



KG Bytes

August 2025

FIBREFEST 2025 - Sunday 28 September 2025

10.00 - 3.00

Wyong Raceclub and Function Centre

(A 5 minute walk from Wyong Station)

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers will be needed on the day for a variety of jobs. Just an hour of your time (or possibly a little more) - bring a smile and a can-do attitude.

Saturday 27 September: Set up 2-5pm

Sunday 28 September:

Raffle ticket sellers from 9am

Help with Fashion Parade and models for Parade

General help for Jayne & Gail - giving stall holders a toilet break/or grabbing a coffee for them

Help with closing down - we have to be out of the venue by 5pm

Contact us via email with "Volunteer" as the subject, giving an indication of time available and if you have anything you specifically want to help with.

We appreciate your help as many hands make light work; events like this are unable to take place without many volunteers.

Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

We'll be welcoming the following stallholders to the Festival.

24 Mile Hollow Yarn Co
Adagio Alpaca Mills
Adorkable Handmade & Stormy Fibre
Bean Town
Bonnie's Daughter
Bumble Bee Knits & Yarns
Come in Spinner
EleventyOne Windmills
Fancy Yarns Australia
Fiber Lily
Fibre Arts Shed
Fibre Naturally Woollen Mill
Glenheavenknits
Great Southern Yarn
Hodgepodge Skeins
Jokamamo Textiles.com
Life in loops
Luxe Handweaving

Magnolia Yarns
Maker Moran
My Creative Garage
Nani's Yarns and Fibres (Fine Felt)
Ochre Moon
One Stitch Two Stitch
Pirate Purl Yarns
Pleasant View Fibres
Sanna & Co
Set on Sewing & Craft
Signatur Handknits
Skip Rope Yarn Co
Spinneret Handmade
Spinners Cotton Australia
Spunout Fibres
Stitchy Witches & Co

Stalls

Fashion Parade

Demonstrations

Prize Draws

Food and Drink

Live Music

Stunning Location

DON'T FORGET to wear your FibreFest shawl. We'd love to see them And there are prizes to be won!



The Australian Wool Store
The House of Wool
The Shepherds Choice
The Wool Inn
This Lush Corner
Three Trees Fibre Crafts
Vera Loves Knitting
Warped and Twisted Creations
Willow Vale Wool



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Guild Designers' Forum

The Designer Forum, where our designers can get together each month via Zoom, has had a change of Convenor. Due to a number of factors, Hannah Smith has unfortunately stepped down from this role but Jenny Whiting has kindly agreed to be the new Convenor for the Forum.

I would like to thank Hannah for all her time in getting the group together over the past year. This has been greatly appreciated by all who attend the meetings. I look forward to seeing it continue and grow over time.

If you would like to be a part of this forum, please email Jenny at Designers@knittersguildnsw.org.au. The group meets via Zoom at 7pm on the second Tuesday evening of each month.

Raewyn Tippett - President

Volunteer Required

We are looking for a marketing person to help us promote various upcoming events, and further ones into the future, within the Guild, as well as expand and promote the Guild in NSW.

If you are interested in this position, please contact the President or Secretary.



FibreFest Shawl 2025

The pattern for this beautiful crocheted shawl is now available on our website.

We look forward to seeing many of these at FibreFest on 28 September. Wear your finished shawl on the day and maybe win a prize!

Help, Please!

Knit A Sweater: Linda Ozmen (lindeozmen@gmail.com) would like a woollen vest to be knitted for her dad to replace an older much treasured one. She has 12 balls of 50g Ambridge (Argyll) in brown that she would like used in this commission.

Please contact Linda if interested.

Donation of Stitchcraft Magazines (Patons Publishing)

Would anyone like approximately 90 copies of this magazine, dating from 1972-1982?

Please contact the Guild Secretary if interested.

Guild Website

There is a new website under construction. At the moment, the existing website is being updated only when absolutely necessary.

We know there are items on the website that are out of date; this will all be remedied once the new website goes live, which will be in the next few months.

Please be patient while this is happening.



THREE Guild Workshops! (And a Workshop Survey)

Amigurumi Crochet Workshop - Sydney CBD

We are thrilled to welcome Stacey Trock to host a scrap-busting Amigurumi crochet workshop in Sydney on Saturday 6 September.

Stacey is an internationally-renowned crochet designer with over 300 designs on Ravelry (<https://www.ravelry.com/designers/stacey-trock/patterns>) and a number of published books. We're very fortunate that since her move to Australia she is now a member of the Guild.

We're sure this will be an extremely popular workshop so book your tickets now. And gather up all those odds and ends of yarn you have sitting around!

Date: Saturday 3 September

Venue: Sydney Mechanics School of Art, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney. (A few minutes' walk from Town Hall Station)

Cost: \$20 (Guild Members)

To Book: www.trybooking.com/DDODV

An Introduction to Tunisian Crochet

Join the Guild's Tunisian guru, Abbey Bongers, for an online workshop (via Zoom) to learn the basics of Tunisian Crochet.

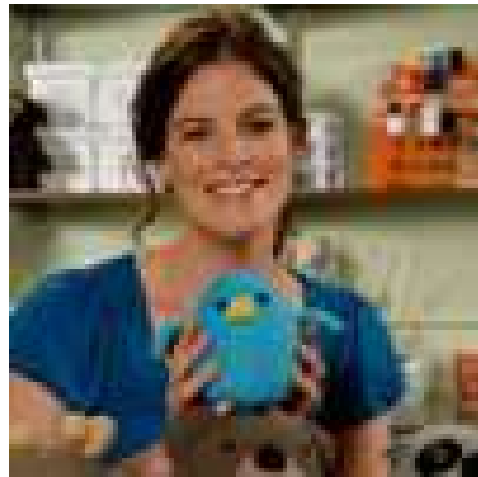
Bring along 8ply yarn and either a 6mm Tunisian Crochet hook or a STRAIGHT (ie without thumb grip) 6mm crochet hook for your practice piece.

Date: **Monday 18 August**

Cost: FREE TO MEMBERS

To Book: www.trybooking.com/DEDEH

If you have any queries about our workshops, or need further information, please write to Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Stacey Trock with one of her creations

Skirts That Fit!

There are still a few places available in **Ann Budd's** wonderful workshop on knitting skirts. Book by 15 August if you wish to attend this workshop.

The course consists of 4 classes of 1.5 hours each, over 7 weeks (21 August, 4/11/25 September) from 10.00am on Zoom.

Visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DCELS>

Price: \$160 (Members), \$200 (Non-Members)

We need your opinions - Online Workshop with Patty Lyons

Patty is an extraordinarily talented US knitwear tutor and designer, and the author of "Knitting Bag of Tricks".

She has very kindly offered to host an online workshop for Guild members. So we're looking for your input.

We'd love to hear from as many of you as possible. Would you be interested in attending one of her workshops? Which of her classes would you favour? Which day is best for you. If this doesn't interest you, why not? (And we'll try to organise something that does).

PLEASE go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8Y6CFL7>



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News From The Groups

Blacktown: Saturday 9 August, 10am-1pm
Our workshop will be Cast On Methods, run by Kathryn Trippet from The Australian Wool Store. Kathryn will also be bringing a selection of her yarn for attendees to purchase so come prepared with your wallets.

Jacinta Wood

Blue Mountains: Saturday 16 August, our normal meeting. We will hold our monthly meet up at The Red Cow in Penrith on Sunday 3 August. This monthly get-together starts at 11.30am and is a great opportunity for a social catch up while working on projects. Please contact the group on nswkgbmg@gmail.com to book a place.

Jan Marshall - Secretary

Crochet Turrumurra: Wednesday 6 August, 10.00am. We will be continuing our exploration of Japanese Tunisian Crochet, learning how to crochet an edging using Tunisian crochet. Bring one of your samples and appropriate size crochet and Tunisian hooks. We will also be continuing to work on the Tunisian Wave stitch and the Shell pattern.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

Epping: At our Monday meetings, we are starting to make our Christmas items for the Children's Hospital. The Epping Group is holding a knitting and crochet weekend away this year and would like to extend an invitation to other members of the Knitters Guild.

Venue: Hartzler Park, Eridge Road, Burradoo (near Bowral).

Dates: 4pm Friday 26th September to after lunch Monday 29th September 2025. Note this is the same weekend as FibreFest.

Cost: \$561.00 includes: Workshops, breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and accommodation including linen. If you would like to attend, please contact Jill Rowling on jillr@speleonics.com.au for further information.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

Goulburn: 16 August, 10:00am - 2:00. Come along for an activity on double knitting with two colours and get filled in with the latest information about how the sessions will be run.

Christina Wall - Publicity Officer

Inner West: Wednesday 20 August 10:30 am
Please join us at our next meeting when we will be talking about knitted slippers and don't forget to bring your latest project for "Show and Tell".

Louise Zaluzny

Pittwater: Saturday 2 August, Tuesday 5 August and Tuesday 19 August - all meetings start at 1pm. 2 and 19 August: CAL Fibrefest Shawl, problem solving and Knit and Natter.

5 August: Sue Cannons will hold a workshop on 2 stranded knitting and review our CAL Shawl

Wendy Collett - Secretary

Southern: Saturday 2 August, 9am-12pm. We're having a casual 'sit and knit' for our August meeting while several of our members are on the Guild Cruise.

Saturday, 23 August, we're having lunch at the Hazelhurst Gallery at Gymea so we can see the 'Gut Feelings' exhibition.

Jo Kennedy - Secretary

The Entrance: Saturday 2 August. Some will be cruising but others will be meeting as usual from 12:30 for 1pm start. Teaching Corner: Christmas Decorations

Wednesday 20 August: Mid Month Catchup at Roasted Berry, Mingara from 10.00am.

Saturday 6 September:

- Colour Workshop: 9-12 with Sue Hobbs. For more info see Susanne W.
- Meeting: 12:30 for 1.00pm start
- Teaching Corner: Follow-ups for Sock Workshop & Continental Knitting utubes

Toni Withington - Publicity

Woy Woy: Saturday 16 August. It's the group's 8th Birthday, so we're having a little party, with cake, plus the usual wonderful Show and Tell.

Nardia Sly - Convenor

Please submit your Group's News to the Guild Secretary by the 24th of the month for inclusion in our next issue.

We cannot guarantee that it will be published if received after that date.



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Our New and Re-Joining Members

A warm welcome to all. Please note that if a 2024 Member has not renewed their membership by 1 February, the membership has expired and any application from that member is considered to be a new application.

A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au



Blacktown:

Katerina Frangeskides

Blue Mountains:

Julie Blanchard, Lois Patrick, Lesa Saliba

Capital Region:

Natalie Parker, Leah Brown, Nola Willis

Inner City:

Jessica Luppino, Julie Hing

Inner West:

Susie John, Greg Cawthorn, Imogen Parker

Interstate:

Laura Debello

Maitland:

Dale Winter, Jedda Hingston

Newcastle:

Lyn Parks, Yvonne Higgins, Sheona Nicoll, Cheryl Owens, Barbara Brown, Dolores Prete

Pittwater:

Gill Ashley, Joanne Fanner, Adele Trowbridge, Wendy Chester

Southern:

Janielle Jondral

The Entrance:

Hazel Hopping, Olivia Newsome

Virtual: Rebecca Amies, Robyn Lang

Dates for your Diary 2025/26

28 September: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse

6 - 8 March 2026: Australian Yarn Show, Canberra

11-12 April 2026: River Yarn Festival, Carcoar

2 May 2026: Guild Annual General Meeting

24 May 2026: Knitters' Picnic, Dungog

17-19 July 2026: Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show

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