



KG Bytes

December 2015

Group Events

Blue Mountains

16th January: The group is starting a Spice of Life Blanket Crochet A-Long. Any members very welcome to join in, www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/spice-of-life-blanket.

Epping

11th January: Group's first meeting after Christmas

1st February: Group's first formal meeting of 2016

Epping Crochet

This Group is not holding a meeting in January.

8th February: 1st meeting of 2016. Details will be included in the January issue of KG Bytes.

The Entrance

2nd January: The January meeting will **NOT** be held at the usual venue but at Lee Rowans Garden Centre Café, 72 Pacific Highway, Ourimbah from 12pm.

From February onwards, this group will start its monthly Saturday meetings at 9.30am.

The Entrance Evening Meetings

Starting on **Thursday 21st January**, the Group will hold a monthly evening meeting, on the 3rd Thursday of the month: 7.30pm at Tuggerah Westfield Coffee Club.

For further information, contact Margaret on 0412 956 800.

Pittwater

5th Jan: Shadow Knitting with Clare Hacker. Contact Maureen for homework details.

19th Jan: Provisional cast on and invisible cast on.

Yarn tasting

The Yarn Tasting event we held this year with Australian Country Spinners was very popular with members so we have a number planned for 2016. Our first will be held on Saturday 20th February from 11.00 am at SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney (a few minutes' walk from Town Hall Station).

This one showcases the work of three Guild members who dye beautiful yarns for sale through their Etsy shops:

Meg Gadsbey - www.etsy.com/shop/AtelierYarn

Katrina Kellett - www.etsy.com/shop/PiratePurlYarns

Hannah Ginn - www.etsy.com/shop/circustonichandmade

The cost is \$5 per person and bookings can be made via our website. Bring your needles, try the yarns and don't forget to bring your wallets!

Short-row shaping workshop

Our first workshop of the year will be held on Saturday 30th January at SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney and will show us a number of ways to work short rows, using wrap and turn, yarn over, Japanese and German methods.

The workshop will also cover using these methods—i.e. shoulder-shaping, working top-down set-in sleeves and bust shaping.

Places are limited and the cost per person is \$20 (\$25 for non-Guild members). Register and pay for your place via our website.

Kittens for doctors without borders

A new request has just been received for very simple knitted kittens for children in Papua New Guinea. These take so little time to make and give a lot of pleasure to the children. Do have a look - www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/charity.

Membership

Please remember that 2016 Membership Fees are due before 31st January. After that date, a \$10 Late Payment Fee applies. It just takes a few minutes to renew and pay through our website. Remember you must nominate a "Home" group ... one group only ... but you may attend any group in the Guild at any time. Visiting members have all the rights and responsibilities of the Group's own members – the only exception is that visitors may not take part in any voting.

Certificates of achievement - Stage 1 Knitting and Crochet

If you're currently working on Stage 1 Knitting or Crochet, would you note that your work must be submitted before **30th April 2016**, pending the release of our new curriculum. Also we now have available suggested patterns for the garments to be submitted in the second part of both the Stage 1 Certificates to cover all the elements required. Email Standards@kgnsw.org.au if you would like a copy of the pattern/s to be sent to you.

Sydney royal easter show

If you want to enter an item (or many items!) into the Easter Show this year, don't forget that entries have to be registered online by Friday 29th January. The Show runs from 17th – 30th March. The cost is \$13 per entry. All information and the schedule for the Arts and Craft Competition in 2016 is available on their website www.sydneyroyal.com.au/artsandcrafts.htm

October Competition

Don't forget to enter the October Magazine competition. You can win \$50.00 voucher from Feltfine; \$50.00 voucher from Bendigo Woollen Mills and a \$10.00 voucher from Cocoknits. Write the answer to: *What is the Guild's newest group?* on the back of an envelope with your name, address and membership number and post by 18/12/2015 to:

Anne Powell

PO Box 235, BLACKHEATH NSW 2785.

January Magazine - later delivery

Because of our printers' Christmas and New Year holiday shutdown, the magazine is not expected to be with members until the 3rd week or so of January.