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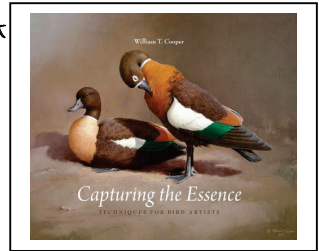
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William T. Cooper Book Launch.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th June, Morpeth Gallery.

'Capturing the Essence: Techniques for Bird A

is the name of the book. You'll find more information on Bill Cooper & his new book on the enclosed brochure. Even if you are not an artist, this book has some magnificent illustrations of Bill's paintings in it, and is a fascinating insight into how a master with the brush and paint palette creates such beautiful images. It would make a fabulous gift, or reference book for your home. Bill can personalise your copy, whilst in residence at the Gallery for one weekend only.



Sock Monkey's will be back at the Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair

Held at Darling Harbour for 5 days, from 9am- 5pm, Wednesday 22nd June – Sunday 26th June, 2011 this enormous fair is a must see. Especially if you are crafty, or wish to take up a new hobby. Even if you are not into making things yourself, there's plenty to see and do.

See inspirational quilts on display & fabulous fashion garments. Take in a seminar, watch a demonstration or join a class and have a go at making something yourself. There are hundreds of stands selling the latest crafty products, kits, fabrics, beads, yarn, paper & SOCK MONKEYS!



Yes, Morpeth Bears will be at stand number J28 featuring ready made sock monkeys in new fashion colours – green, purple, pink, yellow and blue. There's a new mini monkey size (so cute) all lovingly handmade by (the big boss) Shirley. If you would like to have a go at making your own sock monkey, you can purchase a kit with everything in it required (except the sewing machine). Kits are \$50 and will make two sock monkeys. Purchase your kit at the Sydney Fair and we'll gift you a free pattern book with 149 other creatures in it to make. Valued at \$15. Shirley & Kylie look forward to seeing you in Sydney. We'll have Charlie Bears for you too! For more info & to pre-purchase tickets, go to www.craftfair.com.au

New shop opens at Campbell's Store.

Last newsletter we introduced you to artist and doll maker Cathy Brady. We are delighted to announce that Cathy has opened her own shop on the first floor of Campbell's Store, right next to the Morpeth Nut Shop.

Cathy is now an artist in residence, and you can watch her making dolls or painting at a canvas any Thursday – Sunday. As well as selling her artwork & re-born baby dolls, Cathy has a fabulous range of Bric-a-brac – willow ware plates, fine china, porcelain dolls, teddy bears... there's always something new to discover. Be sure to take a peek on your next visit.

Locally Grown Olives & Infused Olive Oils.

Wollombi is a relaxed country town 40 minutes from Pokolbin, and it was there, that we recently discovered a Hunter Valley gem – Wollombi Produce & Trading, who create magnificent pure extra virgin & infused olive oils with Chilli, Garlic or a Rosemary/Orange/Fennel combination. 500ml bottles of oil are \$22.

The Extra Virgin picked up a bronze medal & the Rosemary combo a silver medal at the 2011 Sydney Royal Fine Food Show.

Plus to our delight deep purple Kalamata and bright green Manzanilla Olives picked in the surrounding groves and pickled in a delicious not too salty & not too vinegary preserve. Each big jar, packed tightly,

contains 500ml of the 5, 000 year history of people and olives! \$15. Try these oils & olives before you buy at Morpeth Gourmet Foods.

Honey Mustard Dressing.

This versatile dressing is a favourite amongst our team and we know many of you already enjoy it on your ham or chicken sandwiches, salads, hot potatoes in jackets, fish, vegetables, drizzled over pan fried mushrooms – well anything really! Ages ago (sometime late last year) we asked local chef extraordinaire Ian Morphy from *Old George & Dragon* fame to make us his version of Honey Mustard Dressing.

The result, which arrived late March was so good, that we immediately ordered 60 bottles, which sold out on the first weekend in store. Now you will find only Ian's Honey Mustard Dressing on the shelves, but it is a beauty! Each 250ml bottle is \$10. Available for tasting at Morpeth Gourmet Foods.

Morpeth Gallery News - Metalpoint Magnificence.

In September 2010 the editor of "Artist Palette Magazine" Dalerie Patterson went to see Gordon Hanley at his studio in Brisbane to do an article on his Watercolour technique as his method of applying watercolours is totally different to any other watercolour artist in Australia. As she was walking out of his studio she asked him what he was doing with all the black and white photo's in his studio. His reply was, 'They are original drawings in silver and gold metal...not photos.' Dalerie thought he was pulling her leg so he showed her how the gold was applied. She was amazed, and asked if she could break the story. This 5-page article was in the November 2010 edition of *Artist's Palette*.

Dalerie then flew to London to see her friend and editor of *UK Artist Magazine*, she was also amazed at the technique and immediately wrote a story about Goldpoint which was released on 8th April 2011, since then the *Australian Artist* released a 10 page article in April 2011 on Gordon's Goldpoints and now the *International Artist* is doing a story which will go to print in June. Then came a telephone call from the publisher of the *American Art Collector Magazine*, The "Must Read" monthly magazine especially written for collectors, galleries and painters of traditional art in America. This is the most prestigious art magazine in world. This magazine is distributed to all major museums, galleries and serious collectors of art, in America. It is considered the 'bible' for art collectors.



Vincent Miller the publisher told Gordon that he would be only the second Australian artist to ever be honoured by being invited into the publication in its long published history. During the conversation he asked Gordon how much the Goldpoints were selling for and Gordon replied depending on the size up to \$20,000. and his reply was that these were very modest prices. Vincent went onto say that once the article was published he would never have an unsold work and the prices would be closer to \$100,000. and could easily go above this and Gordon would have the top 14 galleries in America chasing his work.

More recently Gordon Hanley, whose work is featured upstairs in Morpeth Gallery, held a small exhibition in Canberra, which was the talk of the town. Politicians and Capital Territory dwellers flocked to see his extraordinary drawings created from pure silver and 24ct gold resulting in a feature article in the Canberra Times. All this publicity means that Gordon's prices will rise and rise. His work will also become harder to acquire. Metalpoints take many hours in the studio to create. Currently his smaller works sell for a very affordable \$850-\$1,950. In 5 years time...who knows? Copies of all the Magazines & articles are available to read or purchase at Morpeth Gallery, or your local newsagency.

Tea Cosy Challenge

Remember to get your entries in for the Morpeth Tea Cosy Challenge. There is \$1,000. prize money up for grabs. Tea cosies will be on display from August 18 to August 28 at the annual Novelty Teapot Exhibition at Morpeth Gallery. Entry forms can be picked up from Morpeth Gallery or downloaded from website: www.campbellsstoremorpeth.com or just phone and we will mail entry forms out to you.

Charlie Bears

A new lot of 2011 Charlie Bears has just arrived at Morpeth Bears. There are bears made from a brand new fabric, which I can only describe as being a mixture of matted plush/string fabric. It is proving very popular. For those who find it hard to travel to Morpeth, we will be taking a selection of Charlie Bears to the Sydney Quilt & Craft Show in June 2011. You're sure to find one to take home with you!

Regards

Myra • Trevor
Shirley