



KG Bytes

March 2016

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains

19th March: Crochet a coin purse, with Ruth Buchanan, from 10.00am. Also a visit from the House of Wool (Blackheath).

Macarthur

11th April: Visit to the Wool Inn, Penrith.

Turrumurra Crochet

6th April: Interlocking crochet working around posts

Pittwater

5th April: Problem solving

19th April: Learning new crochet stitches and reading patterns.

Epping

21st March: Various types of cables

4th April: The guest is Don Bishop from National Seniors Australia. Meeting to start promptly at 10.00am.

Epping Crochet

11th April: The making of a mandala (very colourful circle). Please take 4mm hook and a selection of up to 10 colours of 8 ply yarn ... a great way to use up oddments and small quantities from your stash.

Inner City

9th April: Demonstration of double knitting, and a visit from local yarn-dyer, Meg Gadsby, of Atelier Yarns.

(May we ask that when you submit your calendar of events for inclusion here that to help us all you put the DATE of your meeting, not just "April Meeting". Many thanks.)

Group Events

Mudgee Muster: 30th April

The Blue Mountains Group has organised a bus trip to the Fibre Muster in Mudgee, leaving from Penrith at 7.30am. The cost is \$45 per person. For more information or to book your seat on the bus, please email Holsteinsharon@gmail.com or phone 0400 036 833.

Weekend in New England: 13th-15th May.

The West Ryde Group is going on a weekend trip from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May, visiting Uralla, Guyra, the Nundle Woollen Mill and staying at Armidale. The cost of the bus and accommodation is \$240.00. Meals and the Mill tour are not included.

For further information or to book a seat, please email jsmith@tsubaki.com.au.

Pru Mapstone Workshop: 18th June

Places are still available in the Techniques for Freeform Knitting and Crochet workshop organised by the Castle Hill group. The cost is \$50. Contact chkgnew@gmail.com.

Newcastle Knitting Fair: 29th - 30th April

The Newcastle Group is holding its biennial Knitting Fair "The Joy of Knitting", with an exhibition of work and a sale of beautiful hand-knitted and crocheted items by their talented members. The exhibition takes place at Scots Kirk Hall, Murray Street, Hamilton. Free Entry. 10.00 – 4.00pm

WWKIP - 18th June

Members of the Pittwater Group will be catching the 155 bus to Manly, the ferry to Circular Quay and then knitting in the park adjacent to the Museum of Contemporary Art. Members and non-members are invited to join them. Further details will follow in future issues of KGB.

Please let us know of any WWKIP events your group has planned and we'll make sure to publicise them here.

Guild events - Save the Dates

Fibre Festival

The Guild's first Fibre Festival is on Sunday 9th October at Sacred Spaces in Singleton. See <http://sacredspaces.org.au>. This is a beautiful venue with wonderful facilities and we're currently organising what we believe will be a great day out for all our members. So put it in your diaries now and talk to your group members about perhaps organising a bus for the day so as many people as possible can come along.

Biggest Morning Tea - Epping

Epping Group is again having a Biggest Morning Tea, but it is not in May, it will be held on Monday 20th June at Epping Creative Centre. Watch out for more details in future KG Bytes and in the next Magazine.

Guild High Tea

Don't forget our 30th Anniversary High Tea on Saturday 7th May (after the AGM) at Radisson Blu Hotel. The cost is only \$30 per person. You can book via the website but if you're a Life Member of the Guild, please contact the Guild Secretary to reserve your free place.

Yarn Tastings

We're holding two Yarn Tastings in April with KnitPicks Yarns: 2nd April in Penrith and 16th April in Queanbeyan. At the time of writing, there were still a few places available. Visit the website to book. \$5 per person.

Other Events

Lives Writ In Comfort Rugs: Sunday, 3rd April

Open Cottage and Garden Display of handmade comfort rugs, at Boab Book Cottage, 36 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan, 9.00am-5.00pm. Features handknit rugs and pattern books of Guild Member, Daphne Ferguson. Devonshire Tea is available all day, by donation to support the Australian Red Cross.

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How About A Trip To Bendigo?

The Travelling Yarn supported by Australian Country Spinners is asking for expressions of interest for a one week tour to Bendigo/Melbourne for the Bendigo Show in July this year. Prices are not available at this stage but please register your interest by emailing yarn@creativeincentives.com.au ASAP. The program will include coach transfer from Sydney, day trips to Show and Australian Country Spinners mill, shopping at Bendigo Mill and a couple of nights in Melbourne at leisure to visit places of choices with some highly-recommended yarn stops.

2016 Show Winners

If you won a First ribbon in any of the current round of Shows (Canberra, Blacktown, Castle Hill, Newcastle and Sydney for instance), would you be willing to lend us your precious item for our exhibition at the Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair (Glebe Island) in June? We are looking to showcase the very best of the best and some of the prize winners' work we've seen so far will certainly do that.

Please contact the Guild Secretary if you're able to help.

Guild Library

The Librarians at Singleton Library have nearly completed cataloguing our books so we'll let you know as soon as they're available to borrow, through the Inter-Library Loan system. The books are now being kept in a clean and secure environment, cared for by professional librarians at the Singleton Library Service who are acting as the custodian of our books.

March Executive Committee Meeting

As we hope you're all aware, our monthly Executive Committee Meetings are open to all members to attend. However, as the March meeting is on Easter Saturday and no venue was available for hire on that date, the meeting is being held in a member's home and will therefore NOT be open to other members to attend.

Our meetings are normally held on the 4th Saturday of the month at Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney from 10.30.

Guild Telephone Number

Please note that the telephone number for the Guild has been changed because of our move out of the office at Epping Creative Centre. Our number is now 0437 239 391. Calls to the old number will be diverted for the next few months.

New Convenors

As the Magazine prints a full list of Groups and Convenors in its January issue only, we would like to inform you that the following groups have appointed new Convenors.

Castle Hill: Miranda Fabian – chkgsw@gmail.com Castle Hill is moving to a new venue at the beginning of April. Please contact Miranda if you require further information.

New England: Judy Chan – gjchan60@gmail.com

Kuringai: This group does not currently have a Convenor.

★ Convenors' Corner ★

Magazine Deadline

Please remind the member who writes your report for the Magazine that the deadline for the next issue is 18th March.

Insurance

We still get regular requests from Convenors and Group Secretaries for our Public Liability Insurance Certificate of Currency, which many of you will need for the owners of your meeting rooms or if you're holding a public exhibition.

We have Public Liability Insurance of \$20,000,000. The Certificate of Currency is sent to two Group Officers in each group every year and we have also informed groups that it is available for you to download from the website.

The current one expires in June 2016 and the latest one will go onto the website to replace it. Sign into the site and go to the Members' Area and Group Administration.

You'll also find there copies of the Group Office Bearers' Procedures, our logo for you to use on your literature and display materials, and previous issues of KG Bytes and the Guild Magazine.

Member Badges

If you wish us to supply your Group with badges for your members, please deposit the money into the Guild's main account, clearly marking the deposit 'Badges' and the name of your group. The badges are \$2 each. Then email the first names of the members to: shop@kgsw.org.au.

Office Bearers Election

There appears to be a bit of confusion about the eligibility of members to stand for office in a Guild Group, particularly as many members now regularly visit more than one group.

Every member chooses a "Home" group on joining the Guild or renewing their membership.

However, there is no requirement in the current Constitution, nor has there ever been, that a member can only be a Group Officer of her home group. Any member may stand for election in any group she wishes (but may only hold office in one Group).

The member may then choose to change her group if she wishes by contacting the Membership Secretary who will make the necessary changes to the records.

