



As member Jenny Greer said: "I went home and wrap I did – straws, wire, cord, books - all with beautiful coloured silks, threads and wools – while the cat kept a wary eye on his tail"

A wrap for a new born grand-daughter, fashioned from glowing pink satin fabric woven in strips and enhanced with hand embroidery, was much admired. There was a deliciously soft jacket made from pre-felted sheets of merino wool; a series of books wrapped around with felted covers; free-standing 'sculptures' featuring wrapped cord, moulded fabric, driftwood and branches of a divaricating coprosma shrub, wrapped of course. There was even a chair at the exhibition, totally wrapped in yarn with gorgeous gold highlights.

A comment from a young man who came to look, and stayed to admire, probably summed up the essence of COOTS: "I've never seen work like this before," he said. "It looks as if you all have a lot of fun." □



The current members of COOTS are:

Jan Crawford, Jeanette Gillies, Jenny Greer, Amanda Hasselman, Pat Hewitt, Janice Jones, Pamela McGeorge, Ann McNeill, Angela Meecham, Alison Naylor, Jenny Tayler, Wendy Ward and Beverley Williamson. The group's most recent exhibition was wRapt (April 2009) and the next is planned to again coincide with the Wanaka Festival of Colour, 2011. Email: pmcgeorge@xtra.co.nz

Opposite page: 'wRAPT in Colour' by **Amanda Hasselman**, 1370 x 560mm – colours blended onto acrylic felt using an embellishing machine with two sheets of silk which were then cut into small squares, sewn back together. **This page**, two works by **Jeanette Gillies** - top right, detail of 'Kowhai Tree', 1620 x 1290mm; top left, one of three hand-dyed wall hangings with soy wax used as a resist. At left, "Sit down for a bit of a Yarn", chair wrapped by **Janice Jones**. All photography by Russell McGeorge.