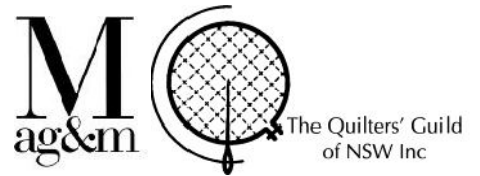


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***Quilters and textile artists invited to submit applications for 'Regeneration',
2012 exhibition of Australian quilt textile-making***

Quilters and textile artists are being invited to submit applications for the 13th biennial exhibition of contemporary Australian quilt textile-making (titled 'Regeneration') to be hosted by Manly Art Gallery & Museum (Sydney, Australia) in partnership with The Quilters' Guild of NSW Inc.

Artists' submissions must be received at Manly Art Gallery & Museum before 25 July 2011 (see details below).

The 'Regeneration' exhibition will be open free to the public from 27 April to 4 June 2012 at the Manly Art Gallery & Museum, overlooking Sydney Harbour and close by Manly's famed ocean surfing beaches.

Formerly titled 'The New Quilt', the 'Regeneration' exhibition celebrates the 21st year of this contemporary quilt exhibition and The Quilters' Guild of NSW's 30th year.

"The Quilters' Guild of NSW Inc. and Manly Art Gallery & Museum are delighted to announce that leading consultant curator and textile arts writer Jennifer Sanders will curate the 2012 '**Regeneration**' exhibition", said Sarah Johnson, curator, Manly Art Gallery & Museum).

Jennifer Sanders said: "'Regeneration' gives us the opportunity to encourage and foster new forms of quilted textile art – work which draws on the traditional skills and expertise and then explores new territories of expression on the exhibition theme... I am committed to engaging the audience in the stories behind the quilts."

'Regeneration' will feature the use of "individual display boxes for each work showing the artists' sources of inspiration, photos, sketches, samples of their fabrics and techniques – any material which the artist believes will help convey to the audience the story behind the finished work."

Ms. Sanders believes that engaging the audience in the creative process and the stories behind the quilts will enhance the public's understanding and appreciation of the quilters' art.

"This indeed will be a new and exciting approach," said Ms. Sanders.

"The ideas we are exploring in this exhibition should help make the 'Regeneration' exhibition project one which yields rewards for all involved as much as does the final exhibition in 2012."

Entry Conditions and Entry Forms are available on The Quilters' Guild of NSW Inc. website: www.quiltersguildnsw.com

Submissions must be sent to

**'Regeneration'
contemporary quilt textiles 2012
Manly Art Gallery & Museum
PO Box 82 MANLY NSW 1655
- or emailed to - artgallery@manly.nsw.gov.au**

BY MONDAY 25 JULY 2011

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