

“Whispers”

The Female Factory, 2007

As yet another year draws to an end at the Female Factory Historic Site in South Hobart, we are able to look back on a year of great achievement.

Most notable has been the honour of being awarded National Heritage Listing, one of only 70 such sites in Australia, and our inclusion in the Federal Government's serial nomination for Australia's convict sites for possible World Heritage.

The year also saw the Tasmanian Government purchase yard 4 North of the site (fronting Symes Street) to ensure that three complete yards of this site have been secured for the people of Tasmania and who could forget the moving 'Blessing of the Bonnets' at St David's Cathedral in March, with more than 600 people attending from around Tasmania and interstate.

Everyone at the Female Factory, from our Chairman Peter Rae and Board members to our amazing volunteer group, extend their best wishes for a joyful and happy Christmas to the South Hobart community, our supporters from every walk of life, to our many colleagues within the State and Federal Government and the business sector.

In 2008 we look forward to an exciting year as we mark the 180th anniversary of the site. We hope you will join us to celebrate the year and trust it will be a wonderful one for you and your loved ones.

Shirley McCarron, Project Manager



Jane, Lady Franklin's

Historic Piano has been beautifully restored and brought to the site and will soon be able to

be viewed by our visitors.

The owner will formally present this 'on loan' item to our Patron, the Hon William Cox, Governor of Tasmania, on 17th December

Broadwood upright piano
c1836



It's Christmas Gift Time!

Come into our Site Shop

to purchase from our range of fudge, truffle and gourmet Tasmanian products for all those special treats. Don't forget we only stock Tasmanian made products, from books to aprons – ideal for that different gift.

Mon - Fri - 1 Dec - 30 April, 1 May - 30 Nov,
9am to 4.30pm 9am to 5.00pm



** **Lions Christmas Cakes \$12.00** **

** **Legacy Christmas Puddings \$10.00** **

All Proceeds to go to charity

Volunteer Profile



Sandra Lo

Sandra has been a volunteer at the Female Factory since July 2002. She takes guided tours on Fridays, works in the shop and assists in the planning and implementation of the numerous volunteer projects.

One of her most memorable roles was playing Harriett Pullen (Asst Matron in 1829) in the "Harmony" convict ship re-enactment in January 2006.



Sandra is a TAFE teacher in the Business Administration and Retail Program. Some of her students work as volunteers at the Female Factory.

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2008 Anniversary Programme

Celebrate our 180th birthday with us, be a part of our history! Listed below is the proposed program for the year. Confirmed events are underlined. All events will be confirmed by January 2008.

January

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 11/1/08 - 15/2/08
Mary Hutchinson - A Matron's Life - Links to the Wesleyan Church

February and March

Possible Recital - The Scent of Summer

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 29/2/08 - 28/3/08
Jane, Lady Franklin - An adventurous Woman

April and May

Convicts, Conifers and Curios - Tasmania's Oldest Birthday 13/4/08 from 10am - FFHS / TMAG / RTBG

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 11/4/08 - 30/5/08
Women's Domestic Life In the Colony

Possible Recital - Autumnal Mood

Roses from the Heart Installation Opening - 9/5/08
Mawson Place Gallery

Roses From the Heart at FFHS - 11/5/08

June and July

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 13/6/08 - 22/7/08
Elizabeth Fry - Quaker Prison Reformer

Possible Recital - A Winter's Tale

FF Research Group Conference

Festival of Voices at the FFHS - 4/7/08 - 5.30pm
Workshop and Performance

September and October

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 5/9/08 - 24/10/08
Louisa Meredith - Colonial Artist

Possible Recital - Spring Song

November and December

Exhibition - *WD Booth Gallery* - 14/11/08 - 19/12/08
Children's Games in the Colony

GALA Dinner - 8/11/08 - Tasman Room - Wrest Point
with featured guest artists

Our Tours

The tour of the historic site includes yards 1 and 3 of the original complex with interpretive plaques, archaeological digs and the Matron's Cottage in Yard 4. The Memorial Gardens, created in memory of the women and children who passed through the site are particularly beautiful and are often used for wedding photography and small functions.

Tours (Booking essential)

1 Dec to 30 April, 9.30am + 2pm

1 May to 30 Nov, 9.30am only

Morning Tea with the Matron

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10.30am

*Bookings must be made at least
24 hours in advance for
Morning Tea.*

Roses from the Heart



Congratulations - to our creative and inspiring honorary 'Artist in Residence', Christina Henri. She has just been awarded her Masters Degree in Fine Arts.

Her interpretation, through her artwork, of the convict women and their children transported to Australia has touched the hearts of people around the World. We at the Female Factory are delighted with her achievement and wish her every success in her future career.

Christina Henri is still inviting 25,000 women worldwide to make a bonnet to pay tribute to the convict women who were transported from the United Kingdom to 'parts unknown', in the nineteenth century.

This remarkable project will become an outstanding arts installation and will be premiered in Hobart followed by Sydney, London and Dublin.

Bonnet patterns are available from the Female Factory Site Shop. To access a convict lass for adoption, patterns and more information contact Christina on her email cjhenri@inet.net.au or visit her website : www.christinahenri.com.au

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