



KG Bytes

January 2017

From the Executive

Happy New Year

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and perhaps even received some lovely yarn or needles. I was very fortunate in being able to take some time off work and had some days where I managed to catch up with fellow Guild members and spend the day knitting. This is a rare treat, and one that I thoroughly enjoyed.

How about you? Did you also manage to find some time to enjoy your knitting, crocheting or crafting with friends over the Christmas / New Year break? If so, I would love to hear from you. Why not share what you got for Christmas on the Guild Ravelry page?

2017 Activities

We have a lot of ideas and plans for 2017, including some fantastic workshops kicking off with the Knit Like a Viking and then the February Frolic.

We also have plans for a yarn event in New England and of course, FibreFest in October. We mustn't forget the much anticipated 2017 Camp with Norah Gaughan in June and then we have all the wonderful things that are happening at a Group level.

With all of this going on, I hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities to meet other members and visit other Groups. I cannot begin to tell you how much enjoyment I get from meeting with members from far and wide and I encourage everyone to join in where they can.

If you have a suggestion for an activity or event, or even a guest speaker we would love to hear from you.

January Magazine

The first 2017 edition of our wonderful magazine will be coming out very soon. It's a little delayed this month due to the printer closing over the Christmas / New Year break.

I have had a sneak peek and it is definitely worth the wait. There's a wonderful crochet pattern, a feature story on one of our retail members and the all-important Group updates.

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Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 21 January

Frida's Flowers CAL starts and a retail visit from Carrie Handmade Yarn.

Inner City, 11 February

Fiona Donovan will present "Working with colour ... or how not to be afraid". We will also finalise the program for 2017 and conduct our ever-popular Show and Tell.

Pittwater, 17 January

Special guest, Clare Hacker will conduct a workshop on lace knitting – all are welcome.

Pittwater, 7 February

Kay Arrowsmith is leading a workshop on fancy pattern for sample squares – all are welcome.

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February Frolic
Six techniques in one day!

10am - 4pm Saturday, 4 February 2017
Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney
\$30 members (or \$35 for non-members)

Book your place online at
www.knittersguildnsw.org.au

Learn six amazing techniques all in one day ...

- Amigarumi
- Double Knitting
- Shawl Shapes & Techniques
- Peruvian Braids
- Steeking
- Stranded Intarsia

(You will need to bring yarn and needles.)

(There will be homework required. After registering you will be contacted with the details.)

Workshops

February Frolic 4 February

Learn six techniques in one day! This is a workshop that is sure to kick start your creativity for 2017. More detail is in the ad. To book your spot, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/zm84rxo>.

Indi Dyer's Yarn Tasting 11 March

This is a great opportunity to hear directly from an Indi Dyer about their product, how it is sourced, created and suggestions for use. The tasting comprises a lovely presentation from indi dyers followed by an opportunity to purchase these yarns. More information will be on the website over the next few weeks.

Knitted Jewellery 25 March

This workshop will show you how to make beautiful and creative knitted jewellery that you will love to wear. More information will be available both on the website and February's edition of KG Bytes, so watch this space ...

Guild Events

A Yarn Delight in New England, 30 April 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 at Galston Gorge

Planning for Camp 2017 is well underway and bookings will open in the next couple of weeks - all booking information is in the January issue of our Magazine.

In the meantime, we're attaching details of the workshops on offer to whet your appetites and to give you time to make those difficult choices.

Details of the Camp competitions are also in the attachment so get your yarn, needles and hooks out and start your entries now. There is no limit to the number of items you enter, and there are lots of wonderful prizes to be won.

If you have any queries on any matter to do with Camp, don't hesitate to contact Sally on Camp@kgnew.org.au.

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 at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Convenors Corner

Membership Season – Don't forget to renew

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.

Yarn Donations

I'm sure each Group has been contacted at some time by a non-member enquiring about donating yarn. They are either clearing out their mother's stash, or perhaps they have decided to downsize and just don't have the room anymore.

If your Group can't use the yarn, there may be another Group who can. If you are contacted, and can't accept the yarn for some reason, please do not hesitate to email me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au and we might be able to find another home for the yarn.



Yarn Delight in New England

 Knitters Guild NSW

10.00am - 4.00pm Sunday, 30 April 2017
Guyra Central School, 27 Marne Street, Guyra NSW

A day of all things yarn in the heart of the New England

Workshops, retail opportunities and an opportunity to share your love of knitting and crochet.

Catering available

Other informal activities will be taking place on the Saturday so if you wish to make a weekend of it, a range of accommodation options are available. Visit www.knittersguildnsw.org.au for more information.

Further information is available by contacting Cynthia at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au or 0418 230 498.