

Dear ADFAS members,

Things are looking pretty good for this year's programme of lectures.

Our first one is on 18th March with Jenny Bowker. Please note there has been a slight change of topic – The Tentmakers of Cairo (information below). Just as a reminder we meet at the Burke and Wills Hotel in Ruthven Street at 6pm. You can usually get a park on the street outside.

A cash bar is available before and after the lecture so you can have a chat with friends. At the conclusion there will be platters of food.

We have several new members this year so keep spreading the word about ADFAS to your friends. A Membership Form is included in this Newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you all next month.

Peter Schneider
Chairman

March Lecturer - Jennifer Bowker, BVA (Hons)

Jennifer has been working with textiles since receiving her Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) from ANU, Canberra. Married to a diplomat with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Jennifer has been fortunate to live for a total of eleven years in Arab and Islamic countries. The influence of the Middle East can be seen in her lectures and subject matter. Her solo exhibitions have been held in the U.K., Australia and the Middle East. Jennifer has also lectured in countries where she has travelled and is a sought-after lecturer at Quilt Conventions and Universities. Jennifer's lectures include her own work [Pack and Follow], The Tentmakers of Egypt, Textiles in Syria, Egypt or India, and The Ramallah Project.



March Lecture - The Tentmakers of Old Cairo

Jenny lived for four years in Cairo and worked closely with the Egyptian Tentmakers – men who do superb fine appliqué panels which were originally used for lining tents. The art is dying and the Tentmaker's Street which had 247 skilled masters in 1979 is now down to 45. Collections are not held anywhere in Egypt yet the work is stunning and beautiful. Jenny took exhibitions to Australia, France, and Spain and will talk about the history and development of the Tentmakers' appliqué.

Limpinwood Orchestra

Whilst this is not a concert organised by ADFAS, the Limpinwood Ensemble were so popular when they came up to Toowoomba in November last year for the Concert at the Burke & Wills, I thought that you may be interested in another concert that they are going to give in the Church Hall at the Empire Theatre Toowoomba on Saturday 10th April at 7pm www.empiretheatre.com.au

Here is a brief outline of their Performance: “we have organised a weekend of "Harmoniemusik" in April to keep you going. Three great works in the wind ensemble repertoire. Mozart's Serenade No.11 in Eb, Beethoven's Octet and Dvorak's Serenade for wind instruments, cello and double bass. This beautiful music played a pivotal role in the development of symphonic wind writing as these composers explored the qualities and ever evolving capabilities of wind instruments”.

If this is ‘your sort of music’, why not make a booking, and enjoy the evening?

Finally, another reminder! If you haven’t already signed up for this year, please see the attached Membership Form. We would love to see you all again and welcome any new members.

Kind regards,

Peter Schneider, Chairman



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