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| artist statement  |  | Barbara Wheeler is an Australian textile artist creating wearables from natural fibres, botanical prints and dyes that express her deep connection to nature. Her garments and objects tell a story about place and retain the fragrance of leaves and flowers that give colour to cloth and fibres.  |
| Education |  | Project Management Institute, 2010, Diploma Project Management University of Canberra 1991-1993, Bachelor of Applied Science - Cultural Heritage Management (Honours)Charles Sturt University, 1983 – 1985, Associate Diploma Arts (Communications)  |
| Exhibitions |  | Visitors Centre Wellington Botanic Gardens New Zealand, *Windfall,* 4 – 15 Sept 2019The Link, Ginninderry Canberra, *A Change of Clothes – dressing for good*, 27 May – 18 July 2018 |
| residencies |  | Artist in Residence, Wellington Botanic Gardens, New Zealand, 29 July – 15 Sept 2019Artist in Residence, The Formary, Wellington, New Zealand, 8 – 29 Sept 2018Community Artist in Residence, Majura Primary School, Canberra 2006 – 2011Curator, *Mirror City: Urban and Intimate Geographies of Canberra,* PhotoAccess Inc, Aug 2006 |
| workshops taught |  | **New Zealand**Karori Arts Centre, Botanical Dyeing Fibres, Wellington Embroiders Guild, 6 Oct 2019Wellington Botanic Gardens, Botanical Prints and Dyes For Giftwrapping, 11 and 14 Sept 2019Wellington Botanic Gardens, Using Flax Fibres and Botanic Dyes, 20 Sept 2018Nairn St Cottage, Wellington Museum, Introduction to Botanic Prints, 25 Sept 2018**Australia**Australian National Capital Artists, Natural Dyeing and Rebel Stitching, Canberra, 6 -7 April 2019Beautiful Silks, Natural Dyeing Spring School, Victoria, 15-17 Oct 2018Belconnen Arts Centre, Studio Masterclass, Canberra, 4 Nov 2018One Tree Hill Alpaca Stud, Botanical Dyeing Alpaca Yarn, Canberra, 6 Oct 2018Kiama Art Studios, Indigo Dyeing, New South Wales, 4 Aug 2018The Link, Ginninderry, Crafternoons Canberra, 8, 22 July, 12 Aug 2018Strathnairn Arts, Natural Dyeing and Slow Stitching, Canberra, 23 – 24 June 2018Strathnairn Arts, Natural Dyeing, Canberra, 7 – 8 Oct 2017Strathnairn Arts, Natural Dyeing, Canberra ,1 – 2 April 2017Strathnairn Arts, Natural Dyeing, Canberra, 22 Oct 2016 |
| design markets/ open studios |  | Design Canberra/Australian Capital Artists Open Studio, 10 Nov 2018Ginninderry Springfest Arts Market, Canberra, 28 Oct 2018Australian National Capital Artists, Open Studio 5 May 2018Canberra Style Market, 18 Nov 2017Fashionably Numb, Design Market, Canberra, 11 Nov 2017Ginninderry, Springfest Arts Market, Canberra, 14 Oct 2017Pop Up Shop and launch of clothing label *Every Thread Counts,* Canberra, 9 Sept 2017 |
| workshops attended |  | Berry Quilting Retreat, Indigo Shibori, New South Wales, 18 – 19 Aug 2018Cardif Collective, Draped Skirt Pattern Making with Studio Faro, Canberra, 17 June 2018Beautiful Silks at Waihau Bay New Zealand, Natural Dye Retreat, 7 – 15 April 2018Julie Ryder Artist, Mordant Printing with Natural Dyes, Canberra, 24 – 25 Feb 2018Beautiful Silks, Natural Dye Summer School, Melbourne, 21 – 23 Jan 2018Global Sisters, Natural Dyeing with the Bush Dyers of The Kimberley, Canberra, 26 Nov 2017Julie Ryder Artist, Natural Indigo Dyeing, Canberra, 16 – 17 Sept 2017Beautiful Silks, Natural Dye Summer School, Melbourne, 23 – 25 Jan 2017Beautiful Silks, Eco Printing with eco print founder India Flint, Melbourne, 24 – 25 Oct 2015Beautiful Silks, Subtraction Cutting with fashion designer and academic Dr Julian Roberts, Melbourne, 13 – 14 Sept 2014 |
| lectures presentations |  | Panelist, Natural Dyes Scaled for Industry, Fibreshed Inaugural Conference, Melbourne 1 Sept 2018Panelist, Eco Wardrobe, Drill Hall Gallery, Canberra, 28 Sept 2017  |
| AWARDS |  | Department of Education Canberra, Volunteer of the Year – Strategic Planning and Project Management, Nov 2008National Trust of Australia, Academic Excellence in Cultural Heritage Management*,* Nov1993 |
| collections |  | Canberra Museum and Gallery, *Gungahlin On a Plate,* 1996 |
| professional memberships |  | National Association of Visual Artists, Premium Plus Membership 2017 - currentCraft ACT: Craft + Design Centre, Associate Membership 2018 - current |
| employment |  |  *Every Thread Counts*, Sustainable Clothing Label, March 2016 – currentDirector, Department of Infrastructure/Attorney Generals Department, Australian Government, Public Policy and Programs, 2000 – 2015Director, Healthy City Canberra, Australian Capital Territory Government, Canberra, 1999 – 2000Cultural Planner, Wollongong City Council, 1996 – 1999Consultant Cultural and Heritage Planning/Conservation, 1993 - 1996Community Artist/Curator, 1986 - 1991 |