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Autumn - 'What's New' In-store News.

The World Of Collectable Antique Wooden Textile Bobbins

Last month Shirley & Kylie met a Sydney couple who collected antique wooden textile bobbins. So passionate were they, that Rod Lee and his wife had travelled to England, France & America to hunt down bobbins in antique stores & textile towns for their collection. They were saddened to find that since closing down the old textile factories, their new owners were sending bobbins to the tip as landfill, because they couldn't even burn them, due to the amount of smoke they gave off from being oiled and waxed for centuries. No one can be sure, but it has been estimated that three quarters of the wooden bobbins made, many of which were still in use in the 1950's, have been destroyed.

The Lees turned a passionate hobby into a passionate business, by buying up these bobbins from disused factories and importing them back to Australia. The humble bobbin is today looked upon as an antique, and progress has made it largely extinct in modern manufacturing, but the degree of technological advancement that it represented in its day is as remarkable as anything that has happened since. Kylie & Shirley were so excited by the Lees passion for these wooden relics, that they purchased 500 items to display in the wood section at Campbell's Store, opposite the old tools.

Last week a giant 100 odd year old basket which still has its tag on it from a mohair factory in the UK, arrived filled to the brim with uncleaned bobbins (straight out of the old factory) of all shapes and sizes. Some of the bobbins still had yarn on them, others have steel, tin and brass fittings. Some have painted colours on their ends, which identified the wool or cotton on them as being of a certain quality. Some are smooth, others have score marks in them where impatient factory workers have broken the rules and cut yarn from the bobbin – rendering it useless after repeated scoring. (These bobbins are not as collectable as the smooth ones, but sure have character.) Bobbins often have factory brands on them, and there were even some shoe lasts in the basket. All of the uncleaned bobbins are \$8 each, with the exception of larger bobbins and shoe lasts marked at \$15.



Then there are the cleaned bobbins to look at, which the Lees' have lovingly restored...with a wax polish. Whether cleaned or unclean, bobbins make fantastic props for doll and bear collections, turn them into candlestick holders, perhaps adorn them with velvet flowers, use them as door wedges, as a hat stand, or they'll assist any knitter to keep their yarns in order. These cleaned bobbins start at \$5 each, with medium sized bobbins around \$22 & large ones \$50. There are bobbins, which have been turned into pens, skipping ropes and lamp bases.

To help you start your bobbin collection there's a fantastic 80 page colour book called, *'The World of Wooden Bobbins'*, with 300 different bobbins named & pictured, along with a fascinating story of the evolution of the bobbin, pictures of some of the factories in UK and America, what is a bobbin, how they were made and work, how to collect and clean your bobbins. At \$25 it really is a terrific read!

Fancy a New Scarf made from Australian Superfine Merino Wool?

Nullarbor Nights Knitwear was established in 1991 on the Nullarbor Desert near Eucla in Western Australia. Alice Leda Pettirosso lived there for 6 years, and has been moving slowly East since then... first to Ceduna, then Adelaide and she now resides in the ACT. At her studio in Queanbeyan, NSW, Alice continues to create her hand-dyed and knitted scarves. There are over 80 combinations of colours available. The yarn Alice uses is Australian Merino wool, very fine and soft. Being hand dyed, scarves have many colours within each one, reflecting the colours of the desert and the desert skies. Your scarf may be hand washed gently in warm water and line dried. Steam iron and pull into shape. St Albans Australian Made Mohair Scarves are \$55 and a range of lambswool and silk scarves & pashminas from the DLux brand start at \$35.



DLux specialise in beautiful patterns and designs that can be worn to keep the chill away during any occasion – shopping at the supermarket or at a winter wedding! This year they have branched out into wraps for babies, made from extra fine Australian merino wool. It will keep baby Warm in Winter, yet Cool in Summer & baby will look very smart tucked up in his pram on a day out! Baby wraps are around \$60. There are traditional creams & whites and a modern primary red and blues combinations for the more modern mum & baby. We'll help you rug up for Winter! Available downstairs in the Jewellery and Collectable section.

Australian Birds & Animals Captured True to Life...

A love of Australian native birds and animals and a passion for creating art, are the two driving forces that have shaped Jane Elwell's work. Self taught, early work started at the kitchen table using natural timber prepared by her husband Edward, to set off her sculptures. For the last 19 years she has worked from her studio gallery in Woodburn, Northern NSW, building a reputation of excellence that has seen her work in high demand with individual purchasers and collectors both here and overseas.



Due to the accuracy and detail in her creations and the time needed to make each piece, demand has long exceeded supply and the majority of her work is on commission with only a small range for immediate sale. These sculptures begin at around \$500 each. Now Jane has agreed to have some of her signature sculptures reproduced overseas, from resin and set off on natural timbers, to make her sculptures more widely available – and in some small way increase the profile of our beautiful and unique native birds and animals. The range we feature in the Wood Section at Campbell's Store are priced from \$35. They come boxed ready to travel. You'll discover kookaburra, wrens, eagle, owl, kingfisher, silver eye, rufus fantail, koala, frogs and other favourites.



Crabtree & Evelyn Exclusive Offer for Mother's Day (or treat yourself!)

Mother's Day is on Sunday 11th May and Crabtree & Evelyn have the perfect gift for every mum. Choose from a large selection of beautiful gift packs to delight and pamper... La Source Traveller, Lavender Essentials Purse, Rosewater, Lily of the Valley or Summer Hill Traveller & Jewellery Pouch, – all around \$23 each. 100ml Hand Therapy Tubes are also \$23. Perhaps a manicure set, slippers & moisturising socks will make Mother's Day, or take up C&E's Exclusive offer...

Gardener's skin care formulas soothe hard working hands while adding a touch of style to a favourite past time. This range will satisfy the year round requirements of all gardeners as well as anyone who works or spends time outdoors. From the wisdom of gardeners, C&E has created a range of products made with natural plant extracts chosen for their traditional soothing properties.

Special Offer (while stocks last) - Purchase any two of the following Gardener's C&E products and you will receive Free a Gardener's Mini 60 Second Fix for Hands Kit, valued at \$16...

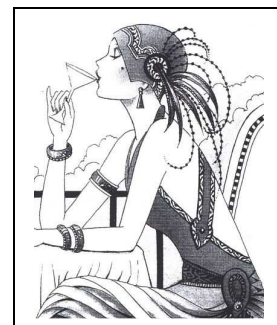
Scrub Bar 200g \$13	Intensive Nail & Cuticle Therapy 15g \$15	Hand Recovery 100g \$30
Hand Wash 300ml \$27	Hand Therapy Pump 250ml \$38	Hand Therapy Tube 100ml \$23
Scrub with Pumice Jar \$29.		

If you can't visit, just phone or email through your selection and we'll gift wrap and post your Mother's Day gifts to you or your mum. If you are visiting Morpeth on Mother's Day Weekend, start with a hearty breakfast at the Servant's Quarter's Tearoom, Campbell's Store – open from 9am Saturday & Sundays.

Then **Spoil Mum with a Darrell Lea Mother's Day Bag** – full of all her favourites Rocklea Road, Caramel Snow Tray, Carton soft centre chocolates, Peanut Brittle fingers, Fruit Jubes, liquorice and a \$25 Bonus Buy Voucher Book. You pay just \$25 per bag from Morpeth Ginger Beer Factory.

Deco Gifts For Her...

The opulence of an era gone by - Roaring Twenties meet the 21st Century in spectacular evening bags! Made of high quality printed satin, each bag has a black satin lining, metal clasp with delicate metal carrying chain, and tassels on the bottom to complete the designer look. Just the right size for make-up, keys, money & mobile. Ladies can choose from three sensational styles and know they'll look retro chic for a night on the town. \$14. Complement your Evening Purse with a vintage satin coin purse \$10, satin clutch bag \$16, satin jewellery roll – (great for travel) \$12, mirror compact \$20 & photo locket keyring \$9.



Did You Know that it was during the Deco era that compacts were invented for Flappers who wanted to check their makeup between dances, and loose fitting dresses replaced lung-crushing corsets so that flappers could dance freely? The Deco range is available upstairs at Campbell's Store in Forget Me Not of Morpeth.

Forget Me Not of Morpeth, opposite Morpeth Bears, has evolved into a space full of beautiful things for women (and cane laundry hampers, storage baskets & picnic baskets & trays!) Discover Inspirational books, magnets, plaques & journals, a huge range of Willow Tree figurines & Momiji Japanese dolls, cinnamon sticks and scented candles & tealight holders, mosaic with china boxes, trays and lazy susans, the Miss Rose & Sister Violet range of fringed beading, lace motifs & velvet flowers, Gingerlily PJ's and Uchi toiletry bags.

Linda Richardson hails from Burnie and creates stunning mosaics made out of chipped and broken Fine Bone English China Plates.

Linda scours antique shops, markets and garage sales to find appropriate plates. They may have a little gold gild on them, be a floral design, willow pattern and recognised brand such as Royal Doulton. All the plates are exquisite in some way. Linda then breaks them up and repositions them back together again, mosaic style onto the lids of wooden chests, jewellery and singer sewing machine boxes. Linda also creates Lazy Susans from them. Hang your Lazy Susan on the wall as an artwork, then lift it down as a centre piece to be used at your next afternoon tea. Sometimes she may incorporate a blue wren decal into the centre of a floral plate. Look for the brand of the plate somewhere within the design. This helps your new artwork retain some of its providence. If you have a chipped plate in your home you have kept for sentimental reasons then consider having it made into the lid of a box or a Lazy Susan, we'd be delighted to forward it on for Linda to work her magic. The boxes you'll discover upstairs at Campbell's Store range in price from \$240 - \$395. Small Lazy Susan's are \$245, Large \$350.



Uchi Toiletry Bags for Women & Men.

Uchi is the Japanese word for home or inside. Uchi products are inspiring to touch, see and use everyday, in your home and in your life. Uchi combines form with function, considering every detail, providing utility with simplicity and beauty. **Beauty & function in a toiletry bag? Absolutely – so throw out your old daggy bag and invest in a new one today!** Uchi was launched in 2001 with the intent of providing something that simply wasn't available at the time: travel and bath bags for the lifestyle market that are both functional and beautiful. Uchi products are now sold in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, UK, USA, Canada, Sweden & even Brunei!

The initial Uchi range began with toiletry & cosmetic bags for women and men – and these remain the number one best seller. Uchi travel followed with well designed **overnight and carry-on bags and travel wallets.** Then came Uchi **handbags**, providing function and style for the office or shopping days. These include fun handbags for young and pre-teen females. The latest range release is Uchicuchi – catering for parents & their babies: **well designed nappy bags in a messenger or backpack style that cover the lot:** plenty of pockets for nappies, bottles and all the bits and pieces, plus a change mat.



Uchi Toiletry Bags are made from an outside microfibre fabric and an inside PVC Coated nylon. They are strong and hardwearing. They come in a variety of bold colours & basic black & white, geometric patterns and new for 2008 florals. There are 5 sizes for you to choose from: Medium Flat Pouch \$25, Hold All \$35, Cosmetic Organiser \$35, Handbag Bath Bag \$55 and my absolute favourite Bath Bag \$55.

The Bath Bag is fantastic for travel. Modern hotel bathrooms these days are all about giving you more space, which is great (unless you travel to Europe & then you have no space!), but at the cost of a large sink or bench on which to place your toiletry bag. The Bath Bag unzips to reveal two large zippered clear pouches, one smaller zippered pouch and a hook, so you can hang your toiletry bag on the robe hook on the back of the bathroom door. At head and shoulder height you find exactly what you need, be it shampoo, deodorant, makeup, tweezers, toothbrush. It's Brilliant! Mister Uchi Shaver bags are \$35 and Bath Bags \$55.

Pre-teen Handbags are \$30, Travel Bags \$145, Messenger Bags \$110, Backpacks \$110 & then there's the **Mini Utility pouches.** These little accessories measure 9.5 x 2 x 10cm and are \$12 each. They are brilliant for all your bits and pieces: hair bands, mini toiletry bag, first aid kit, put in the glove box, Ipod, mobile, coin purse... the uses for this little number are endless. The **Medium Utility is a similar size to a ladies wallet** 20 x 2 x 10cm and \$17. You'll find plenty of uses for this one as well. Uchi toiletry & other bags are available upstairs in Campbell's Store in Forget Me Not of Morpeth. Or log onto www.uchi.com.au to select your favourite size and colour. Contact us and we'll mail order out to you. **Would your mum like a new toiletry bag for Mother's Day? We reckon she would & we'll gift wrap it for you for free! Your emery board is enclosed to remind you!**

Cavallini & Co. Luxurious Stationery & Decorative Papers.

Cavallini & Co. was founded in 1989 in San Francisco. Their story is one of dedication to design, customer care and an old fashioned commitment to produce the finest quality gift and stationery products in the world marketplace. Simply put, they love what they do... and you will love it too! Their goal is to create products that are both beautiful and functional. Whether it is a 19th century botanical print or a well-loved piece of ephemera, they pull from vast archives, the perfect image. If you have been to Italy, in particular Florence, and into a stationery shop, you'll know a little of the quality & images that Cavallini strive to replicate. Nostalgic images of London, New York, Venice and Paris will be admired by those who have been to these cities or who aspire to go. Botanical birds, butterflies and roses are as beautiful as African animals are quirky.

Notebooks: Feature whimsical designs. Luxurious paper and the fun of keeping a journal, come together in this collection. \$25

Notecards & Gift Tags: Elegant correspondence sure to delight both sender and receiver. \$18 per box.

Carte Postale: Charming & collectable – these tins of vintage postcards are perfect to frame and hang on the wall & will delight the receiver if you can bare to part with them.

Decorative Envelopes: send your correspondence or invitations in exotic envelopes. \$28 per box.

Decorative Labels: Tins of labels will be adored by scrap-bookers. Stick them anywhere and everywhere. A brilliant gift idea for the person who has everything. \$25.

Decorative Wraps: Almost too good to gift wrap with, we think you'll buy these to fame and hang on the wall! Maps of the World, Paris, New York, Rome & London, compete with Birds, Botanica, Parisian labels and Paris Postcards. \$7 per sheet.

2009 Wall & Easel Calendars: On sale from August 2008, these beautiful calendars are Cavallini's signature product. At \$45 & \$30 each, order yours on your next visit to Morpeth Gallery. Our favourites include:

Italia – Travel to Italy beckons with these stunning vintage posters that captivate the eye and entice the spirit to visit Venice, Florence, Rome, the Amalfi Coast and other destinations.

Botanica – Rare and unique hand coloured botanical prints from *The Compleat Florist* (London 1747).

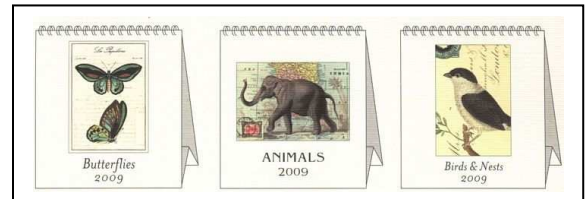
New York – A collection of colourful and playful vintage posters paying homage to one of the world's greatest cities.

Birds – A stately collection of exquisitely hand coloured bird prints from the 18th century.

Paris – Vintage posters, maps and Parisian ephemera evoke the allure and romance of the City of Lights.

Bon Voyage – Enjoy the golden age of travel to France, England, Australia and other destinations with these colourful vintage posters.

Calendars make a great corporate product & these are the finest on the market. To see the full range of Cavallini & Co, log onto www.cavallini.com then visit Morpeth Gallery.



Two Palettes Weekend a Huge Success.

The Artists represented at Morpeth Gallery would like to thank each and every person, who came to visit and talk to them over the Two Palettes Weekend on 8th & 9th March. The very lucky winners of the original artworks donated by the artists as prizes were:

Robyn Simmons from Thornton – won original Werner Filipich painting. Keith Bernard from Thornton – won original James Hough painting. Cath Hurst from Raymond Terrace – won original Ramon Ward Thompson painting. Gail Hamilton from Jewells – won original John Cornwell painting. Henriette Hiles from Ashtonfield – won original John Bradley painting. Roger & Heather Senior from Cardiff – won original John Vander painting. Ann Truscott from Valentine – won original Natalie Jane Parker painting. Cheryl & Dave Wilson – won original John McCartin painting. Robert & Denise Champion – won original Bill Freeman painting. Ian McKellar from Bonnells Bay – won original Garry Fleming painting. Congratulations to you all!

Two Palettes Weekend will be held in 2009 on the weekend of 7th & 8th March. **The next Morpeth Gallery feature is World Environment Week Wildlife Art Exhibition from Thursday 5th – Monday 9th June, 2008.**

Sydney Bear Fair – Australia's only all bear fair.

Present the enclosed voucher at the Sydney Bear Fair to receive \$2. off your entrance fee. Have the form filled out to put in the box to win a lucky door prize. The Sydney Bear Fair is Australia's only ALL BEAR fair and will be held at the Southee Complex, Sydney Showgrounds, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush on Sunday 13th April 2008 from 10am – 4pm. Morpeth Bears will be there. This year, there is a preview event on Saturday night between 7pm and 9pm. For tickets for this event please phone Melissa on 0404 946 959. At Homebush the same night there is an AFL match between Swans and Melbourne so there might be a bit of extra traffic around. The trains will be running. Please note that you can only use your voucher on Sunday 13th.

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