

Fibres

How things happen around here

By Robin Moore

Back in the early 1990s Polly Stirling from Lillian Rock was searching for ways to help support her family and express her own creativity. Visiting a workshop at Mittagong she saw someone making felt by hand!

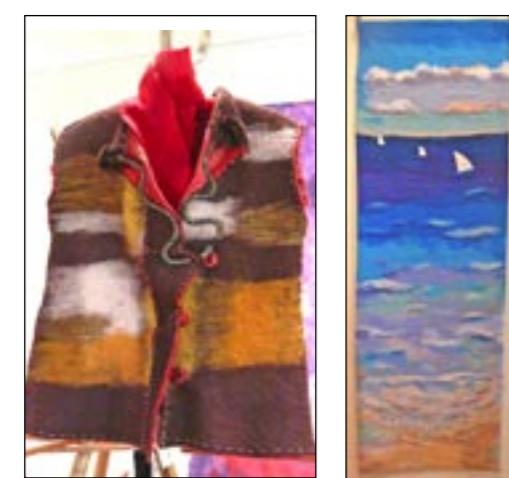
Immediately her imagination caught fire - the possibilities were enormous! Here was a way our Australian wools could be used to create unique fabrics, delicate or strong, subtle or dramatic, for clothing, for visual images, multidimensional - the possibilities were all there within the nature of wool fibre.

Back home Polly began to experiment - the freedom of felting seems to be particularly attractive to the creative mind - and knowing few 'traditional rules' meant that imagination was not limited. Soon friends asked her to show them how, so she began workshops in her Lillian Rock studio. The "Wild Turkey Feltmakers" became a hub of excitement and activity as more and more people were attracted by the possibilities of this ancient, but newly discovered, creative medium.

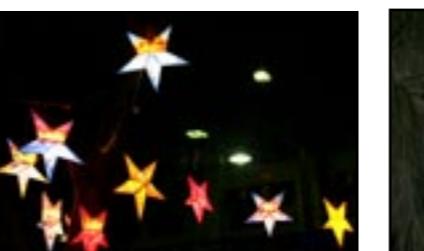
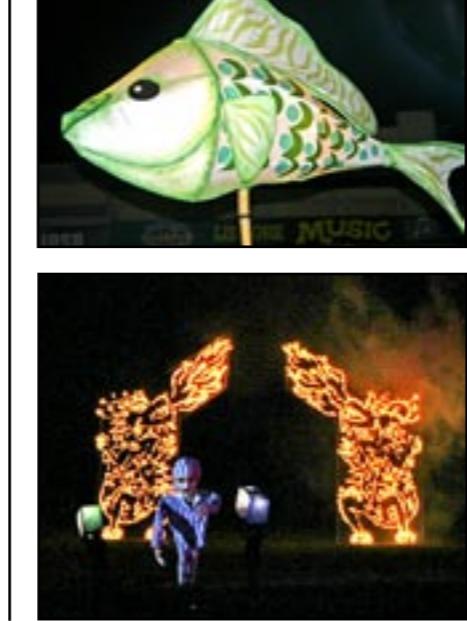
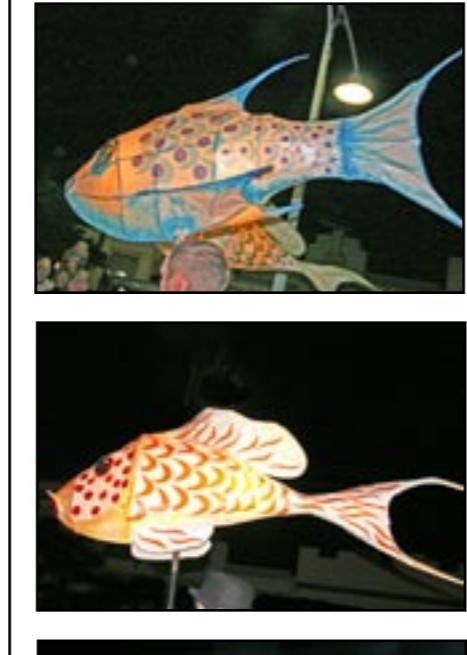
In Blue Knob Hall Gallery's third annual Fibre Fantastic exhibition, you will see some of the products of Polly's teaching. Many of the exhibitors started their own textile adventures in Polly's workshops.

As well as elegant, colourful vests by Polly and her daughter Myfanwy (who is also showing sturdy bags) there are wall pieces by Sachiko Kotaka, more felt and silk vests by Pam Bates, Barbara Mills, Pauline Aherne and me, while Joan Guttormsen and Barbara Ransby have a range of colourful hats. Enid Taylor and Fiona Shadwell are showing hand-dyed fabric lengths, and Enid's tiny embroidered 'landscapes' are exquisite works of art.

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