

Denise Lithgow

Denise is a textile artist, creating 2D & 3D felt objects and machine embroidery wall works. She exhibits her work widely in Australia and Internationally and her works have been selected for the biannual, World of Threads exhibition in Canada, Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Mini Textile Art, Ukraine and recently a finalist in Australian Textile Art Awards. In 2019 her 2D machine embroidery pieces were selected for a travelling exhibition throughout Europe and Australia and she participated in a sculpture exhibition in Buren, The Netherlands and at Chateau De Gizeux in France. She was also invited as the guest artist for the 44th Annual Camden Art Prize. She has won many prizes including the Hornsby sculpture prize.

She teaches felting in places such as Portugal, London and the AGNSW. Her book "Living in a Felt World" has just been published. "The Link" sculpture has been published in the "Worldwide Colours of Felt" book, Netherlands and her work is included in the Dimensional Cloth, Sculpture by Contemporary Textile Artists book by Andra Stanton USA, and Australian Textile Art Award 2020 by Artwear Publications and many art magazines. Her works are in private and public collections.

She says "growing up on a sheep property in South Australia has inspired her love of working with Merino Wool." Denise's works are produced using an intuitive layering of fibre and fabric for both her sculptures and 2-dimensional works. She works with vivid and tonal colours and her inspiration comes from an emotional response to her surrounding landscapes. She uses felt as it's an ecological, sustainable textile and her 2D works are fabrics which are upcycled and eco dyed.

Education

2017 Dionne Swift *Machine Embroidery*, Sydney, NSW
2016 Fiona Duthie *Samplers*, Context Blue Mountains, NSW
2015 Cas Holmes *Stitching* / Anita Larkin *Nature Forms*, ATASDA, Sydney NSW
2015 Marjolein Dallinga *Form in Felt* Context, Hazelbrook, NSW
2013 Jorie Johnson, *Mastering New Techniques in Fine Felting* ATASDA, NSW
2013 Meredith Woolnough, *Sculptural Embroidery & Resin Casting* ATASDA, NSW
2011 Felicity Clarke, *Embellisher* / Judy Dominic *Sculptural Basket* Fibre Orange forum, NSW
2010 Lynne Britten *Dyeing with Drimarene-K* ATASDA NSW
2009 Adrienne Sloane, *Artful knitting* / Kirry Toose *Art to Wear* ATASDA, NSW
2009 Jean Collyer, *Stitching* ATASDA, NSW
2008 Cecila Player *Stitching* ATASDA, NSW
2007 Carolyn Sullivan *Bayueau Stitch* / Carol Wilkes, *Embroidery*, / Leah Jones *Felting*, NSW
2006 Jenny Hopper *Felting* ATASDA. Bronwyn Hunter *Felting* Karinga Arts Centre TAFE, NSW
2005 Ken Smith, *Sheer Heavenly Machine Embroidery* Grafton Artsfest, NSW
2004 Colleen Weste, *Painting On Silk* Grafton Artsfest, NSW
2002 Gabriella Verstraeten, *Sumptuous and Exotic Fabric Panels* Grafton Artsfest, NSW
2001-2015 Sydney Day Surgery, RN, NSW
1999-2000 Medical Staffing Manager Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games NSW
1986-1988 Fashion Design Course, East Sydney and TAFE College, NSW.
1980-1999 Post Graduate Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. NSW
1976-1980 Post Graduate training, Royal Adelaide Hospital SA
1973-1976 General Nursing Training Royal Adelaide Hospital SA



Professional Experience

2021 Presentation Australia Design Centre Felt Talk & Demo, Sydney, NSW
2021 Teaching ATASDA felt 3D workshop, Sydney, NSW
2020 Teaching 3D Felting Bowral District Art Society, Bowral, NSW
2019 Teaching AGNSW
2019 Teaching workshop The Corner Store Gallery, Orange NSW
2019 Teaching Portugal, Olhao
2019 Teaching AGNSW, Sydney, NSW
2018 Teaching Arkaroola Art Adventures Northern Flinders Ranges SA
2018 Teaching AGNSW, Ryde Art Society,
2018 Judged Tumut Art Society Fibre Exhibition
2018 Teaching ArtEst Art School, Leichhardt, NSW. Canowindra Felt workshop, NSW,
2018 Teaching The Design Gallery, Terrigal, AGNSW, 3D felting vessels
2017 Teaching Context Hazelbrook, NSW & AGNSW
2017 Teaching Portugal, Olhao, London International Felt makers Association, Arkaroola Art Adventures
2016 Teaching Arkaroola Art Adventures Northern Flinders Ranges SA
2016 Speaker South Sydney ATASDA group *Felting Techniques*, NSW
2016 Teaching ATASDA felting workshop
2016 Teaching felt workshops AGNSW & Willoughby Art Centre
2015 Felt demonstration /exhibition London, Alexander Palace, Knitting & Stitching show, UK
2015 Teaching Felting Workshops AGNSW & Willoughby Art Centre
2015 Teaching Workshop Portugal Art in the Algarve *Fantastic Felt Forms Vessels & Jewellery*
2015 Macarthy Textile Group Studio visit & Presentation *Felt Vessels*, NSW
2015 Speaker Leura Harvest Festival, *From Cottage industry to Gallery* NSW
2015 Speaker Oxford Club, Studio, Leichhardt NSW
2014 Speaker Spinners and Weavers Guild, Burwood *Creating Large Sculptural Felt Vessels*
2014 Speaker ATASDA meeting, *Marketing Strategies* NSW
2013 Speaker 12th Southern Hemisphere Feltmakers Convergence, Illawarra, NSW
2012 Speaker ATASDA Meeting, Dence Park, *Art Practice* NSW
2011-2013 Eveleigh Artisans Market, Sydney, NSW
2006 started to create Art-To-Wear and textile works of art.

Solo Exhibitions

2019 *Guest Artist /The 44th Annual* Camden Art Prize Camden NSW
2016 *Denise Lithgow Textile Artist*, Art Est, Leichhardt NSW
2016 *Coast and Beyond*, The Design Gallery, Terrigal NSW
2015 *From the Ocean to the Desert*, Red Poles Gallery, McLaren Vale, SA
2014 *Travelling West-From the Ocean to the Desert* Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre, Muswellbrook

Group Exhibitions (Selected)

2021 Group sculpture exhibition *sculpturesque decadence* Audrey Fine Art Gallery, Pymont, NSW
2021 Finalist Bowral Sculpture Prize, Bowral NSW
2021 *Found Narrative, Untethered Fibre Artists*, Gallery M, Marion SA
2021 Gang of Five, *Chapter 21*, Bowral District Art Society, Bowral, NSW



2020 Gang of Five, The Shop Gallery, Glebe, NSW
2020 Group Exhibition *Lockdown* ArtEst, Leichhardt, NSW
2020 Finalist Petite Miniature Prize, Wangaratta Art Gallery, Vic
2020 Finalist Australian Textile Art Awards, The Embroiderers Guild, Vic
2020 Finalist Bowral District Art Society Sculpture Prize, Bowral, NSW
2020 Gang of Five *A New Vision* BDAS, Bowral NSW
2020 Finalist *Birdland11* Heritage Centre, Blackheath, NSW
2020-2019 *Responses to the Landscape*, Peter Griffen & Denise Lithgow Leichhardt Library, Leichhardt,
2019 Finalist *Sculpture in the Garden*, Rosby, Mudgee NSW
2019 Finalist Greenway Art Prize, ArtEst Gallery, Leichhardt, NSW
2019 *Abstracts from the Lowlands & Down Under* Buren, De Oude Synagoge, The Netherlands
2019 *Gang of Five* Bowral & District Art Society Gallery, Bowral NSW
2019 *Wandering West* The Design Gallery, Terrigal NSW
2018 Finalist *Greenway Sculpture Prize*, ArtEst Gallery, Leichhardt NSW
2018 Finalist *Seed Stitch Contemporary Textile Prize*, Australia Design Centre NSW
2018 *Traces 3* Belconnen Arts Centre, Canberra ACT
2018 *Guest Artist with the collection & selected Stitch Cloth Thread Exhibition* NSW Embroidery Guild
2018 *Sculpture in the Garden* Rosby, Mudgee, NSW
2018 *Sculpture on the Farm*, Dungog ,NSW
2018 *Round about* HeArt of Annandale NSW
2018 Finalist *Buda Contemporary Textile Prize*, Castlemaine, Vic
2018 *Synthesis, Untethered Fibre Artists*, Gallery One 88, Katoomba, NSW
2018 *Sculpture* Chateau de Gizeux, Loire Valley, France
2018 *The Space in Between* Palm House Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney NSW
2018 Finalist *Petite Miniature Textile Prize*, Wangaratta Art Gallery, Wangaratta, Vic
2018 *In Transit*, Untethered Fibre Artists, Tuggeranong Arts Centre, ACT
2018 *Earth Poetry* Red Poles Gallery, McLaren Vale, SA
2018 *Art Month* Concord Hospital, Concord, NSW
2018 *10 years Anniversary* ArtEst Gallery, Leichhardt, NSW
2017 Finalist Hornsby Sculpture Exhibition, Wallarobba Arts & Culture Centre, Hornsby, NSW
2017 Finalist Greenways Sculpture Prize, ArtEst, Leichhardt, Seaview Gallery, Dulwich & Bankstown ,
2017 *In Transit, untethered Fibre Artists*, Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby, NSW
2017 *Sculpture in the garden*, Rosby Winery, Mudgee NSW
2017 *Traces 2*, Belconnen Arts Centre, Canberra ACT
2017 *Ebb & Flow, untethered Fibre Artists*, Musswellbrook Art Centre, NSW
2017 *Ebb & Flow, Untethered Fibre Artists*, Belconnen Arts Centre, Canberra, ACT
2017 *8th International Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Mini Textile Art "Scythia"*, Kherson, Ukraine
2016 *Hunters and Gatherers* Red Poles Gallery, McLaren Vale, SA.
2016 Finalist *Hornsby Sculpture Prize* Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby, NSW.
2016 Finalist *Greenways Sculpture Prize* ArtEst Gallery, Leichhardt, Seaview Gallery, Dulwich, Campsie
2016 *Ebb and Flow* ATASDA Untethered group, Wallarobba Gallery, Hornsby, NSW.
2016 Finalist *Buda Contemporary Textile Prize* Castlemaine Vic
2016 Finalist *Art Unlimited*, Dunedoo NSW
2016 Finalist *Petite Miniature Textile Biennial Prize*, Wangaratta Art Gallery, Wangaratta Vic
2016 Finalist *Stanthorpe Sculpture Prize*, Stanthorpe Qld,



- 2016 Two person exh-*Landscape-My Perspective*-The Design Gallery Terrigal, NSW.
2016 Finalist *Warringah Contemporary Textile Prize seed stitch*, Warringah, NSW
2016 *HeArt of Annandale-Future*, Annandale, NSW
2016 *Tumut Fibre Art Exhibition*, Tumut NSW.
2016 Finalist, *Hunters Hill Sculpture Prize*, Sydney ,NSW
2016 *Façade*, ATASDA Palm House Gallery, Royal Botanic Garden, Sydney, NSW
2016 *Landscapes-Ways of Seeing* Pandora Gallery, Coolah, NSW
2015 Finalist *Hornsby Sculpture prize* Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby, NSW.
2015 *Out of Hand*, ATASDA *Untethered Fibre Artists* -Wallarobba Arts Centre, Hornsby, NSW.
2015 *The Two of Us* Breathing Colours Gallery, Balmain, NSW
2015 Finalist, *Sculptures in the Garden* Rosby Winery, Mudgee, NSW
2015 Finalist, *Harbour Sculpture Prize*, Woolwich, NSW.
2015 *Coastal Watch Peter Griffen & Denise Lithgow* Curve Gallery, Newcastle, NSW.
2015 *Sheepshape Guest Artist* Craft NSW Gallery, Sydney, NSW
2015 *Collectors Choice* Artsite Gallery, Camperdown, NSW
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Finalist, *A common thread*, School House Gallery, Hobart, Tasmania
2014 *The Red & The Black International*, World of Threads Festival, Ontario, Canada,
2014 *Elevation* Pandora Gallery, Coolah, NSW
2014 *The Figure, Flowers & Felted Vessels 2person exhibition*, Painters Gallery, Manly, NSW
2014 *Hunters Hill Art Prize* Hunters Hill, & *Tumut Fibre Art Prize*, Tumut, NSW
2014 *Royal Sydney Arts and Crafts*, Homebush, NSW
2013 *Collectors Choice* Artsite Gallery, Camperdown, NSW
2013 Finalist *Outback Open Art Prize*, Broken Hill Regional Art Gallery, Broken Hill, NSW
2013 *Brooch Show*, Contemporary Art Society Fitzroy/Richmond, Melbourne, Vic
2013 Finalist *Cotton Fibre Expo*, Narrabri, NSW
2013 Finalist *Hunters Hill Sculpture prize*, Hunters Hill, NSW
2013 *Royal Sydney Arts and Crafts*
2013 *Tumut Fibre Art Exhibition*, Tumut, NSW
2012 *Variiegated Threads, A common thread International*, World of Threads Festival, Ontario, Canada.
2012 *Beyond the Surface*, Gallery 54, Paddington, Brisbane, Qld
2012 *Fragment* ATASDA Royal Botanical Gardens, Sydney, NSW
2012 Finalist *Broken Hill Regional Gallery Art Prize*, Broken Hill, NSW
2012 Finalist *Petite miniature Textiles* Wangaratta Art Gallery, Wangaratta, Vic
2012 Finalist *Hunters Hill Art Prize*, Hunters Hill NSW
2012 *Royal Sydney Arts and Craft* ,Homebush, NSW
2012 *A Retrospective Two person*, Grenfell Regional Gallery, Grenfell, NSW
2011 *The Salon Show*, Painters Gallery, Avalon, NSW
2011 *Jane Goodall save our forests*, Carriage works, Sydney, NSW
2011 *Royal Sydney Arts and Craft*, Homebush, Sydney, NSW 2011
Afghanistan-Australian Arts Project, Kubal, Afghanistan
2010 *Strike A Pose Collaborative work with Peter Griffen*, Double Bay, NSW
2010 *Royal Sydney Arts and Craft*, Homebush, Sydney NSW
2010 *Voyages of the Imagination*, ATASDA, Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney, NSW
2010 Finalist *Totems* Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, Qld
2010-2009 *Shelf Life*, Delmar Gallery, Ashfield, NSW
2009 *The Art of Recycling*, Brisbane Textile Art Festival, Brisbane, Qld

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2007 *Shelf Life* Delmar Gallery, Ashfield, NSW
2007 *Yarrowonga Arts Council*, Yarrowong, Vic
2007 Finalist *Textile Biennial Fibres and Fabrics*, Perc Tucker Regional Gallery, Townsville, Qld
2006 Finalist *Up over Down Under ATASDA*, NSW Parliament House, Sydney, NSW
2005 *Small Wonders* Delmar Gallery, Ashfield, NSW

Touring Exhibitions

2019-2021 *Found Narrative, Untethered Fibre Artists*, Wallarobba Arts Centre, Hornsby, Muswellbrook Regional Gallery, NSW, Gallery M, Marion, SA
2019 *Unseen, Untethered Fibre Artists*, Gallery M, Adelaide, SA, Goulburn Regional Gallery. NSW, Manning River Gallery, Taree, NSW
2019 *Collective Stitches* NSW Embroidery Guild Croyden NSW
2018 *Collective Stitches* Sala Polifunzionale, Tornareccio, Abruzzo, Italy, Knitting and Stitching show, Olympia, London, Hawar, Oldeberkoop, Netherlands, Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London, Knitting and Stitching Show, Dublin, Ireland, Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate, Yorkshire
2010 Finalist *The Art of Recycling*, Brisbane Textile Art Award, Melbourne art and craft fair,
2009 *Exotica: Bugs, Botanica, ATASDA* Perth, Sydney, Brisbane, Darwin, Adelaide, and Canberra.

Residencies

2019 Selected as Artist in Residence, Camden Art Prize 44th Annual Exhibition, Camden, NSW
2012 Artist-in-residency Alerayc, France,
2011 "Designing Minds" The Studio Gallery, Gosford Regional Gallery & Arts Centre

Awards, Prizes, Grants

2021 Highly Commended, Bowral Sculpture prize Bowral, NSW
2018 Highly Commended, Camden Sculpture Prize NSW
2017 Major Prize sponsored Dobbs Gallery, *Textures of One*, Blayney, NSW
2016 Highly Commended, *Buda Contemporary Textile* Castlemaine, Vic
2016 Sculpture Prize, HeArt of Annandale, *Future*, Annandale NSW
2016 Highly Commended, *Art Unlimited*, Dunedoo, NSW
2015 Highly commended Hornsby Sculpture Prize, Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby, NSW
2015 Fibre Art Prize, *Textures of One'*, Blayney, NSW
2014 ATASDA NSW Grant
2014 Hornsby Sculptural Prize, Wallarobba Arts & Cultural Centre, Hornsby, NSW
2014 Royal Sydney Arts and Crafts: 1st Hand Bag, 2nd Wall Hanging & Sculptural Vessel,
2013 Royal Sydney Arts and Crafts: 2nd wall hanging, 3rd sculpture vessel,
2013 Fibre Section, 2nd prize Tumut Art Society Fibre Art, NSW
2012 Royal Sydney Arts and Crafts: 1st wall hanging, 2nd handbag 3rd embellished jacket
2011 Royal Sydney Arts: 1st wall hanging, 3rd hand bag, highly commended sculpture vessel
2010 Royal Sydney Arts: 2nd wall hanging, 3rd felted jacket, highly commended mixed media
2009 Sydney Royal Arts 1st wearable art, 2nd wall hanging, 3rd handbag.
2009 Winner Brisbane Textile Art Festival, Brisbane, Art to wear, Qld

Professional Affiliations

International Felt Makers Association



Australian Textile Arts and Surfaces Design Association, ATASDA
The Australian Forum for Textile Arts, TAFTA
NSW Embroidery Guild
Untethered Fibre Artists Group

Publications:

2021 Living in a Felt World, Book Self Published, Design by Kym Griffen
2020 Australian Artist Magazine issue April 2020, Three Perspectives
2020 Australian Textile Art Awards, Artwear Publications, editor Lynda Worthington
2019 Hand Eye online magazine *Wallworks & Sculptures*, Denise Lithgow April issue
2018 Studio La Primitive Arts Zine issue 26 July pages 38-51 online Denise Lithgow
2018 Textile Fibre Forum publication 131
2018 Dimensional Cloth Sculpture by Contemporary Textile Artists, USA, Andra F Stanton
2017 Hand Eye online magazine *Earth Connection Denise Lithgow Sculptured Felt Vessels* June issue
2016 World Wide Colours of Felt, Textile- Link, Ellen Bakker, Netherlands
2015 Spotlight on Australia & New Zealand, *Felt Matters, International feltmakers association*, Issue 120
2015 3D Sculptural Felt Vessels *Textile Fibre Forum* Issue No 119,
2014 Travelling West - From the Ocean to the Desert. *Fibreline* Issue 158 page 25
2014 Denise Lithgow Featured Artist *World of Wool*, UK,
2012 The Art of Marketing *Fibreline* Issue 147
2010 Featured artist, *Fibreline* Issue 142

Commissions and Collections

2019 "My Mud Map" Alistair Stevenson Private Collection, Sydney, NSW
2015 Commission Ambrosia Medical, New South Head Rd, Sydney 3-Mixed Media Works
2015 *Dancing Sea Horses* Hugh Kraefft 150x50cm, NSW
2014 Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre collection Sculptural Felt Vessels/Textile Work
2014 Max Watters Collection, Mixed Media work
2010 Commission "Kimberley Canyon" 1.7x1.1mts, Felt Vessel, Katina Sweeting, Sydney NSW, Australia
2009 "Paradise Landscape" Private Collection, Lois Going, New Zealand
2008 "Coastal Landscape 2", 26x20cm mixed media private collection, California USA.

