

A watercolor wash in shades of green and yellow serves as a background. A loop of yellow fiber is drawn across the upper portion of the wash.

Fibre Arts

FESTIVAL

17TH, 18TH & 19TH OF NOVEMBER, 2018
SUNSHINE COAST, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

AWARD WINNING FIBRE ARTISTS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA & NZ

The Fibre Arts Festival is going to be a gathering of like minded individuals who want to come together to create, share, nurture and connect with others.

This gathering will run for three days and two nights in the beautiful Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Queensland. The site is just over 2 hours drive from the Gold Coast and 1 1/2 hours from Brisbane city.

The festival consists of four workshops that are 3 - 4 hours long with fibre artists from Australia and NZ where you will have the opportunity to learn the following; weaving, coil basket making, macrame, felting, natural plant dyeing, paper making, wool fibre art, create a dream catcher, learn embroidery, crochet and many, many more.

Numbers are strictly limited to 200, so we can allow the workshop facilitators to connect and engage with you while teaching their craft.

Throughout the festival there will be plenty of time available to enjoy the beautiful surroundings by swimming or relaxing by the pool, joining in our daily yoga sessions, going on a guided walk in the rain forest or just relaxing under a tree. We will also have a nightly bonfire, live entertainment, meet the makers night, a cultural performance, swap, sell and share at our trade blanket event and more.

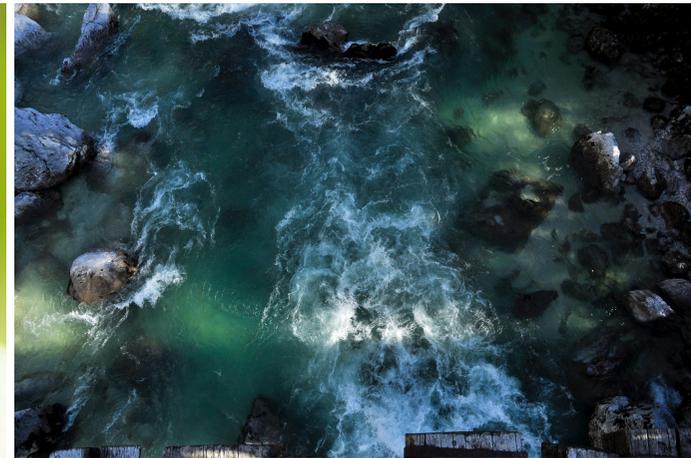
All accommodation and meals are provided. Meals are professionally catered, prepared fresh and sourced locally,





WHAT TO EXPECT

THIS IS MORE THAN A FESTIVAL, THIS IS A PLACE WHERE WE WANT YOU TO MAKE LONG LASTING CONNECTIONS AND FRIENDSHIPS



WORKSHOPS & ENGAGEMENT

Over 20 facilitators teaching, 30 workshops to choose from including weaving, crochet, felting, paper making and more. Classes will be intimate so you can really connect with the teacher and their craft. We want you to have an amazing experience with the small, intimate classes and really absorb the information given to you.

FOOD & ACCOMODATION

All meals will be professionally catered for you throughout the duration of the festival. They will be made fresh, prepared daily and sourced from the best local ingredients. We want fresh and nurturing food to fuel you for the weekend! Accommodation will be in dormitory style rooms throughout the venue with bunk beds.

NATURE & NURTURE

Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland where you can enjoy swimming or relaxing by the pool, sitting next to the river, daily yoga sessions or join in on our wellbeing workshops that offer meditation and sound therapy.



MACRAME & TAPESTRY

MONICA KALINOWSKA

Macrame Weaving

This workshop combines the basics of macrame and weaving on a frame loom. Participants will make basic macrame knots directly on the warp of their loom and learn how to blend them with weaving techniques. The aim of the class is to complete a small wall hanging.

GEMMA HICKS

Introduction to Tapestry Weaving

During this workshop you will learn the basics of tapestry weaving. With hands on demonstrations, learn how to: warp a loom, basic weaving stitch, make rya knots/fringing, soumak stitch, how to finish your weave and take it off the loom to hang. You will also discuss basic design ideas and where to find inspiration to develop your own unique style.



ISA CATEPILLÁN

Crochet - Beginners:

Learn basic crochet stitches plus some tips to create simple and beautiful square shape projects at home.

Crochet - Intermediate:

Learn how to read patterns to be able to explore all sort of different projects at home, it's so much fun!

This series of workshops introduces the art of crocheting. Starting with the basic stitches, we will organically move on to intermediate levels. Isa will also give you a little background about the ancient process of creating fabric and insightful stories from her own journey.

ANGELA VAN BOXTEL

Crochet with Textile Waste

Explore textile 'waste' and create a funky interior object by use of modern crochet. Waste materials explored are old T-Shirts, bed sheets, blankets & jeans. Outcome: Learn basic crochet skills and create your own basket. Get advice on how to design home interior item as carpets, stool covers & cushions.



JENNIFER CLOUSTON

Fabric twine and what to do with it

For generations women have re-purposed fabrics in this manner to create floor rugs, bags and fabric baskets. Making fabric twine is a perfect way to relax and unwind at the end of our busy day.

Prayer flag pin - mindful stitching

Re-purposing the tiniest bits of fabrics scraps, broken jewelry into a tiny prayer flag pin that you can take anywhere. Why not add a meaningful word or mantra?

Textile collage with re-purposed fabrics

Slow stitching with a creative twist. No noisy sewing machine is needed to create a fabric collage with scraps of fabric, threads, buttons, beads and lace. Sustainable creativity at its best.



WEAVING & BASKETRY

ZIMMI FOREST

Simple Pleasures: 2 baskets in 1 class

In this workshop you will create & complete two very simple baskets using totally different materials, Dracena Draco & bangalow palm. Totally different techniques - stitch, fold, weave, done.

LISA GUY

String Bag Making

Learn the ancient art of bag making. Create string and turn it into a bag using a looping method that requires no knots. This is a make as you go, continuous string method using hand dyed natural raffia.

ANAHEKE METUA

Random Weave

Learn to weave the balance of chaos and order, using a deceptively simple weaving technique using only native Bangalow Palm inflorescence. This contemporary, sculptural basket goes beyond the boundaries of basketry into the world of WOVEN ARTS design and sculpture.

HAYLEY KERSHAW

Coil Weaving and Meditation Circles

Learn to coil weave and gain skills to extract fibres from natural and invasive species. This ancient tradition connects us to the mother, our roots, ancestors and community. Flowing naturally into a deep circle meditation, we will journey and weave our intentions into a unique spiral vessel to cherish.

Dream Weaver Creation

Create a unique and magic Dream Weaver using natural and sustainable materials whilst learning about the correct harvesting and preparation for weaving. This workshop includes energetic and crystal clearing to access our creative fire. Participants are welcome to bring along their own special centerpiece/crystal and beads or choose from materials on offer.

GODWIN YIDANA

Bolga Basket Weaving

Godwin will show you how to weave your own basket with recycled Ghanaian fabric and plastic twine handmade by G-lish producers. You'll also receive recycled Australian shopping bag twine handmade by Godwin. Godwin will share stories about his life and journey during the workshop, and stories about culture and weaving in his community in Ghana.

LISA HARDING

Maori Weaving - Make harakeke (flax) earrings

This workshop is all about utilising natural fibres and turning these into something beautiful. During the workshop you'll learn basic weaving techniques using harakeke (flax) that will be then be set into a pair of earrings.

Harakeke (Flax) Preparation

Discover Harakeke (flax) and how to work with this amazing fibre. In this workshop you'll learn the techniques of preparing harakeke. This includes the protocols of harvesting & weaving, sizing, boiling and dyeing. The outcome we want to achieve is turning your harakeke into whenu (weavable strips) so you get to walk away with whenu ready to create something amazing.

Kete Whakairo

This class is for the advanced weaver. Here you will get to learn about whakairo patterns and how to apply them into the weaving of your kete. Come prepared to weave with your whenu all ready to go and enjoy some time learning something new or just brushing up on skills you've already got. At the end my hope is you walk away with an understanding of a new whakairo pattern or refined knowledge of kete whakairo.

LISA PHILLIPS

Maori Weaving - Make a Potae (hat) using Harakeke (flax)

Learn how to weave a Potae (hat) using Harakeke (flax fibre) from New Zealand. You will also learn the weaving technique of takitahi (over one, under one).

ALY DE GROOT

Ghost Net Turtle Weaving

Ghost Gear is the refuse from fishing vessels from throughout the world, with approximately 650,000 tones left in the sea annually, washing up on our remote beaches and bringing with them much of our marine life. Weave and manifest your hopes for positive change using ghost nets and plastic bags to weave a sea turtle so as to carry and share this story whilst creatively utilizing an ecological menace.

Smack Attack- Wish Upon a Jellyfish

Did you know that the collective word for jellyfish is a 'smack'? Jellyfish are plaguing oceans worldwide. Creatively come together with other curious crafters to tackle this ecological imbalance to weave a jellyfish, using basket making processes with fishing-line and other recycled materials.



PAPER MAKING

SUSAN WRIGHT

Introduction to Hand Made Paper
Plus a Japanese Stab Book Binding Demonstration

Learn to pull sheets of hand made paper from pulp you make, using office waste, raw cotton, petals and plants and colour, make many sheets to experiment with.

This will be followed by a demonstration in the last half hour of Book Binding, where we will use the Japanese Stab Binding technique. Then you can do this on your own papers once they dry.



BELLE ARNOLD

Fabulous Felt Flower Necklace

In this workshop we will learn how to make simple felt flowers and easy-peasy felt beads using wet felting techniques. Once you are done you will have the things you need to make your very own unique necklace.

Felt Painting. Still Life

Be taken through the process of transferring a line drawing onto a hand-dyed prefelt and then learn how to needle felt fine layers of wool to build up the form. Then wet-felt it to strengthen the piece and pick out the details with embroidery.

ZETTA KANTER

Discovering Landscapes in Wool, Eco-art for your home

Learn to weave and felt a landscape eco wall hanging or cushion front cover piece of art with hand spun yarn, raw fleece and other natural, raw fibres. This is a unique workshop with ancient and new techniques developed by award-winning fibre artist Zetta Kanta.

CERI MUTER

The Art of Arm Knitting with Ceri Muter

Learn the intriguing art of arm knitting! 'Armed' with super chunky wool you will learn how to knit using only your arms, no needles! It is a 'loopy' idea but you will mindfully create a stylish scarf using only your arms. No knitting skills are required and anyone can learn.



VICTORIA LARNACH

Organic Indigo Dyeing & Shibori Design

Working with the alchemy of nature, you will learn to create with the oldest natural plant dye in the world, indigo., as you design various shibori techniques and immerse your hands in this beautiful and unique BLUE.

SUE CONNOR

Botanical Dyeing and Eco Printing

You will be introduced to the plants and kitchen scraps that can be used for dyeing and printing, how to effectively mordant fabric and yarn and how to create a dye bath. You will make an eco print silk scarf to take home, along with fabric and yarn samples, which you will dye.



TANYA WESTER AND ZOE DODDS

Sacred Sound Healing and Meditation Journey

We invite you to journey with us into dance, meditation and sacred sound. Soak up the healing vibrations of the crystal and Tibetan singing bowls and other ethereal instruments as you go deep within, bringing peace and harmony to body mind and soul.

Gentle Yoga Class with Tanya

Start the morning with a gentle heart centred yoga class to awaken the body and soul. Be guided into a space of peace and relaxation through breath movement and sacred mantra. Ground into your body, tune into your intentions for the day and open up to your full creative potential.



ABORIGINAL ARTS

LYNDON DAVIS

Wappa Walk

Explore your natural surroundings with a traditional Kabi Kabi Custodian. Share a bush walk to Wappa Dam and experience the beauty of the natural Wappa falls while learning some bush tucker Identification as well as indigenous uses of local fauna and hear stories of the local place significance to Aboriginal people.

Water is Life

See the display of the bark canoe and hear about the important revitalisation project in making the first bark canoes on the Sunshine Coast in over 100 years. Then, learn to make your own pikki (mini canoe).

Aboriginal Fibre Arts

See the Aboriginal Fibre Art display and hear a cultural talk on fibre arts of Australia. See the vintage display of Dilly's coil weave baskets and fish nets, made for a local revitalisation project and learn what local natural fibres and dyes are used in traditional weaving. Then, have a go at making a natural fibre rope bracelet or necklace.

You will be able to select your desired workshops when you book your tickets online.

Please make sure you know what workshops you'd like to attend before booking, that way it will be a much faster and easier process.

We do have limited capacity in each workshop and we will try our very best to place you into your desired selections, but it will depend on the facilitators schedule and the availability of your chosen workshops throughout the event.

We're very confident you'll love all the workshops on offer as we have made sure that we have some of the best fibre artists joining us!

TICKETS SALE DATES:

RSVP LIST: FRIDAY, 6TH OF APRIL

GENERAL SALES: SATURDAY, 7TH OF APRIL

Are you on our RSVP list? Want to know more about the facilitators?

www.fibreartsfestival.com.au