

# Media release

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## *Elements: leather*

In 2011 Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre celebrated its 40th birthday. A key feature of the 2011 program was the Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre curated exhibition series titled *Elements*. The series continues in 2012 with the sixth and final exhibition in the series, *Elements: leather*.

Highlighting invited artists Penny Amberg and Linda Davy (10 February - 24 March 2012) and Colin Lee and Judy Parker (6 April - 12 May 2012), *Elements: leather* is curated by guest curator Meredith Hinchliffe and continues over two exhibition periods in the Crucible and Foyer Showcases.

Penny Amberg studied at the JamFactory Leather Workshop, completing her training under Italian leather master Pietro Salemne. Amberg went on to establish the Leather Workshop at The Australian National University School of Art.

Linda Davy draws on a variety of mediums to explore line, shadow, tone, structure, texture and tactility of the natural environment. Davy's early practice specialised in leatherwork, designing and making leather bags, sculpture and furniture with hand painted leather upholstery. Although Davy's contemporary practice focuses on clay and mixed media she has revisited leather for this exhibition.

*Elements: leather* will be officially opened by guest speaker **Meredith Hinchliffe, Curator, Canberra arts writer and advocate** at 5. pm Thursday 9 February 2012. The exhibition continues until Saturday 24 March 2012 in the Centre's Crucible and Foyer Showcases, Level 1 North Building, 180 London Circuit, Canberra City. Craft ACT: Craft and Design Centre is open Tuesday to Friday 10. am to 5. pm and Saturday 12. pm to 4. pm (closed Sunday, Monday and public holidays).



Images (left to right): **Linda Davy**, *Sharks egg bag*, 1986, cowhide, guitar strings, pigskin lining. Photograph: courtesy of the artist; **Linda Davy**, *Kangaroo skin boots*, 1983, kangaroo leather outer, pigskin lining, buttons, hand stencilled. Photograph: courtesy of the artist.

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