



Shepparton Textile Artists was formed in 2003, became incorporated in 2014 and is affiliated with Regional Arts Victoria. The group is overseen by a committee, and is made up of over 35 members from the Goulburn Valley regional area, centred upon Shepparton.

Throughout the inevitable changes that have occurred since formation, the main focus has remained constant over its 18-year existence:

1. To create, celebrate and promote textile art
2. To raise the profile of textile art by holding exhibitions
3. To enable and encourage community participation in textile art by running workshops and other activities.

STA Inc Achievements to date include:

2003 – April 2023

- 22 Contemporary Textile Art exhibitions - See list at end of document

2009 - 2022

- Community textile art workshops held stand-alone or in conjunction with Shepparton Festival - all facilitated by STA professional textile artists

Sponsored expert tutor workshops most years including

- 2023 - Two day workshop with Ilka White at MEAC
- 2021 - Sponsored two-day workshop at Wahroonga Lodge with nationally acclaimed free motion embroidery textile artist Michelle Mischkulnig
- 2018 - Sponsored two-day workshop at Wahroonga Lodge with reknown textile artist Nonie Sutcliffe
- 2016 - Sponsored two, full day workshops in Shepparton by renowned textile artist, Ilka White

March 2016

- Invitation to be one of the Artists in Residence, for the premier Shepparton Festival event "The Train Project" .

2015

- Formed a partnership with Primary Care Connect and the Afghani embroiders for a 12 month cross cultural project.
- Staged an exhibition within the Rushworth Art Show.

2011

- The group hosted a travelling suitcase exhibition and also took on the challenge of decorating the Yellow room in "Fairhall" East Melbourne, for A Wondrous Gift: Christmas at the Johnson Collection 2011/2012

Individual achievements;

Individual Members have

- achieved many awards in regional art shows, including the Wangaratta Stitched Up Festival and the North East Artisans Portrait Prize 2021
- been invited to exhibit in the Victorian Embroiders Guild's exhibitions, with one winning a prestigious award
- been Victorian Embroiders Guild tutors
- had their artwork and practice published in national art journals
- their work represented in private collections in Australia and overseas
- two members were commissioned to create the art piece "McGuire's Punt" for the City of Greater Shepparton.
- held private exhibitions at Kyabram Art Gallery and at Echuca's Foundry Art Space

Shepparton Textile Artists Inc provides opportunities for textile artists to showcase their traditional and contemporary artwork formed from the love of fabrics, yarns and fibres using a multitude of techniques including dyeing, manipulating, melting, felting, bonding, rusting, embellishing, stitching, and painting. Amongst our ranks we have many expert artists who actively organise and run workshops because they enjoy promoting textile art and passing on their expertise.

We are textile artists who work alone or in small groups and have a passion for creating textile art and sharing what they do.

SUMMARY OF EXHIBITIONS:

Year	Theme/Title	Comments
2023	Retrospective	A textile art exhibition that travels through time Members of STA exhibiting old and new textile art using various techniques - eco-dyeing, embroidery, slow stitching, weaving, basketry, fabric and thread manipulation with collage, fabric paint - all displaying extraordinary texture, colour and depth.
2023	Not Forgotten	In conjunction with Shepparton Festival, STA presented an exhibition in the windows of the Greater Shepparton Tourist Information Centre adjacent to SAM
2022	Texture & Textiles	Exhibition held at Filed Studies Gallery in Maryborough, Victoria
2021	Entwined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No opening - Held at MEAC for 4 months• Impacts of COVID still being felt, shutdowns affected Exhibition.
2020	Evolve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exhibition opened by Bruce Hunt-Hughes• Impacts of COVID19 – Exhibition poorly attended and all workshops cancelled

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2019	Voyages & Vessels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felted vessels on Exhibition at MEAC after workshop • Alongside 3D vessels, STA artists exhibited wall art following the theme
2019	A Good Yarn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened by Robert Nicholls • Felting workshop with Pam Hovel, Wahroonga Lodge Ardmona
2018	By Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened Anne McCamish. Local Arts champion. • Nonie Sutcliffe workshops
2017	Mapping Shepp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened by John Head. SAM Board. • Neroli Henderson workshop
2016	Be Consumed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened by Rebecca Coates, Director of SAM. • Afghani Ladies contributed to the exhibition. • STA Inc. Artist in residence for Shepparton Festival Train project • Ilka White one day workshops
2015	Grown, Picked and Packed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened by Ros Abercrombie, Director Shepparton Festival. • STA Inc Exhibition within Rushworth Spring Art Exhibition • Met with Afghani ladies fortnightly from Aug to Dec at Primary Care Connect • Textile Hub project: Community Matching Grant 2015/2016. Reorganised as separate activities at different places at different times. (Collaborative banners, community workshops, Ilka White Workshop, New Artists gathering)
2014	Creative Dreaming	Exhibition opened by Anne Smith.
2013	<i>No Exhibition</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 2013 STA Inc incorporated and started arranging own Public Liability cover through Regional Arts Victoria. <p>Name of group: Shepparton Textile Artist Inc.</p>
2012	Bright, Brave and Beautiful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibition opened by Louis Le Vaillant, Director of Johnston Collection. Talk on history of the Johnston Collection given with Angela Hesson (Assistant)
2011	Vibrant Voices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally Hugeunin from Wang Gallery opened exhibition. • Travelling Suitcase Exhibition "The Maharajah's Garden" Glasson's Artworld. • Provided exhibition for Yellow room at Johnson Collection East Melbourne Christmas exhibition.

Year	Theme/Title	Comments
2010	Inspired to Create	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free community workshops commenced • Susan Fell McLaren opened exhibition. This was preceded by her giving a lecture
2003	All wrapped up	By Creative Textile Group – precursor of STA
2004	Trilogy of Pears	
2005	Twists and Turns	
2006	Material Harmony	
2007	Threads in Common	
2008	Liquid Gold	
2009	New Horizons	

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