

# ACT CHURCHILL FELLOWS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## March 2013

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### EVENTS DIARY

- **Autumn Churchill Chat**

Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013  
Time: 7-9pm  
Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly Civic  
RSVP: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
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- **Annual ACT Churchill Fellows Dinner**

Date: TBA  
Time: 6-10pm  
Venue: Commonwealth Club Yarralumla

- **Spring Churchill Chat**

Date: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Time: 7-9pm  
Venue: ACT Legislative Assembly Civic  
RSVP: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
[courtneypageallen@gmail.com](mailto:courtneypageallen@gmail.com)

- **Drinks on the House**

Date: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2013  
Time: 6-8pm  
Venue: Churchill House Acton  
RSVP: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November  
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### Presidents

### Report

Please take the opportunity to see Churchill Fellow Alice Giles, as she will be visiting and performing with the Seven Harp Ensemble on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 3pm**, Llewellyn Hall, Canberra, presented as part of ABC Classic FM Sunday Live.

**Alice Giles** has been acclaimed as one of the world's leading harp soloists. The Australian-born musician first attracted international notice when she won First Prize in the 8th Israel International Harp Contest at the age of 21. Since then she has performed extensively both in recital and with orchestras in Europe, America, Australia, and Israel. She presented her first solo recital at the age of 13 at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, was awarded the coveted Churchill International Fellowship and an Australia Council Grant to study in the USA.

***Helen Walker***

**President**

**ACT Churchill Fellows Association**

## 2012 Churchill Fellows Update

Here's a quick update on where our 2012 fellows are up to on their Fellows journey:

- **Dr Alex Bahar Fuchs**

*The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate cognitive interventions for older people at risk of dementia - UK, USA, Israel*  
**Departing September/October 2013**

- **Mr Terence Eveston**

*The NRMA-ACT Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to examine cycling and road awareness school curriculum development - Denmark, Netherlands*

**Departing 17 April 2013**

- **Mr Bruce Ferrington**

*To study the teaching of inquiry mathematics in primary classrooms - USA, Japan, Singapore*  
**Departing 6 April 2013**

- **Mr David Finnigan**

*To investigate the fusion of science with the performing arts - USA, Canada, Japan, UK, Sweden*  
**Departing November 2013**

- **Ms Robyn Forester**

*To investigate support networks for Indigenous law enforcement officers - New Zealand, USA, Canada, UK*

**Departing 14 April 2013**

- **Miss Laura Jellins**

*The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to investigate the emerging use of technology to enhance the delivery of psychological services in schools – USA*  
**Returns 24 March 2013**

- **Mr Dax Liniere**

*To enrich Australian music by bringing new, culturally diverse techniques and perspectives to Australia - France, Germany, UK*

**Returned 24 October 2012**

- **Miss Dianna Nixon**

*To undertake an intensive study of approaches designed to encourage and support young developing voices - UK, Czech Republic*

**Departs August 2013**

- **Mr Paul Thorpe**

*The ACT Government David Balfour Churchill Fellowship to study innovative decontamination of public facilities and spaces exposed to hazardous materials - Singapore, UK, USA, Canada*

**Returned 20 December 2012**

## Autumn Churchill Chat

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

7.00 pm – 9.00pm

ACT Legislative Assembly Building

### Speakers

David Pang,

Marluce Silvia,

Megan Nutt

\$5 per person includes drinks and nibbles.

Come along for a social catch up and hear the stories, adventures and learning's of our returned fellows.

RSVP [courtneypageallen@gmail.com](mailto:courtneypageallen@gmail.com)



## Are you a current Member of the ACT Churchill Fellows Association?

Each year you are invited to join the Association. Your membership supports activities such as the Churchill chats, newsletters, Drinks on the House and Website updates. It also provides you with the opportunity to belong to a very special group of people who share a unique life long experience.

Annual Membership Fees are \$15. These are usually collected at the Annual CFA Dinner.

To find out if your membership is current or to update your contact details, please contact

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## Fellow in Focus

### Peter Minson – 1995 Churchill Fellow– The Glass Teapot Guy



#### **What was your Fellowship Topic?**

*To research the “Glass Flower of Harvard” This is a collection of glass flowers, botanically correct in shape, form and colour that were hand made in Germany starting in 1885 and continued for 50 years. The collection numbers in excess of 850 specimens and were used to teach botany to students in the new faculty established in Harvard University that year. These flowers were made using glass, tools and hand skills similar to those I use but the skills to make these flowers were never taught and so have been lost.*

#### **What was the highlight of your fellowship?**

*Being awarded a Fellowship. I never thought the selection committee would award one to a glassblower. Then actually being able to travel to Harvard and see the flowers up close and personal, to hold one and try to understand how it was made.*

#### **Where were the best places you visited?**

*Harvard University Museum on the Harvard grounds, The Corning Glass Museum in Corning, NY State, they hold best collection of ancient, historic and modern glass in the world. Germany to visit and talk to glass art makers about the “Flowers.”*

#### **We all make mistakes in our travels, what was yours?**

*Getting lost driving around Europe on the wrong side of the road.*

#### **What's your best tip for a new Fellow?**

*To trust your judgement and have confidence in your ability to carry out your objectives set out in your application for a Fellowship. The selection committees did in awarding you one so go and show them they were right in selecting you.*

#### **What are you up to now?**

*Continuing to work blowing glass in my studio in Binalong NSW. Now and then I experiment in making glass glowers trying to redevelop the methods and skills that were used more than 100 years ago. I teach quite a lot throughout the year in my studio and when asked lecture on what I do at Glass Art conferences.*

*Currently Peter has an Exhibition "Ensemble" in Wagga Wagga Art Gallery that goes from 16th Feb to 21st April and one in Canberra "Off the Square" at the Belconnen Art Centre starts 21st April. His Australian bird series pictured below feature in both.*

