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*Morpeth Weird & Wonderful
Novelty Teapot Exhibition
Open Every Day from 19th –
29th August, 2010
At Morpeth Gallery, 5
Green St, Morpeth. 2321.*

When you drink tea from a magnificent new Tea Service, you'll enter the Wonderful World of Alice in Wonderland...

The playing card enclosed in your newsletter should have been a hint, but in 2010 the Weird & Wonderful Novelty Teapot Exhibition has an Alice in Wonderland Theme...

Alice by Cardew Design - Teapot History

Ceramics, from the finest bone china to common earthenware, have been a central part of English culture for nearly three centuries. Paul Cardew was first exposed to this culture when his great uncle and renowned designer Michael Cardew, introduced him to the art world at the age of eight. From early on Paul chose to

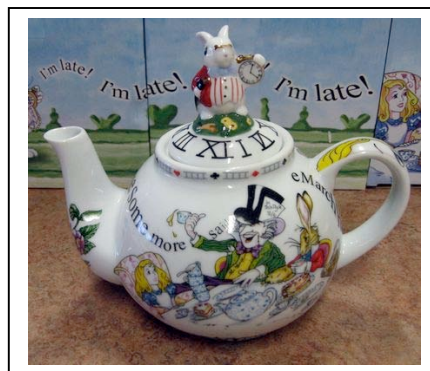
concentrate his ceramics expertise on another English passion – teatime. For over 30 years the Cardew Studios have been designing teapots and unique gifts with astounding intricacy and detail.

Paul's first two commercial breakthroughs came when he was asked to design brooches for Harrods Department store in London and then children's piggy banks for the national Westminster Bank. In 1975, Paul first launched a range of unusual teapots at the Birmingham, UK Spring Fair, then the largest gift show in Europe.

His work was first shown in the USA in 1992 at the New York gift show. During the 1990's Paul Cardew designed special commissions for a number of famous brands under license, Portmerion, Royal Doulton, Lilliput Lane, Harmony Kingdom and Walt Disney company. It was in the mid 1990's that Cardew brand was introduced into Australia, and many regulars will remember his quirky designs at numerous Morpeth Novelty Teapot Exhibitions, up until around 2005, when his made in the UK ranges were unable to compete with Chinese imports. The company went into receivership and collectors were devastated!

In 1999 Cardew Design North America Inc was formed and in February 2008 the American company acquired the international rights to the Cardew name and trademarks. They began production of some of Paul's most popular designs in 2009, and now in 2010, we are ready to receive our first shipment! Just in time for our Alice in Wonderland themed exhibition. Paul Cardew's designs have now been sold in over 50 countries.

All Cardew tea ware products are produced in the finest, high fired porcelain. The glazes and decals used, pass all worldwide regulations. Every item is 100% dishwasher safe, and those that do not have any precious metals, are microwave safe as well.



Featuring small, large and one cup teapots, cups & saucers, mugs, sugar, creamer, plates, bowls, sandwich tray, cake stand, trivet, coasters & spoons – your Alice in Wonderland tea party will be a huge success. Set the table with Alice in Wonderland figurines \$40 each to complete the setting. Pricing is very reasonable. Mugs are just \$12 each, teapots \$50 - \$85. Every item is beautifully packaged in matching Alice in Wonderland boxes.

Cardew have also released some two cup teapots, featuring designs that include leopard, zebra, tiger, panda, gorilla, polar bear, penguin, rooster, noah's ark, crossword, quilting & books. These will sell at \$55 each.



Fancy Tea For Two?

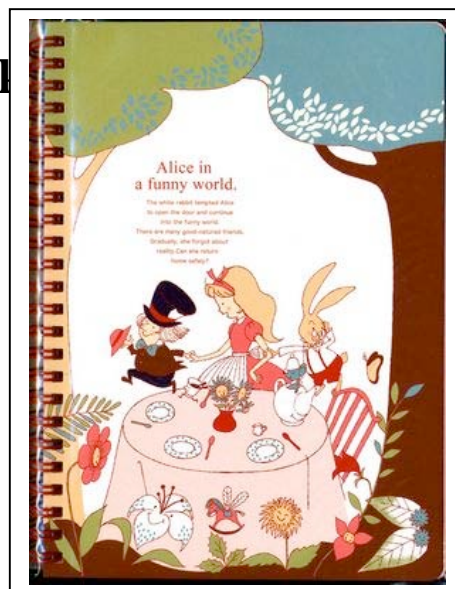
Japanese Artist Shinzi Katoh is renowned not only for his art, hung in galleries around the world, but also for his quirky designs for 'Zakka'. Zakka is the Japanese word for items that we use for every day living. His designs give practical objects a stylish sense of fun.

Shinzi has designed some fabulously quirky Tea Sets for Two. That's right, normally you'll find tea for one sets of a joining teapot and single cup. Shinzi's are designed for two. There's animal designs featuring a pig, frog, monkey, panda and white rabbit, Alice in Wonderland is a new design for 2010, along with her friend Little Red Riding Hood. Some smiley happy people tea sets for two complete this range.

All Things Alice – Books, Stationery, Stickers

Apart from the 'Boston Tea party' the 'Madhatters' must be one of the most famous tea drinking occasions known to man. The point about this famous party being that it is accompanied in everyone's mind by the wild and eccentric images conjured up by the fantastic imagination of Lewis Carroll.

Alice Memo Pads – With each memo pad there are four page designs. \$10



Alice Letter Set - Whether it's a thankyou note, congratulations or just hello, a real letter in the post is always special. Shinzi Katoh's letter sets make sending a letter as fun as receiving one. \$15.

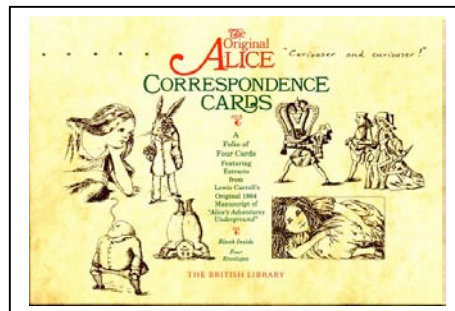
Alice Teaparty Notebook – Perfect to use as a diary or to make those lists of tedious everyday jobs seem not quite so boring. Notebooks feature designs on each page, so the fun doesn't stop at the front cover. \$20

Alice Sticker Set – Useful for all kinds of decorating, from scrapbooks to school books, this well loved character will brighten up your projects. \$8

Alice Address Book – \$25, Correspondence cards \$18.

Alice Novels – To re-live Alice's Adventure, with a cup of tea or with your family, why not purchase a new copy of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland. We've got softcover paperbacks \$12, book and CD \$18, hardcover illustrated \$45 and a gothic illustrated version \$30.

Sweet Treat Postcards & Gift Tags - \$1.50 each.



What's Alice Eating?

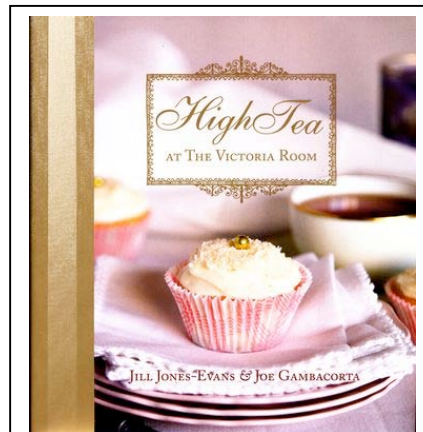
Cupcakes of course! You'll see them displayed on two tier cake stands at the Exhibition. Reminiscent of a typical 1950's candy store, these cupcakes are made by hand and lovingly iced by an expert cake decorator. Our suggestion is that they should be sampled by touch, not taste. Look closer and discover that these cup cakes are made from soap! They come beautiful gift boxed, ready to take away.

Inspired by the traditional English rose & cottage gardens, the flower cup cake range features a rose garden on the top of every cake, whilst fairytales and little girls dreams inspired the Princess by name range, with it's shabby chic styling, for the princess in all of us. Cupcake Soaps are \$13ea, High Tea Soap Slices \$11 ea.

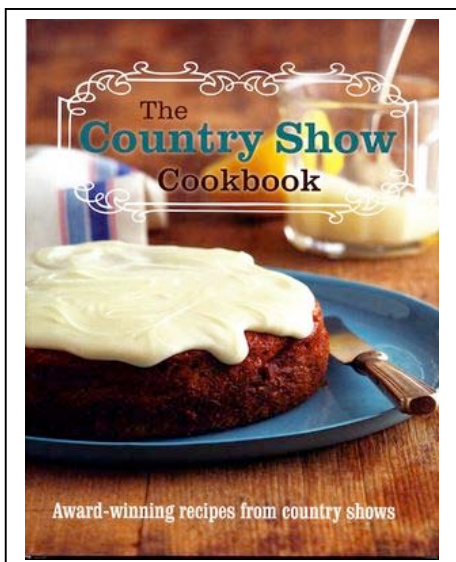
How to Prepare Your Own High Tea.

Sit down at The Victoria Room and enjoy High Tea in the finest style. From cupcakes, sandwiches and cakes, to pastries, cheese flans and tarts, **High Tea at The Victoria Room** is a delicious taste of elegance and relaxation. Jill Jones-Evens & Joe Gambacorta show you how to make the best strawberry jam and Italian style orange marmalade to go with that perfect scones. And if it's all too much, pour yourself a Pimms or a whiskey flip and put your feet up.

From it-girl gatherings and generational get togethers, to hen's days and birthdays, ladies of all ages (and many a fine gentleman, too) can enjoy the company of dear friends in this wonderful revival of a great tradition. This hardcover 156pg book has beautiful colour images & plenty of recipe ideas. \$30.



High Tea at The Victoria Tearoom
A beautiful book with wonderful recipes.



The Country Show Cookbook is a heart warming collection of award winning traditional recipes from country shows, some with a twist, produced by the Agricultural Societies Council of NSW. Tried and true, they have been handed down from generation to generation. Chapters are dedicated to Scones, Pikelets & Muffins, Cakes, Puddings, Pies, Tarts, Biscuits & Slices, Pickles, Chutneys & Relishes, Jams, Jellies, Marmalades & spreads. Also full of beautiful images this 254 page hardcover book is \$35.

It has a personal connection for us too. A few of the recipes featured have been given by Phil Fisher, Kiama Show, who has over the years walked 45 minutes from one side of Kiama to the other and delivered delicious home cooked cakes and

slices to my Aunty Judy's home. All the nieces and nephews have devoured Mrs Fisher's delights with gusto.

My Nan, Daphne Blow (Shirley's mum) cooked and judged at rural shows right up and down the South Coast, before she passed away several years ago. Nan was a tricky one. She'd sometimes leave out an ingredient from a recipe she gave away, or write down instructions such as 'add milk until it looks the right consistency'. You had to cook with Nan, to perfect her amazing recipes, picking up little tips each time.

Nan mentored many Junior's in the art of show cooking, including Julie Bonanno from Albion Park Show. Imagine my delight, when on page 91, I found Julie's Marble Cake, with the caption reading, "This cake has won many prizes over the last 20 years. It has been champion of the whole cooking section of Albion Park Show many times, as well as Dapto, Kiama, Berry & Nowra shows. It has also won at the Sydney Royal Easter Show and The Royal Melbourne Show." It's a recipe Julie will have perfected after many years of learning to cook with Nan, and lots of trial and error on her own. It's great that so many show cooks have shared their fabulous prize winning recipes with aspiring cooks such as me! I'm also keen to recreate a Black Forest Slice on page 171 by Newcastle Regional Show winner Kevin Baldwin. Yummo!

What Tea to Serve?

New from Newcastle based *Green Tea Frog*, are a delicious Organic Drinking Chocolate and a Chocolate Chai, especially on a cold day. The ever-popular herbal blends of Awaken, Nourish, Earth Brew, Zingiber, Organic Black, Green Tea & Original Chai now come in two sizes. Choose from the 100g bags \$10-\$14 or a beautifully presented 40g gift bag at \$8. These are a great way to trial a few different blends, to see which ones you love the most, or naturally to give as gifts!

Blended by herbalist Chelle Heath, they are created using chemical free ingredients. Not only that but they are certainly good for you and a treat for the tastebuds. We'll have these teas out for tasting during the teapot exhibition. **If you are new to the range, why not try a sample pack special – with a retail value of \$39, you can choose 6 x 25g resealable trial packs for \$25. This is excellent value.** The varieties to choose from include: Awaken, Nourish, Earth Brew, Chai, Chocolate Chai, Zingiber Ginger, Organic Black, Organic Green, Organic Drinking Chocolate. If you can't make it to the teapot exhibition, we'll post your selection to you for \$5 extra to cover postage.

Try Butterscotch Coated Macadamia Nuts with your Tea.

The Nut Shop on the first floor of Campbell's Store has recently received some delicious locally grown Medowie Macadamia's that have been coated in sweet butterscotch. They are delicious with tea and coffee or as a little treat anytime. A 135gm bag is \$6.50.

You might also be tempted by a fabulous **Nut Store Sampler Bag**, created especially for the Teapot Festival. Your Goodie Bag has a value of \$25, but you will pay just \$20. Here's what it contains:

- 1 x 200g Bag of Vanilla Peanuts
- 1 x 150g Bag Honey Roasted Cashews
- 1 x 150g Bag Salted Macadamias
- 1 x 150g Bag Vienna Almonds
- 1 x 200g Bag of Corn Nuggets



For a delicious sweet and savoury snack, serve Butterscotch Macadamia's and Crispy Dried Vegetables, available from The Nut Shop, Campbell's Store.

The Perfect Tea Accessories.

Irish linen tea towels, stainless steel tea infusers in all shapes and sizes, tea scoops, strainers and teabag rests will all be available during the exhibition. At just \$3-\$8 each they are great little gadgets to have in the second kitchen draw.

Teacosy Competition & Exhibition.

The 2010 Teacosy Competition entries will be on show at the exhibition. Entries are rolling in. It's not too late to submit your teacosy entry, and be in the running to win the \$500 cash champion teacosy prize, or one of six \$100 gift vouchers to spend at Campbell's Store, category prizes. Go to www.campbellsstoremorpeth.com to print out your entry form, or we can post one to you.



There will be plenty of tea cosies for sale too. Local ladies Colleen Redding & Val Martin have knitted 100 everyday tea cosies, and there's plenty of Irish Linen Teacosy designs to choose from, including a plum pudding and a hedgehog!

If you would like to knit or crochet your own teacosy, invest in a pattern book: Written by Loani Prior 'Wild Tea Cosies' & the follow up 'Really Wild Tea Cosies' will be available for sale. \$30 each.

Chat to Teapot Artists Florence Humphries & Cathy Brady.

Florence hasn't been able to paint beautiful wildflowers, roses and violets onto mugs and teapots for months, since breaking her collarbone in a fall, but she assured us, she'll be back at work just in time to demonstrate the art of painting onto porcelain/ceramics for her 18th year at the Teapot Exhibition. Florence will be demonstrating every day of the exhibition.

Cathy Brady is this month's featured artist in the Australian Artist Palette Magazine. This is a really big deal in the art world. As well as her lace & roses, porcelain & cherries, Cathy will, like Florence, focus on an Australian theme, with native flowers, wrens, little pigmy possums with teacups and teapots. She will also have for sale, a selection of matted unfamed 'drawings' as a special for the festival as well as some miniature paintings (teacups & wrens) + (teacups and cherries), and a larger painting with wattle, old lace & a teapot. Greeting cards with photos of Cathy's paintings that feature teacups or teapots will round out her display. Cathy will be painting upstairs in the Wildlife Wing of the Gallery, where the tea cosies are set up, on various days of the exhibition (her timetable hasn't been finalised yet), and you'll be able to watch her at work, ask plenty of questions & even commission Cathy to paint a special image just for you.



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Hand Painted Teapots by Ceramic Artists Gail Steele & Adrienne Crouch.

Hand Painted Teapots, Made in Australia, will be a feature of this years exhibition. **Gail Steele** from the Central Coast has made some red and white toadstool teapot, sugar, creamer sets to go with our Alice theme. Her other teapots feature Italian villages, African animals, Egyptian theme and Australiana. Gail Royal Easter Show Art Awards and won two blue ribbons! One with these Sgraffito design. This means her work has been in high demand

Adrienne's designs are also varied – flowers, landscapes & a spectacular Alice in Wonderland teapot featuring all the key characters. Inspired by ceramics of Spain and Italy, Adrienne's clay sculptures have developed into embellished vessels, platters & teapots. Working in pottery studios in Turkey she experimented with turning on the wheel, distorting those shapes and then scratching and hand painting the surface. She has used her thirty years of drawing and painting skills on teapots and other ceramic pieces, allowing her imagination to wander.

Her colourful teapots are covered with characters from nursery rhymes, bold floral designs or costumed characters. The subject varies as long as it provides a reason for colour and fun.

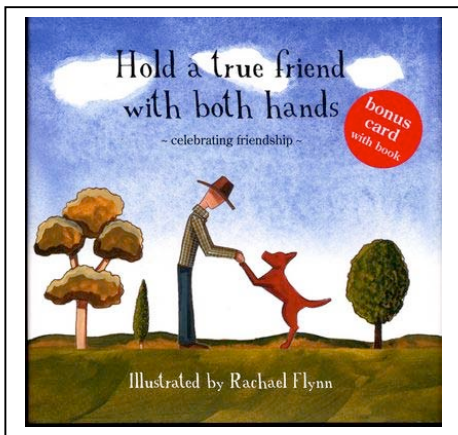
Since 2002, Adrienne has been creating an amusing series of ceramic food pieces in which she recreates items of food. Ceramic oysters, prawns, sandwiches, cheese platters, patty cakes, chocolates & other food stuffs are subjects for her "fake" food. Her latest folly is of plates resembling servings of food, with the surface being carved, built upon and/or painted. Ceramic seafood and pasta platters are popular examples of these three dimensional pieces.



Hamburger Teapot made by Adrienne Crouch

Her whimsical wares and painted platters win awards throughout Australia. Recently she won the Broke Ceramic Award with a Japanese tea ceremony inspired piece. Since 1986 Adrienne has taught painting and drawing at TAFE, Adult Education, Workshop Arts Centre & Kuringgai Arts Centre, Maitland Regional Art Gallery, NSW & presently at Cessnock Regional Art Gallery.

Since 1980, Adrienne's work has been hung in national and international exhibitions in Regional and Private Galleries, including 2002 Selected Group Exhibition in Pearl Gallery, Portland, Oregon USA; "Through Australian Women's Eyes" travelling Australian Regional Galleries. 2003 Miniatures throughout Germany. Since 1983, Adrienne has won over 90 awards for her paintings & sculptures and has been published in 3 magazines.



A Little Book of Friendship.

"Hold a true friend with both hands", is a newly released inspirational book of quotes, proverbs and thoughts charmingly rendered with quaint illustrations, by Red Tractor Designs Rachael Flynn. This delightful collection depicts the special qualities of those we love and reminds us to hold onto them with both hands. Each book \$25 comes with a free gift card valued at \$6.

Eight new greeting cards have also joined the range. My favourites: 'Only your real friends will tell you when your face is dirty' - Sicilian Proverb & 'It's the friends you can call at 4am that matter' - Marlene Dietrich. These cards are \$6 each.

High Quality Sterling Silver Jeweller

We've finally discovered a fabulous range of sterling silver jewellery to add in amongst all the good gold at Campbell's Store. Just feel the weight of each ring, cufflink, necklace & earring pair, to know they are solid and will last a lifetime. The range features both natural silver and items set with stunning jewels, including amethyst, topaz, smokey, rose and crystal quartz, citrine, peridot & garnet.



All the way from Germany, Bastian Inverun, have been making jewellery since 1974. Their philosophy is simple: 'German design in silver (and gold), following the latest fashion trends, but always made to last for all eternity... Superbly crafted, it's no wonder that sumless women and men all over the world find pleasure in our jewellery every single day.' If nothing jumps out of the cabinets at you, ask to see the extensive catalogue.

New Willow Tree Releases.

Beautiful wishes, luck & laughter and wonderful memories of time spent with those we love – such are the sentiments expressed in the Willow Tree 2010 collection. Four engaging new figurines represent universal emotions. Willow Tree reminds us with simple gestures of what we hold most dear.

With My Grandmother – 'The best gift is time spent with you'. \$50 Features a child nestled into grandma as they share a secret together.

Beautiful Wishes – 'A Gathering of Beautiful Wishes For You: Love, Health, Happiness.' \$30 A girl holds a bunch of lilies tinged with the palest pink.

Remembrance – 'Memories...Hold Each One Safely in Your Heart.' \$25

Irish Charm – 'May Luck & Laughter Light Your Days!' \$30 Her dress is embossed with a delicate Celtic inspired pattern.

Available on the first floor of Campbell's store in *Forget-Me-Not* section.

New Momiji Dolls.

These gorgeous Japanese designed dolls are bright, quirky and are available for every occasion. Before giving as a gift write a little note and insert into the base of the doll – your own secret message. Beautifully boxed with a bonus badge and just \$20 each the Heroes Dolls are oh so cute! Peace, Thankyou, Happy Birthday, BFF (Best Friends Forever), Snuggle, Yee-Ha are sure to be gift giving winners.

Also new to the Momiji range are 6 fabulous enamelled celebrations keyrings to match the dolls mentioned above. Just \$10 each all your friends will love them. A full range of Momiji is available instore on the first floor: stickers, stationery, mugs, cards, bags and luggage tags.



Coco: I like bicycles made for two.

Australiana Handtowels, Face Washers, Tea Towels, Pot Holders & Tablecloths.

Beautifully machine embroidered by the loveliest group of ladies in a Vietnamese village and relatively inexpensive, this range of cotton terry towelling linen with Australian motifs will appeal to lovers of our flora and fauna and make fabulous light weight, non breakable gifts for overseas. Designs include koala, kangaroo, blue

wren, green tree frog, rosella, wattle & waratah. A description card of the featured flora & fauna is included on the back of each packaged item. Face washers \$6, hand towels \$15, 2 pack tea towels \$13, Potholders \$6, Single Mitts \$8, Runners \$25 & Supper cloths \$30.

Banks & Noble Skincare.

Compliment the above linen with a fabulous range of Australian Made skincare. Designs include Rosella, Blue Wren, Koala & Waratah. One gift boxed 100g vegetable soap with shea butter \$6, three pack of soap \$12, 60ml hand & nail cream with shea butter & quandong extract \$8, 200ml hand & body cream (wren only) \$12.

We suggest gifting a hand towel & single soap \$21, face washer & single soap \$12 or face washer & hand cream \$14. We'll gift wrap your selections for free.

Charlie Bears

A large shipment of Charlie Bears has just arrived. They include a number of Limited Edition Isabelle Collection bears (you will need to be quick), along with Charlie 2010, Freckles, Harris, Clara, Heather, Kojak and Ludo. The biggest surprise is the inclusion of some of the brand new 2010 mid year collection. There is Becky, Fuddy, Gareth, Goldust, Laura, Noras, Rodley, Samantha, Scamp, Seren, Shaun and William III. You can see all of these on the website at: www.morpethteddybears.com

New Website

Shirley has been working on a new website : www.campbellsstoremorpeth.com

Both of these sites are interconnected, which means you will be able to purchase from either site and all your purchases go into the one checkout basket, which will attract just one charge for postage and handling. It is easy to operate. Payments can be made by Paypal or a direct deposit into our account. You can phone with a credit card if you prefer.



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