



Victorian Feltmakers Inc



To all VFI Members,

Hope you are all keeping warm on these chilly winter days! And getting a bit of felting in – I know I'm working on a pair of slippers at the moment to keep my toes warm. We have a packed newsletter for you this month, starting with an article about Jills amazing East Hungarian felting tour, photos from our awesome Jewellery beginner class as well as exciting news! We now have an easy to use system called TidyHQ which we can use to pay memberships, access newsletters, book workshops, frenzys or a retreat and is a one stop shop for everything VFI!

Hungarian Felting tour experience by Jill Preston

I had been following the Hungarian Felting tours run by Flora Carlisle-Kovacs on Facebook for about 8 years, sending for itineraries and prices; dreaming about attending workshops with some of my felting heroes when I finally registered for a tour in August 2025.

On the 16th of April 2026 I arrived in Budapest at 8 am, determined not to sleep until the evening. I did this by walking to a thermal bath, which was a great way to relax after the long flights. We met as a group of 12 along with Flora the next morning. Flora is a felt-maker born in Hungary, who now lives in Seattle, USA, but runs 3 Hungarian felting tours per year.

We spent our first day on the tour visiting two exhibitions – one with floral embroidery called Tulips and Roses and the other an Art Nouveau exhibition. Lots of inspiring colour and pattern. We were encouraged to take lots of photos to use for as inspiration for our felted creations. After a drive to Godollo, not far from Budapest, we visited a castle and settle in for a stay of a few days.

Our first workshop was with Gabriella Kovacs, a Hungarian felt maker and involved making a tower using a 3- or 4-page book resist. Throughout Hungary, we had seen many of these towers. The base of the tower had used 8 layers of 16-micron merino – from Australia. The higher part was to form the curved top of the tower, which we would cut off after shaping. It was intensive work for 2 full days. Most of us chose to do a 3-page resist because we felt that would be more manageable. Only just, however and I folded mine up to finish when I got back to Australia.



Next, we drove to Kecskemet, in the East of Hungary, to stay at the Creative House, which used to be an artist residence and was a lovely building set within a beautiful garden. The next morning, we met Aniko Boros, who had been a student of Judit Pocs (pronounced Potch) and developed her own techniques with Judit. We spent a long day making a Felted brooch with dyed pleated silk using 14-micron merino and a very fine layout. We used resists over the pleated silk and then pulled it free with tweezers and forceps while carefully felting the fine outer parts of the brooch.



Our next workshop was with Judit Pocs, who is a well-known and lovely Hungarian felt-maker who led us through a one-day workshop to make a small curved sculpture using resists to cut between layers of felt. We visited Judit the next day at her home and studio, which was a wonderful experience. Many purchases of Judit's work were made by our group.

In Our last workshop we learned to make a bottle holder using traditional designs with Mihaly Vetro, who teaches felt-making at a Folk Art School. He also took us to a Fairytale yurt, that he and his students had made and told us a story about a curly horned sheep.



These were just a few of the experiences I had during the 11-day tour. I met felt-makers from all over the world and saw many more exhibitions and markets during our stay. It really was a life-changing experience!

Have you renewed your membership for the next 12 months?

We have 3 levels of membership at the VFI: Life, Regular, and Concession. Membership is valid for 12 months from the date of joining. For existing members, the membership renewals are due on July 1st, 2026.

- Regular Member - \$70 for 12 month period
- Concession Member - \$60 for 12 month period
- Life Member - Nil

To provide a smoother payment experience, all payments are now made through our new TidyHQ platform, to complete your payment securely by debit or credit card go to the TidyHQ link below:

https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/membership_levels

I have added these screenshots of what you'll see when renewing your membership which will assist with navigating the system.

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Fill in the details to register clicking on regular or concession member then fill in your card details and then you should get a screen that looks like this confirming your membership and its all done.

Victorian Feltmakers Inc. knitonefelttwo@gmail.com K

Thank you, Jo!

Registration is complete.
Your payment has been received, you'll receive an email confirmation shortly at knitonefelttwo@gmail.com
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For anyone needing assistance with this process you can contact me on 0432935174 and I can step you through the process over the phone, alternatively if you would prefer to pay by bank transfer, please contact our Treasurer by email: VicFeltTreasurer1@gmail.com and we will provide further instructions for you. Thank you for helping us transition to the new platform !

Sat 25 th July Felting Frenzy – Using paper in felting by Jane St Quintin

There are still spots available !

Have you heard of using paper in your felting practice and are unsure of where to start then this is the Felt Frenzy for you. Paper is so versatile, it can be used to “stiffen” your felt, to add decoration and can even be painted on once it has been felted into a finished piece.

You will be supplied with a selection of 3 different papers to try and can decide on your own project which can be flat or 3 dimensional or you can choose to make multiple small samples to try out different techniques. Paper can be used along with other sheer fabrics and fibres so if you want to add some extra decoration bring along a small amount of your favourites from your stash.

Photos below show multiple projects and samples that I have made incorporating paper into my felt creations. The charge for this will be \$25 with the extra \$5 to cover the cost of the paper that will be supplied. There will also be some paper available for purchase on the day.



Felt Frenzies are held at St. James Hall, Cnr Burke Rd. & High St. Glen Iris. BYO Lunch. Please make sure you fill in the Registration Form if you are attending the Felt Frenzies. You will find full details there if you are intending to take part in the Skill Share. Attendance at our Felt Frenzies is limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please click on the Registration Form link below to book and pay for your place.

Non-members are welcome to join one introductory session free. Registration is essential.

Felt Frenzy registration form: <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events>

Australian Sheep & Wool Show 2026, Bendigo – 17th to 19th July



The big wool event of the year! Give it a look if you are free this weekend. Its well worth the visit!

Australia's premier sheep, wool and country lifestyle event — bringing together competitions, fashion, food, fibre, working dogs, Woolcraft and family experiences across three huge days in Bendigo. It also features the biggest fibre market in Australia!

<https://www.sheepshow.com/>

Southern Hemisphere Felt Convergence, Adelaide on 26 – 29th July 2027

Date to put in the diary for next year! For more info please visit: <https://www.feltconvergence.com/>



Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four inspiring days dedicated to creativity, community, and innovation in felt.

A Celebration of Fibre and Creativity

- Workshops
- Presentations
- Trader Displays
- Suitcase Sale



Connect, collaborate, and celebrate the art of felt-making

Stay Connected

Program announcements and early bird registration will be released soon.

Register for our newsletters and follow our Facebook page for updates and registration information.

Join us in Adelaide in July 2027 for four unforgettable days of felt making and fibre-filled fun.

Email: info.shfc2027@gmail.com

Beginner Workshops Series

So the second of our beginners workshop was held last month. Margot and Rita paired up to show participants how to make and use wet felted beads and cords to make their own jewellery. A great introduction into wet felting, designing and creating pieces. Thank you, Margot & Rita, for demonstrating the many methods of creating beads and cords. Everyone was inspired by the demonstration and tried the techniques themselves afterwards. Lots of fun was to be had! Here are some photos from the session:



Be a part of our next sessions – now open for bookings!!

\$30 for VFI members and you can bring your own supplies (list can be provided by host on request)

\$40 for non-members which includes felting kit or VFI members who would like to use the kit

If you are interested in attending a workshop, having some fun and trying something new, check out what we offer at <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events> to book in and pay for your spot.

The workshops will be held at St James Hall, Cnr of Burke St & High Street, Glen Iris

**3D Hearts as part of the Heartfelt Project with Alice – Sat 15th August at 1 – 4pm**

There is nothing quite like wool as a medium for bringing comfort. Through the Heartfelt Community Project, founded by the artist Wendy Bailye, where wool felted hearts are created and shared as symbols of care, hope, and compassion. These hearts provide comfort to recipients, and the felting process itself supports emotional wellbeing for makers. Let's make comfort hearts for someone in need and share them freely with the local community.



To book click this link: <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/85975-beginner-workshop-making-comforting-felted-hearts-with-alice>

Make a small Pod or Vessel with Jane – Sat 17th October at 1 – 4pm

Discover the magic of felting in this relaxed and creative workshop! You'll learn how to craft your very own small pod (just like the one pictured) while picking up the essential skills to get you started on your felting journey. Along the way, we'll explore the fascinating history of felting, the different techniques you can use, and the wide variety of wools and fibres that bring these beautiful creations to life. But most importantly—this workshop is all about enjoying yourself, getting creative, and trying something new in a friendly, supportive space. By the end of the session, you'll head home with your handmade pod and a basic felting kit so you can keep the creativity flowing.



To book click this link: <https://vfi.tidyhq.com/public/schedule/events/85976-beginner-workshop-make-a-small-pod-or-vessel-with-jane>

If you have any questions or would like more information give me a call – Jo on 0432 935174 or feel free to email me at jobagge1@gmail.com

If you know of anyone else who would be interested in our workshops please send them the below flyer. If you would like to display this at a local textile / fibre arts group, woolshop, or neighbourhood house please feel free. PDF is available here below to print or email link:

[VFI Beginners Felting Workshops 2026 - Flyer](#)

Favourite Supplier for this month:

Cashmere Connections



<https://www.rarenaturalfibres.com.au/>

At Rare Natural Fibres we specialise in the supply of 100% Australian grown and processed natural animal fibres including Huacaya and Suri Alpaca, Cashmere and Wool.

Our fibre products have been carefully processed to enhance their special and unique characteristics. We are certain that you'll enjoy working with our beautiful fibres to create your own special textile projects.