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ARTS 7.30 pm

ART NOUVEAU ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

ADFAS Shoalhaven is pleased to announce the upcoming lecture at Berry School of Arts on Thursday July 15th at 7.30 pm. This will be presented by Anthea Streeter who has lectured for NADFAS since 1987. She studied the Fine and Decorative Arts in London and continued her studies at Harvard University. It was whilst at Harvard, where there was great enthusiasm for American design, that she became enthralled by 20th Century architecture. Since returning from America she has taught on courses in Oxford and London, lectured on the Country House Course in Sussex, at Kingston Art Gallery and for several private groups.

The lecture will introduce participants to art Nouveau style, its history, architecture and design. Art Nouveau had its fullest flowering on the European Continent during the 1890s, a time when progressive architects and designers renounced the tired formulae of historicism in favour of 'New Art'. But it was the English designers such as William Morris, Charles Voysey and Aubrey Beardsley who were first to break with the past. Influenced themselves by the clarity and simplicity of Japanese artefacts, we look at how their designs point a new way forward and how such influential stores as Liberty's of London

played a crucial role in the early development of Art Nouveau.

We will examine how the various countries in continental Europe responded to the New Art, firstly looking at Belgium and France where intensely organic, plant-like forms, with whiplash curves, demonstrated the mainstream of Art Nouveau. We look briefly at Gaudi's fantastical designs in Spain, and then move to Norway, where the coastal town of Alesund suffered a major fire in 1904 and was rebuilt in the curvilinear forms of Art Nouveau, and some examples in Prague are included.

Finally, we examine quite a different manifestation of Art Nouveau, shown by the rectilinear forms of Charles Rennie Mackintosh in Scotland and his Austrian counterparts, Olbrich and Hoffman in Vienna. We bring the early work of the American architect Frank Lloyd Wright into context and close with exquisite glass designs of Louis Comfort Tiffany

As a special introduction for those new to ADFAS this month we are encouraging anyone wanting to 'try before you buy' to come along as a guest for the reduced fee of \$5.00 (normally \$15.00). As usual there will be a light supper served after the lecture with an opportunity to meet the lecturer and other members of ADFAS Shoalhaven.

For further details contact Denis Lovelock
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www.adfas.org.au

NSW Fire Brigades



A quiet couple of months for the Berry Town Fire Brigade with the Brigade attending a few automatic fire alarms and a small grass fire, however the Brigade has been busy training with the New South Wales Fire Brigades Inspector for our area attending a station drill night and giving us a fire scenario to test the stations response times and procedures. Winter is the peak time for home fires because people are more likely to use heating and drying equipment in their homes. Last year 4,339 homes were involved in fire in NSW, killing at least 20 people and injuring another 573. Thirty percent of these occurred during the cold winter months. Common causes are cooking left unattended, faulty electric blankets, lint left in clothes dryer filters and faults caused by overloading power supplies.

A few simple precautions are all it takes to make your family safer. Smoke alarms are inexpensive and can potentially save lives and reduce property damage. There are even smoke alarms designed for people with a hearing impairment. For a small outlay it could save your family and your home.

The NSWFB has developed a winter fire safety checklist which can be picked up from Berry Fire Station on the 1st and 2nd tuesdays of each month between 6 and 8pm or downloaded from the NSWFB website at www.fire.nsw.gov.au.

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