



KG Bytes

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From the Executive

FibreFest 2016 - An Outstanding Success!

If you were able to attend last Sunday's FibreFest, then I'm sure you will agree it was a great success. We were hoping that 300 might attend the event and reports have come in that it was well over 900!

Guild members came out in force and there those who had heard about it, who were passing by and thought they'd drop in and other who had been encouraged to visit by local Singleton businesses.

Great feedback was received from all Stallholders with the overwhelming request – can we come back next year?

During the day, there were workshops, speed knitting, lucky door prizes, raffle prizes, informative talks, tours, music, plenty of retail opportunities and of course, the all-important knitting / crochet time in beautiful surroundings.

A huge congratulations to Sharon Holstein and her team for organising this event. We're already looking forward to next year!



Knitting on the grass.



Cloisters

Errata - Magazine, page 10

There's a small error in the magazine on page 10 in the "Guild Information". The contact phone number for the "Information Management (Acting) Sub-Committee", Clare Hacker, is (02) 4751 6635, not the one that is printed. Sorry for the confusion.

Calling all Indie Dyers

If you are an Indie Dyer and would like to show off your yarns to fellow Guild Members, then we'd like to hear from you. After our successful "Indie Dyers Yarn Tasting" this year, we would like to hold another one in March next year.

This involves showing off your yarns, talking about the process and providing a small sample to each participant. Of course, we would also like you to sell your yarns on the day. If you are still interested, please contact me, (email address above).

Handmade Magazine - December Issue

Keep an eye out for the December issue of Handmade magazine. There will be an article in there on the Guild and what we get up to.

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 at by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 15th October

Lace knitting and a visit from Susanne's House of Wool.

Blue Mountains, 19th November

Adventures in Crochet and a visit from The Australian Wool Store.

Blacktown, 12th November

Using Amigurumi Crochet to create a Christmas Bear. Anyone wishing to join us will need 100g red yarn, 50g each of brown and black and some white yarn.

Crochet Turramurra, 2nd November

A workshop on Romanian point lace.

Inner City, 12th November

Hosting local yarn dyer, Circus Tonic Handmade. We will be looking at various techniques for lace knitting as well as holding the Group's AGM.

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Kiama, 17th September

Whilst five of our members enjoy the Knitting Cruise, the Kiama Group will bring along their favourite items for "Show and Tell".

Macarthur, 22nd October

Learning "crocodile stitch". You will need to bring yarn of your choice and a crochet hook to suit.

Macarthur, 14th November

An introduction to beginner crochet – learn chain, double crochet, treble and how to keep the edges straight.

Pittwater, 18th October

Knitted and crocheted toys

Pittwater, 1st November

Melbourne Cup - Sweeps and fun

Queanbeyan, 8th October

Round 4 Create-a-long ends and the Round 5 Create-a-long starts. Round 5 is Frankie's Christmas ornaments.

West Ryde, 20th October

Lorraine will visit to talk about Trauma Teddies, our next charity knitting. Members most welcome to join us.

West Ryde, 17th November

Kathryn will visit from The Australian Wool Store. Members most welcome to come along.

Workshops

A Very Crochet Christmas – 5 November 2016

Get into the Christmas spirit whilst making a Christmas wreath inspired by Lucy from Attic 24. You will need to bring 8ply yarn in your chosen Christmas colours and a 3.5mm and 4mm crochet hook. A polystyrene ring will be supplied.

This great workshop will be held between 10.30am and 3.00pm, Saturday, 5 November 2016 at the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Book your place at: knittersguildnsw.org.au.

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. Presented by internationally renowned designer, Angharad Rixon, you 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 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.

Further details, including the cost, will be provided soon – but in the meantime – save the date!

February Frolic – 4 February 2017

Ever felt like learning six techniques in one day? Our wonderful Workshops Convenor is putting together a day that will truly satisfy you.

The *February Frolic* will comprise six, one hour tutorials on a range of knitting and crochet techniques.

Details are being worked out, but the event is sure to be interesting and educational. Once the tutors are locked in, more information will be provided – but in the meantime – save the date!



The poster for Guild Camp 2017 features the Knitters Guild NSW logo at the top. The main title "GUILD CAMP 2017" is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below the title, the dates "16th-18th June" and the location "Galston Gorge Conference and Recreation Centre" are listed. A list of activities includes: Internationally-renowned guest tutor Norah Gaughan, 18 Workshops, Talks and Demonstrations, Competitions and Prizes, and Retailers. Pricing information is provided: Full weekend package including all accommodation, meals and workshops: members \$300, (non-members \$350); Weekend Day Rate: \$180 (\$210); Saturday Day Rate: \$110 (\$130); Sunday Day Rate: \$70 (\$80). The website www.knittersguildnsw.org.au is listed at the bottom. The background is red with a stylized floral pattern.

Guild Events

Guild Cruise

There's a great article in the latest edition of the Guild Magazine about the Guild Cruise that set sail on 16 September. By all accounts everyone had a great time, be sure to read the article. Merrin is already planning the 2018 Cruise – we'll keep you posted.

Better Homes and Garden Live

In September volunteers of the Guild manned the Better Homes and Garden "Learn & Share" zone by displaying and working on the Better Homes and Garden 12 hour rug as well as having our own quirky and interesting items on display. Over the three days we were inundated with very keen people, of all ages including men and women, who stopped and talked about what we were knitting and crocheting.

This event was a great success and it is hoped that we will continue our partnership with Better Homes and Garden into the future.

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.

Other News

Blacktown Thanks

The Members of the Blacktown Group who attended the Fibre Fest would like to thank the Executive Committee for organising the event.

We would also like to thank members of the following groups who came with us on the bus – Blue Mountains; Castle Hill; Epping; Newcastle and West Ryde. Without them, we would not have been able to organise the bus.

Ebb and Flow: exhibition of new contemporary fibre art

The ebb and flow exhibition is by "Untethered Fibre Artists" and explores the social and environmental issues under this theme through such mediums as hand and machine stitch, felt, print, dye, weave and wirework. The exhibition will be in Hornsby between 31 October and 13 November at the Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre, Edgeworth David Avenue, Hornsby between 10am and 4pm each day before travelling to Belconnen and Muswellbrook in 2017. Further information is available at: [Facebook.com/untethered.exhibition.group](https://www.facebook.com/untethered.exhibition.group).

Commission Knitting Opportunity

We have been contacted by Kym Lester of Red Fashion Marketing who is looking for interested knitters who would be willing to knit up a range of chunky knits – up to 72 ply. They are willing to pay for your skills and efforts, but it is an arrangement between you and Red Fashion Marketing. If you are interested, please contact Kym: (02) 9967 8187 or 0420 277 126 or kym@redfashionmarketing.com.

*** Convenors' Corner ***

Group Information Session

Our next Group Information Session for two representatives of each Guild Group will be held at 11am Saturday, 29 October 2016 at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney.

This is a great opportunity for Groups to share hints, tips, resources and knowledge. We will also be discussing the tasks undertaken by the Secretary.

Please let Sharon (secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au) know by the 22nd October whether or not you wish to attend, so she can plan the catering.

Group Survey

Feedback is coming in from all the Groups in response to the Group Information Survey.

It seems that Guild Groups are all functioning well and are very happy with how they are supported by the Executive. Some great suggestions have been made, especially around connecting groups via the internet. We will certainly be pursuing this in the future.

A request has come in from one group to remind members of the Guild that all positions held within the Guild, from the President to the Group Convenor and the provider of refreshments, are held by volunteers and each person has undertaken their role because they enjoy being part of the Guild.

The Executive would also like to acknowledge all those roles undertaken by the Guild volunteers and we thank you very much for taking on these activities.

Additional information in response to suggestions and feedback will be added each month.

Guild Library Collection

Since the Singleton Library took on the Guild library in April 2016, they have been promoting and maintaining all our wonderful items.

Between 4 April and 23 September they have had 152 loans and renewals of Guild items. During 2015, there were only four loans.

Membership Season

It's nearly time to renew your membership.

Could each Convenor start talking about renewals at their Group meetings and let people know that they can renew via the Guild website. All details will be on the website.

Annual General Meetings

We're coming up to the time when all Groups will be having their AGMS.

All members are encouraged to take on a role within their Group and please remember that if you are stepping down from a position, please provide the new incumbent with assistance and appropriate information, including reporting deadlines.

We're here to help you – if you have any queries regarding your AGM and the processes involved, please contact me.