



# Needlework Tool Collectors Society of Australia Inc.

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference

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**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July, and Sunday 22nd July, 2012**

**Registration 8.00am , Conference 9.00am – 5.00pm**

**Parkview Hotel, 562 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 03 9529 8888**

#### Conference activities include:

**Celebrating our SILVER anniversary** which will include acknowledging Founding Members and Members who joined at the onset of the Society.

#### Speakers

Alison Cole	- 17 <sup>th</sup> Century Stumpwork & Related Tools
Morna Sturrock	- My Love Affair with the Needle
Kay Sullivan	- Dutch Needlework Tools
Kerry Easton	- Three Centuries of Worktables
Helen Fowler	- Dress Register/Conservation
Trevor Robertson	- Scissoroo/Ned Kelly thimbles
Patricia Begg	- 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Toys
Jennifer Forest	- Jane Austen's Sewing Basket/Georgian Times

But our speakers are only a part of the conference. Other events include raffles, a popularity contest – all attendees are invited to submit handmade needleholder/s. Voting is by gold coin.

Also the ever-popular guessing competition – at this Conference, attendees will be invited to guess the length of the GIANT BALL OF YARN! Plus,

Souvenir “goodies bag” with contributions by State groups

Morning tea, lunch each day and afternoon tea on Saturday

Sunday Sales Mall

Extensive raffles of tools and related items

Conference Dinner on Saturday night @ \$70 per person (drinks at own cost)

Guest Speaker – A specialist in English, Scottish and Irish SILVER

#### Attendance is by ticket only

(due to insurance constraints attendees must be members, non-members must join to participate)

2 day ticket \$175 per person

1-day ticket \$ 90 per person

**Accommodation** - Special prices are available for Conference attendees. Advise the hotel, when making your reservation that you are attending the Conference. If you wish to dine at the hotel on Friday evening, please book when registering at the hotel.

Contact the Parkview Hotel on 03 9529 8888 or [www.viewhotels.com.au/st\\_kilda\\_road\\_parkview](http://www.viewhotels.com.au/st_kilda_road_parkview)

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

### Friday:

- Afternoon 1.45 – Group tour of the Johnston Collection – See separate form – The Johnston Collection only allows 22 people. Note payment is separate to conference payments.
- Camberwell Antique Centre - Over 50 dealers in antiques, sporting memorabilia, collectables and ephemera. – 25-29 Cookson Street, Camberwell (opposite Camberwell Railway Station)
- Melbourne antique mecca at High Street Armadale – Tram to High Street leaves Cnr St Kilda Road & High Street – and many other antiquing opportunities

### For Accompanying Partners not attending the Conference:

Within walking distance from the hotel are : The Royal Botanical Gardens, The Shrine of Remembrance, sporting centres eg. Melbourne Park ( tennis centre ) New soccer/rugby stadium.

At the MCG ( Melbourne Cricket Ground ) the National Sports Museum contains the Australian Football Hall of Fame, Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, the MCG, the MCC Museum, the Olympic Games and the Sport Australia Hall of Fame along with a host of other sports.

The Australian Racing Museum is currently undergoing a transition to become part of the National Sports Museum at the MCG.

## QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

### Friday

11.00 am	Combined States Committee Meeting & Lunch for Committee members
1.45 pm	Johnston Collection (group meets at the Hilton Hotel)
10.00am – 5.00pm	Camberwell Antique Centre
5.30pm	Conference Registration and Informal Drinks at own cost – can be followed by Hotel Dinner at own expense- please book when checking in to Hotel

### Saturday

8.00am-9.00am	Conference Registration
9.00am	Conference Starts
12.00noon-1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm-1.30pm	Induction of Life/Founding/Foundation Members
1.45pm-5.00pm	Conference
5.00pm	Close
6.30pm-7.00pm	Drinks at own expense
7.00pm-10.30pm	Conference Dinner with speaker on SILVER

### Sunday

8.30am-9.00am	Conference Registration
9.00am-11.00am	Sales Mall
11.00am-11.30am	Packing up Sales Mall and Morning Tea
11.40am-12.15pm	Conference/Speaker
12.20pm-1.30pm	Lunch
1.35pm-2.00pm	Guessing Competition/Popularity-handmade needleholders Raffles and SILVER Sewing set raffle
2.15pm-3.45pm	Speakers
3.45pm-4.00pm	Close
4.00pm	Socialising