

# SAMANTHA POPE CREATIONS

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## NEWSLETTER

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The Creative Textile show in Canberra was very good, Not a huge venue but I spent the whole day there browsing the stands and doing a couple of workshops. Bought a fabric hardening product called Powertex which I am trying out on a crochet table cloth, making it into a bust using a foam head as a resist.

Went to several art markets in Canberra, saw lots of public sculptures, then toured the Gallery, Portrait Gallery, National Archives and grounds between these venues. Very scenic place Canberra but easy to get lost.

I'm working on an idea for a wearable art entry into the Festival of Quilts run by the Quilters Guild held at the Quilt and Craft fair in November. The theme this year is Pearl, which was very challenging to apply to wearable art. Fortunately there was a luscious fabric vendor at the Creative Textile show who had blush metallic evening fabrics, sequin fabrics and laces to inspire my imagination. So now I have the making of unique and appropriate piece for the 30th Anniversary Pearl theme.

I also found a fun and easy technique at the show called Orizomegami by Kristin Lawson, folding patterns into fabric or paper like origami, clipping the folded paper together and allowing dye to seep into the corners and folds making wonderful patterns. Very easy and suitable for kids if you use Viva paper towel and food colouring. Get the book from [www.artwearpublication.com.au](http://www.artwearpublication.com.au) sample middle picture below.

Below is a photo of my results from an ice dying workshop we did at the Collective. The silk velvet worked the best which is the bright pink fabric on the left.

My favourite piece of art in Canberra was a cluster of flowers that were made from 2ltr plastic milk cartons, bike tyres and solar lights pictured right. It was at m16Artspace.



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**WORKSHOPS:** [for full workshop outlines goto spopecreations.blogspot](http://www.spopecreations.blogspot)

**May 24th Needle Felting** create a small project or vest front cut from wool fabric using needle felting techniques. Appliqué of dyed wool tops, couching and silk cord making & decorative relief flowers made from fibre and net.

9:30 - 3:30, Jennys Sewing Centre bookings at <http://www.jennyssewingcentre.websyte.com.au> 64 Murray Street Angaston, South Australia 08 8564 2269

**May 25th Zapped Beads** manipulating fabric, plastics & man made materials with heat. Some surfaces will be decorated with paint before rolling into beads for zapping. Murray Bridge Studio Gallery, 8 Railway tce Murray Bridge. 10am - 3pm \$50 including notes, Kit available. [www.murraybridgestudiogallery.com](http://www.murraybridgestudiogallery.com) 08 8532 5452

**June 14th Embellisher Snapshots** a hands on techniques workshop on needle felting machines. Experiment with fabrics and fibres, natural and synthetic fabrics using a workbook of techniques. You will need your own embellisher. Murray Bridge Spinners and Weavers rooms, Jose St, Murray Bride. 10 - 12. Tuition fee \$20. Contact me for bookings on 0448358220 [samsartisticcreations@yahoo.com.au](mailto:samsartisticcreations@yahoo.com.au)

**July 5&6 sat & sun Creative Colouring Techniques with Julie Haddrick** for the Murraylands Arts and Crafts Collective at Murray Bridge Studio Gallery, 8 Railway tce Murray Bridge. Bookings through [www.murraylandsartsandcraftscollective.weebly.com](http://www.murraylandsartsandcraftscollective.weebly.com) or me. go to Julie's website for workshop details. [www.haddrikonfabric.com.au](http://www.haddrikonfabric.com.au)

**July 18th friday, Embellished Wall hanging** at Melanns Fabric's and Sewing centre, 850 lower north east road Dernancourt. [www.melanns.com.au](http://www.melanns.com.au)

**September 13th Bra Art** fun with bras. A bra can be made into a fun decorated purse, art wall hanging or element for embellishing other art works. This class will include heat manipulation of synthetics and machine stitching techniques. Jennys Sewing Centre bookings at <http://www.jennyssewingcentre.websyte.com.au> 64 Murray Street Angaston, South Australia 08 8564 2269

**October 18th & 19th Sat/Sun Backgrounds and Beyond** This 2 day workshop will introduce you to a variety of synthetic man made mediums that will be painted and printed, heat distorted and stitched over the two days. Murray Bridge Studio Gallery, 8 Railway tce Murray Bridge. 10am - 4pm \$140 including notes, kit and use of mediums & tools. [www.murraybridgestudiogallery.com](http://www.murraybridgestudiogallery.com) 08 8532 5452

## EXHIBITIONS

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**4-27 July "Transformation / Improvisation"** Woven textiles and collage by BevBills & Katharina Urban  
**"The Art of Cleaning"** Reverse applique textiles by Joy Harvey

**August 1-15 "Image-In-Tech-Styles"** by Samantha Pope and David Leane, SALA. 49a Bridge St Murray Bridge. open 10-6 m-f & 11-2 s-s. Wearable textile art and photography.

**24 October - 14 November "Australia Wide Four"** art by Ozquilt Network Inc.

**"Alchemy"** Contemporary textile art and mixed media by Class Act Collective

Above exhibitions on at Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park p: 08 8377 2904  
Gallery M hours: Monday to Friday 10am - 4pm; Saturday 10am - 4pm; Sunday 1 - 4pm Closed Public Holidays.