



KG Bytes

December 2016



From the Executive

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

What a year 2016 has been! When I look back at our 30th Anniversary Year, I am very proud to be part of such a dynamic, passionate and wonderful organisation. We've achieved so much this year, including the many and varied workshops, a High Tea, FibreFest, Better Homes and Gardens and a new and improved website which has streamlined membership processes. We have now started the intensive planning and organising our 2017 events such as Camp, a Yarn Delight in New England and FibreFest.

All of this happens because of the dedication and drive of our volunteer members. We have volunteers across all Groups who work tirelessly to ensure that each of you have a wonderful experience when attending a Guild or Group event. From the member who brings along refreshments at a meeting, to those that organise tutorials and workshops, our volunteers cannot be thanked enough. It is because of you that our Guild continues to grow and thrive.

As the Christmas season approaches, I wish each and every member a Very Merry Christmas and a wonderful and very knitting or crocheting New Year.

Welcome Parramatta Group

7 December saw the first meeting of the Parramatta Group. This Group will be meet officially on the first Wednesday of each month as well as socially every other Wednesday.

All gatherings take place between 1pm and 3pm at the Centenary Uniting Church, 46 Sorrell Street, Parramatta. The venue is a lovely meeting room out the back with access to a kitchen and has off-street parking.

For more information, please contact Jay Farrugia on JayFarrugia11@gmail.com.

Our new Website

Many members have been visiting our new website and taking advantage of the simple "Renew Membership" option. However, as with any new website, there have been a few glitches and we thank everyone for their patience and feedback during this time.

Guild Magazine - January edition

Our wonderful Editor of the Guild magazine, Anne Powell, has asked to let everyone know that the January edition of the magazine will be distributed towards the end of January. This is due to the printer closing for the Christmas/New Year break.

A New Group in Sydney Inner West

The Executive has approved the establishment of a new Group, called "Inner West Group" that will be located at Camperdown. The Group will be meeting at 10.30am on the third Wednesday of each month and it is anticipated that the

Items for KG Bytes

KG Bytes is proving to be very popular among our members and we love hearing from you and including your information. If you would like to include something in KG Bytes, could you please forward it to the President by the 7th of the month.

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first meeting will take place early in the New Year. Watch this space for more details.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 17th December

Annual Stash Sale, Book Sale, Market Day along with their Christmas Party

Epping, 6th February

Epping won't be meeting during January and the first meeting is scheduled for the 6th of February.

Epping, 20th February

Learning the Brioche stitch

Epping Crochet, 13th February

Epping Crochet is taking a break in January and resuming on the 13th of February. Beginners are welcome. The Group will start work on motifs for a mystery project to be revealed later. Bring crochet cotton or cotton yarn up to 4ply maximum thickness.

Maitland, 20th January

Regular meeting on the 20th of January, but still meeting socially every other Friday throughout January. Everyone welcome.

Pittwater, 3rd January

A Knit and Crochet catch up after the Christmas / New Year break.

Pittwater, 17th January

Clare Hacker will be teaching either lace knitting or cast-ons / cast-offs. More details in the January KG Bytes.

Workshops

Knit Like a Viking! - 14 January 2017

Would you like to learn to knit your own wire jewellery? Well, this is the workshop for you. During this workshop, participants will learn the two stitches of an ancient wire knitting technique, known as "Viking Knit". The technique gives a pleasant feeling, flexible chain or knit-like tube

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which can be used to create beautiful jewellery. Participants will make samples of the two main stitches as well as a bangle to take home. This workshop is being presented by internationally renowned designer, Angharad Rixon. The cost of the workshop includes all materials and you have your choice of using copper / brass or silver.

All information, including the link to book your place in on the Guild website. Dressing like a Viking is purely optional!

2017 Workshops

There is a whole range of workshops planned for 2017, kicking off with the “Knit Like a Viking” in January. Other workshops include the February Frolic, Knitted Jewellery, Handsome Homewares, Pop Blanket, Ravelry and so much more. More details are included in the January edition of the Guild Magazine and of course future editions of KG Bytes.

Guild Events

A Yarn Delight in New England – 30 April 2017 in Guyra

The Guild has two lively and active Groups in the north of the State: New England and Clarence Valley. Due to the tyranny of distance, members in these Groups aren’t able to attend events that take place in Sydney and its surrounds. So, with the assistance of members in these Groups, the Guild is putting on an event in their area on Sunday, 30 April 2017 in Guyra.

There will be retail opportunities as well as workshops, but as we all know, it also important to allow some time for socialising. I would like to encourage Groups to think about organising a road trip (we all love those road trips!) and think about joining us in Guyra in April. More details will be provided, as the organising progresses.

2017 Camp: 16-18 June 2017 at Galston Gorge

The countdown is on to next year’s Camp (183 days!) so put it in your diary now. Our last Camp filled fast and some people were left disappointed so get in early when bookings open in mid-January. You’ll be able to book via the website or by post. A booking form will be sent out with the January edition of the Guild Magazine.

For a taste of the workshops on offer, go to: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/news. As well as workshops and talks, we have competitions, a Retail Members’ Marketplace, prizes and goodie bags. On Sunday (18th) any member attending Camp can have a table in the Members’ Marketplace where you can sell hand-dyed yarn, your handmade project bags and stationery, or just reduce your stash of yarn and books.

Camp now has its own Facebook page: www.facebook.com/KGCamp2017 where we’ll also keep you up-to-date with all the events planned for the weekend.

Expressions of Interest – 2018 USA Yarn Tour

You will recall that in the November edition of KG Bytes, we mentioned that Gail Smith (Southern Group) is organising a trip to the US to visit yarn stores in Seattle, New York and San Francisco. We had a wonderful response, but it is not too late to say you would like to join this Group. We are

collected Expressions of Interest at this stage, so no money is required. A flyer, along with an expression of interest form is attached to this newsletter.

If you are interested, please add your details to the form and return to me.

Do You Have an Idea?

If you have an idea for a Guild event, we would love to hear from you. We’re particularly interested in events that can be held in different parts of the state. If you have an idea, please contact me.

Convenors Corner

Group AGMs

Each Group should by now have had its Annual General Meeting. Please don’t forget to let Sharon, our wonderful Guild Secretary, know the names and contact details of the people undertaking the roles of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Membership Season

It’s time to renew your membership. Could each Convenor please encourage members to renew their membership. If there are any questions regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact Clare at membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Group Business Cards

Queanbeyan Group has recently designed and purchased their own business cards for promoting their Group – they look fantastic! I know that other Groups also have their own business cards and I would recommend this as a great way to leave details about your meetings in shops, libraries and other meeting places. If your Group is interested, but unsure about how to arrange for a card, please do not hesitate to contact me. If your Group has other great marketing or promotional ideas, we’d love to share them.

