

Australian Quaker Tapestry Newsletter - September 2008

Giving Thanks

We would particularly like to thank all those generous people who have given to the Thanksgiving Fund from where we have received the funding to pay for the backing wool. We are very appreciative of this generous source of necessary funding. We are grateful for the support given from mid year Standing Committee and the Thanksgiving Fund Committee. Donations for the ongoing support of the project can be made via the Quakers Australia office PO Box 556 Kenmore QLD 4069. Cheques should be made out to Australia Yearly Meeting (Tapestry Fund).



Backing Wool Weaving Underway

Internationally acclaimed artist and weaver Kay Faulkner of Queensland has been commissioned to weave the backing cloth for the Australian Quaker Tapestry Project. The backing cloth is being woven from Australian wools sourced from Western Australia (Bilby Yarns) and Victoria (The Yarn Barn). The first length is just off the loom. The backing cloth will be available at Yearly Meeting 2009.

Cartoon Sketches in Progress

We hope by Yearly Meeting 2009 to have the cartoons (sketches) of no less than seven panels, and possibly more, ready for exhibition and comment. They are:

1. Sydney Parkinson, artist on Cook's first voyage.
2. Elinor Clifton, First Quaker in W.A
3. Darwin's involvement in Asia.
4. Lorie Gardner, educator / puppeteer.
5. The Cotton Family, Tasmania.
6. Elizabeth Fry's female convicts on HMS *Rajah* with Quilt now in Nat. Art Gallery.
7. Travelling Under Concern - 19th Century English visitors to Australia.
8. Kiama Worshipping Group and Werona.
9. Possibly the Quakers who stood for peace outside Melbourne PO each Friday.



Above - Yarn Barn
Right- Kay Faulkner
Below - Bilby Yarns

Central Committee

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Exchange ideas about the Quaker Tapestry on the yahoo group link below.

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/australianquakertapestryproject>



Meetings for Stitching & Design

Blue Mountains (NSW)

Contact Frances Love

Brisbane (Queensland)

Contact Jude Pembleton

Canberra (ACT)

Contact Catherine Dabron

Darwin (NT)

Contact Elizabeth Kwan

Melbourne (Victoria)

Contact Tessa Spratt

Newcastle (Mayfield, NSW)

Contact Annie Frizell

Perth (Western Australia)

Contact Trish Wood

Sydney (Waitara, NSW)

Contact Cathy Davies