

Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild Exhibition

Venue

Civic Library Mezzanine Gallery, London Circuit, Canberra City

6 September - 2 October 2024

Monday – Friday 10.00am–5.30pm Saturday 10.00am–4.00pm

Participating Bookbinders & Book Artists

Avril MAKULA Beverley QUENAULT Chris JOHNSON Dario CASTELLO Donna HODGSON **Edith CSONTOS** Ian 'Spike' FARRAWELL John TONKIN Joy TONKIN Lee ROLPH Linda ROBERTS Liz PERRY Marama WARREN Nicky BAZLEY-SMITH Rob LIPPING Robin TAIT Sharon PEOPLES

Curation

Linda ROBERTS Nicky BAZLEY-SMITH Vicki WOOLLEY

Sonja SKAGEN Vicki WOOLLEY

An introduction to the exhibition

GUILD 24 showcases 38 works by 19 local and interstate exhibitors.

It highlights amongst our members, the diversity of interests, the creativity and willingness to experiment with styles and materials. This exhibition demonstrates that contemporary fine binding techniques sit comfortably with artists' books.

During the year, our hands-on activities, and the *Flip, Flop, Flap* bind challenge, have provided inspiration and skills for the design and construction of many of these bindings.

GUILD 24 explores quirkiness, elegance and innovation in book construction. Amongst the exhibits this year are:

Many different binding styles, some with exposed stitching and others where this aspect of book construction is hidden from view.

Interiors that include; botanical contact prints, a variety of texts including the children's story The Rocket Book by Peter Newell, maps, handmade paper, photographs, dyed cloth and reclaimed dyed lace.

Exteriors that include; machine embroidered leather, recycled timber and coffee cups, paper bark, embroidered cloth, leather onlays, gold tooled titles, and inlays of mica.

Several containers including; a circular box, a drop sided presentation box, a rocket and a machine embroidered box.

Thank you to everyone who provided their creative work for the exhibition.

Thanks to Nicky Bazley-Smith our photographer and designer of the marketing material.

Thanks to Linda Roberts for preparing the catalogue text and the display layout.

Thanks to Libraries ACT for its ongoing support of the exhibitions of the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild

After reading this catalogue or viewing the exhibition, I hope that you are inspired to create a book.

Vicki Woolley President Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild



Avril Makula

Title Author Transit (red) Avril Makula

Binding Style Description

Drumleaf binding

Somerset paper, Canson paper endpapers, elephant paper cover with blind inset, bookcloth spine, pigment inks. Edition 4 of 4.

Dimensions

228mm x 228mm x 16mm





Beverley Quenault

Title Albert's Garden

Binding Style Description

Concertina binding

Leather cover, underlay of red printed fabric, botanical contact prints on

Arches paper. Housed in a lidded box

Dimensions

95mm x 90mm x 45mm



Beverley Quenault

Binding Style Description Concertina binding

Machine embroidered leather wrap around cover, hand printed fabric lining,

botanical contact prints on Arches paper

Dimensions

95mm x 85mm x 35mm



Beverley Quenault

Title Sulliva

Sullivan Crescent

Binding Style Description

Case binding

Leather spine, decorative paper cover, concertina of botanical contact prints on Fabriano 200 gsm paper sewn to stubs.

Dimensions 125mm x 135mm x 40mm



Chris Johnson

Title Author Flip Book

Chris Johnson – artist book

Binding Style Description

Everted binding

Materials are flipped, cloth pages on the inside, sewn with paper yarn and laced with paper tapes into the cover. The binding structure is flipped, end papers outside, the bookcloth cover inside. Bigger on the inside than the outside.

Dimensions

320mm x 265mm x 10mm



Chris Johnson

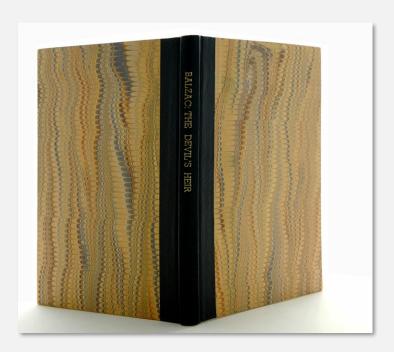
Title Author On the Rebind 2
Chris Johnson (ongoing)

Binding Style Description Half bound case binding

Creative journal of bindings. Leather and canvas cover, decorated with linen and hemp lacing, leather onlays, multiple colours. Flaws repaired in gold alluding to 'kintsugi'.

Dimensions

300mm x 174mm x 38mm



Dario Castello

Title Author The Devil's Heir

Honoré de Balzac (translated by J. Plummer, 1945)

Binding Style Description

Case binding

My main rationale for this binding is to use materials long held for *that special* purpose which never seems to eventuate. So, a simple book will have to do. Gold titled leather spine. Italian marbled paper on boards. Japanese paper doublures and flyleaves.

Dimensions

215mm x 145mm x 15mm.



Donna Hodgson

Title

For Kylie

Binding Style Description

Longstitch binding

Faux vegan leather cover. Paper 200 gsm CANSON watercolour. Five signatures of 8 pages. Waxed thread.

Dimensions

240mm x 160mm x 20mm



Donna Hodgson

Title

Genesis

Binding Style Description

French link and Coptic binding

Hard covered hollow back journal. Book cloth and YUZEN Japanese paper cover. Paper 80 gsm. 13 signatures of 8 pages.

Dimensions

195mm x 155mm x 20mm





Donna Hodgson

Title

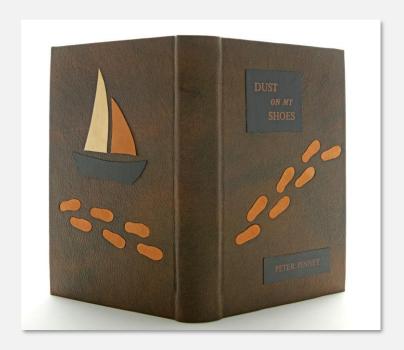
Pamphlet Palooza

Binding Style Description Longstitch and weaving

Paper 125 gsm QUILL. 12 signatures of 16 pages. Stampin' Up decorative paper, various ribbons, fibres and material.

Dimensions

210mm x 150mm x 40mm



Edith Csontos

Title Author **Dust on my Shoes** Peter Pinney

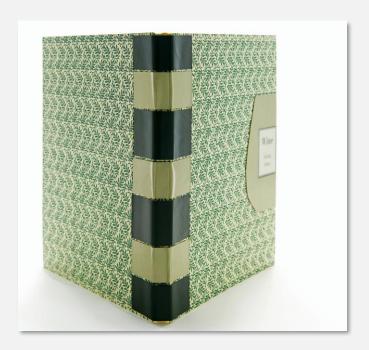
Binding Style Description

Case binding

Full leather case binding with leather inlays and onlays inspired by the book content. Original end paper with map is preserved. Titled printed with inkjet.

Dimensions

225mm x 150mm x 30mm



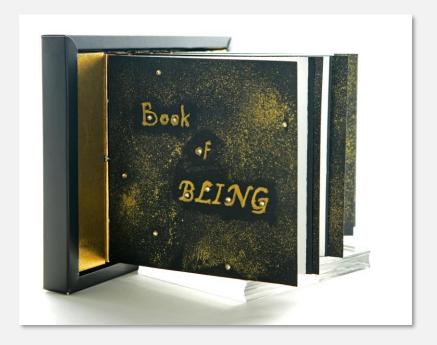
Edith Csontos

Title | Wine Book - Notes on Wines

Binding Style Description Variation on simplified binding

Leather spine, double boards covered with traditional Italian paper, leather onlay and printed title.

Dimensions 240mm x 170mm x 15mm



Edith Csontos and Frank Marossy

Title Book of Bling

Binding Style Description

Artist book

Single sections of black and white paper, collage of images and shapes, created using assorted new and recycled decorative papers, gold flakes and bling. Attached and housed in a recycled chocolate box.

Dimensions 260mm x 145mm x 35mm



lan 'Spike' Farrawell

Title

Love a Cuppa

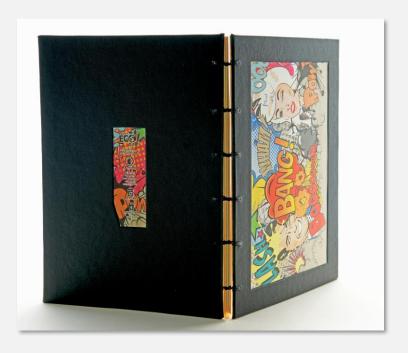
Binding Style Description

Concertina binding

Concertina binding incorporating 5cm x 5cm squares cut from disposable coffee cups Housed in a bookcloth covered box with a dispenser slot.

Dimensions

50mm x 3650mm x 1mm (open, approx.)



lan 'Spike' Farrawell

Title

Bang

Binding Style Description

Coptic binding

Bookcloth cover. Recycled coffee cup recessed in the front and back cover.

Dimensions 210mm x 150mm x 15mm



John Tonkin

Title **Author**

Histoire du Quebec **Roger Huet**

Binding Style Description

Limp leather binding Full leather binding in kangaroo. Leather title onlay. Housed in a circular box covered in leather and suede.

Dimensions

32mm x 27mm x 5mm (book)



John Tonkin

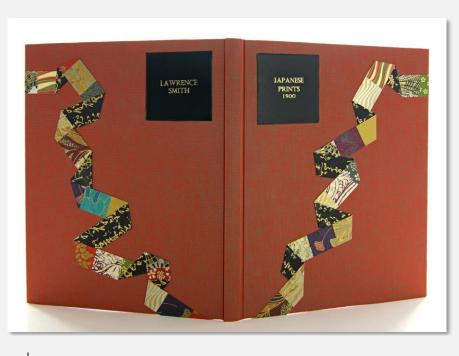
Title Author Long Tan Wikipedia

Binding Style Description Adhesive cased-in

Kangaroo leather spine with hand decorated papers on boards.

Dimensions

300mm x 220mm x 8mm



Joy Tonkin

Title Author The Japanese Print since 1900 Lawrence Smith

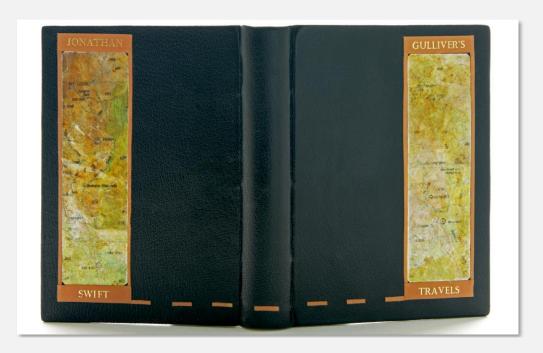
Binding Style Description

Bradel binding

Cloth covered boards with onlay decoration of a ribbon of Japanese papers. Leather headbands. Title gold tooled onto leather. Japanese endpapers.

Dimensions

281mm x 222mm x 17mm



Joy Tonkin

Title Author Gulliver's Travels
Jonathon Swift

Binding Style Description

Franzband laced-in binding

A full leather binding in Morocco leather with inlays of mica covered maps. Hand painted silk headbands. Map endpapers. Housed in a presentation drop-sided box.

Dimensions

179mm x 125mm x 32mm



Lee Rolph

Title

Book Earrings

Binding Style Description Case binding

Cane toad and printed paper. Housed in a drop sided box

Dimensions

Earrings 26mm x 22mm x 7mm Box 85mm x 100mm x 55mm





Lee Rolph

Triangle Book

Binding Style Description

Title

Case binding

Gray Chromo bookcloth and Japanese designed papers.

Dimensions 290mm x 150mm x 13mm



Linda Roberts

Spice trade: fostering the exchange of ideas

Binding Style Description

Title

Various: Longstitch, Coptic

Ginger, cardamon, pepper, nutmeg, chilli, fenugreek, turmeric, reclaimed glove, leather off-cuts, eel skin, various papers.

Dimensions Various: largest 70mm x 60mm x 18mm



Linda Roberts

Title

Lichen, in two volumes

Binding Style Description Exposed stitching over tapes

Old fruit box wood, reclaimed dyed lace, dyed papers using #dyedandgonetoheaven technique.

Dimensions 90mm x 130mm x 50mm; 110mm x 75mm x 45mm



Liz Perry

Title Author **Skopelos Garden** Liz Perry

Binding Style Description

Accordion

Dyed cloth samples: paper, cotton, silk, natural dyes.

Dimensions

150mm x 160mm x 10mm (closed)



Marama Warren

Beneath these waves #1

Title Author

Binding Style

Description

Flower fold

Marama Warren

Handmade plant papers, digital prints, cover boards, linen thread.

Dimensions

105mm x 105mm x 10mm (closed) 880mm x 295mm (open)



Marama Warren

Beneath these waves #2

Title **Author Binding Style**

Marama Warren Concertina stitched

Description

Handmade plant and recycled rag papers. Digital prints.

Dimensions

125mm x 230mm x 20mm



Marama Warren

Title Author Bogong Moth Fan Book Marama Warren

Binding Style Description

Concertina fan

Digital prints on parchment. Handmade straw and rag paper. Edition 3 of 20.

Dimensions

30mm x 200mm x 15mm (closed) 210mm x 360mm x 20mm (open)



Nicky Bazley-Smith

Title Author **Performing Cat**Nicky Bazley-Smith

Binding Style Description

Flat-backed case binding

An experiment in paper engineering for the Flip. Flop, Flap challenge. Each page has double door flaps that open showing two hidden curtains that slide apart to reveal silhouettes of a cat performing the 'righting reflex'. Soft suede cover, pages sewn individually to a spine piece. Inkjet printed images on Mondi colour copy 250gsm.

Dimensions

100mm x 110mm x 20mm



Nicky Bazley-Smith

Title Author Visual Diary – sewing patterns Nicky Bazley-Smith

Binding Style Description

Eight section sewing pattern binding

Dimensions

Bookcloth cover, paper serviette endpapers, Quill paper, pearl thread. My sewing pattern designs for non-adhesive bindings inspired by Keith A. Smith. 220mm x 160mm x 40mm



Rob Lipping

Title Author Flip/Flop/Flap (Bind challenge 2023)

Binding Style Description

Hardcover; 8 stitched sections

Hardcover with extended foredges. Pages from 4 books and 8 maps, plus art paper. Pages are interleaved in each section, with photos and map foldouts (FLAPs). Bound 'tête-bêche' with two fronts and turns upside-down (FLIPs) halfway through. Wraparound leather cover (FLOPs)

Dimensions

180mm x 165mm x 30mm; 205mm x 180mm x 50mm (in cover)





Robin Tait

Title **Author** **Limp Vellum Variation**

Robin Tait

Binding Style Description

Non-adhesive structure

Construction is a facsimile of 2002 binding by Mick Le Tourneaux. Sewn on 5 alum tawed pigskin thongs. Board covering sewn at the same time. Full text bonnet of archival library card acting as an anchor and spring-back for the non-adhesive structure. Bonnet loose covered with goatskin. Covering material anchored using thongs laced through.

Dimensions

155mm x 121mm x 52mm





Sharon Peoples

Title **Author**

Red Shoe Museum Sharon Peoples

Binding Style Description Concertina books and box construction Machine embroidered velveteen, ink on paper.

Dimensions

90mm x 90mm x 10mm (books) 160mm x 110mm x 110mm (box)



Sharon Peoples

Title Author Visitors Call Sharon Peoples

Binding Style Description

Multi-section embroidered book

Machine embroidered velveteen, gouache on paper.

Dimensions

295mm x 290mm (closed) x 20mm





Sonja Skagen

Title Author The Rocket Book

Binding Style
Description

Peter Newell
Case binding

Indigo dyed herringbone calico bookcloth, red cotton rag paper, yellow card, 6 magnets, coloured cord and hoodie clip.

Dimensions

220mm x 155mm x 15mm (book); 525mm x 180mm x 180mm (rocket)



Sonja Skagen

Title Author Paperbark is useful!

Binding Style Dru

Sonja Skagen – photographs of trees

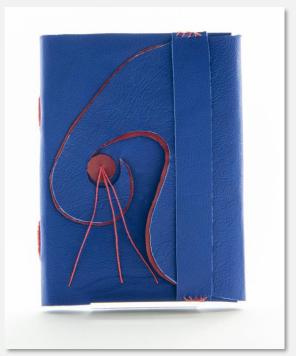
Description

Drum leaf

Paperbark, Double A Premium photocopy paper.

Dimensions 1

105mm x 160mm x 10mm



Sonja Skagen

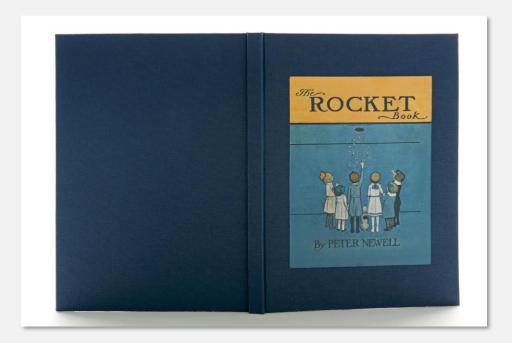
Title

Beach Tegumentum

Binding Style Description 15th century leather tegumentum journal Leather, five sections of parchment, red thread.

Dimensions

160mm x 105mm x 10mm



Vicki Woolley

Title Author The Rocket Book
Peter Newell

Binding Style Description

Flat-backed case binding

Cover of French cloth. Handstitched headbands, hole burnt through the text block, showing the path of the rocket. Edition 2 of 45, Digitally printed 2021.

Dimensions 215mm x 150mm x 12mm



Vicki Woolley

Title Author Stromlo – close up Vicki Woolley

Binding Style

Ribbon hinge accordion fold binding

Description

Geltex, gros-grain ribbon. Images by the binder printed on inkjet Epson photo paper.

Dimensions

93mm x 60mm x 30mm (closed); 93mm x 385mm x 3mm (open)

Glossary of binding styles

Adhesive (Perfect) binding: A form of binding in which gathered single sheets are bound by the application of adhesive to the spine edge.

Adhesive cased-in: A form of binding in which the single sheets are bound by adhesive on the spine and then cased into a separately made cover.

Artists book: A book where the concept of the whole book is more important than the book binding.

Bradel binding: A form of case binding in which the hollow-back is separated from the cover boards by well-defined grooves.

Case binding: A binding in which a book and its covers are produced separately and combined at the 'casing-in' stage.

Concertina (accordion fold) binding: A binding in which the book block is one long strip, folded to make the required leaves.

Concertina fan binding: A binding where one long strip is folded to make the pages and then the spine is secured at one end with stitching.

Concertina stitched binding: A binding where one long strip is folded, with the pages stitched to its mountain and valley folds. and cased into the spine piece.

Coptic binding: A binding in which the sections are sewn through their folds and attached to each other with chain stitching across the spine.

Drum-leaf binding: A form of adhesive binding that allows for full page spreads without stitching through the centre folds.

Embroidered binding: A binding where embroidery features on the surface of the covering material.

Everted binding: A binding where the outside features of the binding are presented inside the book and the insides are on the outside of the book.

Exposed spine binding: A non-adhesive binding in which the spine is left uncovered to allow the decorative qualities of the book's sewing to be appreciated.

Flat backed case binding: A binding where the pages are sewn together then cased into a separately made cover. The cover is made with hard boards on both covers and spine.

Flower fold binding: A binding in which individual square leaves are folded in half horizontally, vertically and diagonally and assembled as an accordion fold.

Franzband binding: A traditional French laced-in binding in which the boards are attached to the book block sewing supports before covering.

French link stitch binding: A non-adhesive binding sewn over tapes with decorative stitching exposed on the spine.

Half binding: A covering method in which a stronger material is used to cover the spine and fore edge corners and a less robust material used to cover the boards.

Hardcover binding: A binding where the covers are made of hard boards.

Limp binding: A soft binding featuring a single piece of flexible cloth, leather, vellum, or (rarely) paper cover.

Limp vellum binding: A soft binding featuring a cover made from a single piece of vellum folded around the text block with front/rear covers being double folded.

Longstitch binding: A non-adhesive binding with supported sewing, often sewn with coloured thread that is exposed on the book's spine.

Longstitch and weaving binding: A variation of a Longstitch binding where a weaving pattern is stitched between the long-stitches on the spine.

Ribbon-hinge accordion fold binding: A form of concertina binding that replaces the single strip of paper with multiple laminated boards and the paper folds with multiple ribbon strips.

Sewing pattern binding: A non-adhesive Longstitch binding with sections sewn through a flexible cover. The sewing is done in a variety of patterns visible on the spine and usually with a decorative thread.

Simplified (French simplified) binding: A binding in which the spine is fixed separately from the covers, allowing the boards to be decorated off the book.

Stub binding: A conservation binding in which the spine edge of the book block consists of folded paper stubs to which the book's sections are sewn.

Tegumentum binding: A binding named after the binding of a manuscript – Tegumentum cinereum – in the Tallinn Archives, Estonia. The binding is a Longstitch variation with button-hole stitch weaving together the long-stitches as decoration on the spine.



Established in 1981, the Canberra Craft Bookbinders' Guild seeks to promote the traditional skills of hand bookbinding and to exert a progressive influence on bookbinding design and technique. The interests of Guild members include traditional craft bookbinding, contemporary design bindings, book repairs and conservation, letterpress printing and alternative book arts experimentation. The Guild meets every month and welcomes new members. canberrabookbinders.org.au.