this Newsletter.

In The Fold – Paper Wearable Art Exhibition

The Wearable Art Mandurah Paper Category Exhibition, 'In The Fold' will be officially opened on the 5th of November at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre; kicking off the Wearable Art Mandurah Showcase weekend – an exciting time for lovers of all things 'wearable art'. I have been coordinating the inaugural Paper Category, a dream job for me, allowing me to share my love of all things paper and wearable art. Unfortunately, as the Western Australian border is still closed to Victorians, I am unable to attend in person, either to assist with the installation or attend the opening. This is quite devastating, after working all year on the project, not being able to get to the finale. However, with another agile pivot I am working remotely with the installation team and will be at the opening thanks to the wonders of technology. I will miss having the chance to see the amazing garments and the beautiful textural effects 'in the flesh', but am looking forward to next year's project and continuing to spread the paper love.

Workshops Rescheduled

The Artist Book workshop at Princes Hill Community Centre has been rescheduled to the 19th of February 2022 as the Centre juggles a full terms programming into a few short weeks. However, the Eco-dye and Botanical Print workshop scheduled for the 27th of November is still going ahead and so are the Open Days on the 20th and 21st of November. So, drop in to the Open Days to see some of my work and check out the creative offerings that they have planned for 2022. Keep an eye on the Princes Hill Community Centre website <http://princeshill.org.au> for up-to-date information on workshop dates, to enrol or be added to a waiting list.

Other Happenings

As I have settled into my new home, I have finished a couple of detailed works in progress and finished the first piece in a new series. The miniature paper garments that are part of the 'Out of the Wild' series are hand crafted from eco-dyed and botanically printed papers, hand stitched and embroidered and variously embellished with drawing, painting, textile samplers and found natural objects. They are an exploration of things that, at first glance seem lost, but that reside in memory and trace, waiting to be brought back into focus. Here is a peek at the first piece – 'Wild Traces Remain'.



Happy creating,

Anzara