



November 2017

KG Bytes

From the Executive

Group Information Session - 30 September 2017

As promised in the last edition of KG Bytes, I have now collated my notes from the Group Information Session held on the 30th of September. At this meeting we had many Groups represented and we exchanged ideas on how to promote our local Guild Groups. What we all agreed on 100% was that it is essential for our Groups to be seen locally. Participation at local events, or having our flyers or business cards in visible places was just one example. Following is a list of what the meeting deemed the most important.

- Have business cards printed and drop them off in various locations such as the local library, doctor's surgeries, dental practices, shopping centres, community centres etc.
- If appropriate, have an A-Frame sign placed out the front of a Group's meeting place when there is a Guild gathering taking place. This will allow the passer-by to recognise what's going on.
- List all the locations of Guild Groups on our Ravelry page.
- Have a presence at local community events such as festivals. It doesn't have to be craft related, just somewhere where the locals are likely to be present.
- The Executive is to create a "cheat sheet" for each Guild Group which outlines the benefits of being a Guild member.
- Design a template for a pull up banner that each Group can individualise if they wish.
- Ensure that all retail members of the Guild have a copy of the Guild's DL flyers

If you have any further ideas, I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

AGM Season

As our AGMs are now underway, don't forget to let our Secretary know who has been elected to which position at our local Guild Group. Contact Sharon at secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Items for KG Bytes

Remember, if you would like to include something in KG Bytes, could you please forward it to the President at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 18th November

Ruth will be teaching "Waves Crochet" and there will be a retail visit from Belisa Cashmere. This is also our AGM.

Blue Mountains, 16th December

This is the Blue Mountains' Christmas Party meeting with an "Annual Stash Sale / Book Sale / Market Day".

Crochet Turrumurra, 6th December

December is all about designing leaves from nature. We'll also be continuing our 14cm square challenge.

Crochet Turrumurra, 7th February

Our leaves that were inspired by nature will be finished off to incorporate into workable items.

Epping, 4th December

This is our end of year celebration. Our last gathering will be on the 11th of December.

Inner City, 9th December

Celebrations to mark the end of a year's knitting and crochet with a review of knitting and crochet goals set for 2017. This includes a show and tell extravaganza of the year's accomplishments.

Inner West, 16th November

The group continues to be small, but we are growing slowly. The meetings are friendly and information, with lots of sharing of techniques.

Ku-ring-gai, 27th November

Holiday season approaches, and this will be our final meeting for 2017. We will be celebrating Christmas at this meeting and members will have the opportunity to donate appropriate food to the Exodus Foundation. Our first meeting for 2018 will take place on the 27th of January.

Kiama, 18th November

This is our AGM. After the office bearers are elected we will then work on the knitting and crocheting of poppies requested to mark the centenary of the end of WWI.

Pittwater, 21st November

This is our AGM. Once the office bearers are elected we will be working on a sample square.

Pittwater, 5th December

This is our Christmas Lunch gathering. All are welcome. (Our final gathering for 2017 will be held on 19 Decmeber.)

Workshops

2018 Workshops – Save the Date!

Whilst all our final details and bookings are still being worked on, I can safely give you the dates for some of our workshops planned for 2018.

- 3 February: February Frolic
- 10 February: Contemporary Crochet Day
- 7 April: Finishing Techniques
- 12 May: Twined Knitting
- 2 June: Introduction to Knit Companion

If you have any idea for a workshop or know of a tutor, please get in touch with our lovely Workshop Convenor, Diane at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Events

2017 FibreFest – A Big Success

Wow, what a day! If you were able to attend this year's FibreFest, I'm sure you will agree with me that it was amazing and that Sharon Holstein, who organised the event, did a fabulous job. There were more food options, more retailers and more people. The weather behaved itself and the location was just perfect. In case you were wondering, the countdown has started for the 2018 FibreFest. Lock in the dates – 27 and 28 October 2018. Yes, that's right, there will be activities spread over the two days. Sharon is planning some workshops and local activities on the 27th, with the FibreFest we know and love being held on Sunday, 28 October 2018. If you are thinking of coming to both days, then I suggest you book your accommodation now to avoid disappointment.

2018 Guild Cruise – 21-24 September 2018

Back by popular demand, the Guild will be hitting the waves again in 2018. This time, they are sailing on the "Pacific Explorer" which is a Food and Wine themed cruise between 21 and 24 September 2018, departing from and returning to Sydney. Costs and additional details will be in the next edition of the magazine.

Other Events ...

"Spin a Yarn": 4 November to 9 December

Fairfield City Museum & Gallery is once again hosting the "Spin a Yarn" Social Knitting Group. Anyone can drop into the Gallery on a Saturday during this six week period to meet, mingle and swap yarns with fellow knitters. Janice from the Macarthur Group said that the group was such a resounding success that it now has a schedule of dates organised over the next 12 months leading up to various regular event run at the Gallery. The yarn bombing of the garden for the Gallery's "A Night in the Museum", was a particular favourite.

More Guild Events



Yarn Express to Canberra: 18-20 May 2018

As promised, I am organising a train trip to Canberra (from Sydney) so we can all attend the Old Bus Depot Markets' "Celebration of Wool" on the 19th of May 2018. The plan so far, is that we would depart Sydney Central station around lunch time on Friday, 18th May. That evening we would have a knit in with Queanbeyan locals. Saturday would be spent at the markets with another knit in on the Saturday night. On Sunday, 20th May we would then depart Canberra around lunch time for a return that afternoon to Sydney Central. I am unable to give you accurate departure times at this stage as bookings and timetables for this journey are not confirmed until late December. It is my plan though, to have a group booking – perhaps we will have our own carriage! – and all bookings will be taken and paid for online early next year.

In the meantime, I do suggest you book your accommodation. I have been given recommendations from Antoinette of the Queanbeyan group, who tells me that all accommodation options listed below are about a 15min walk from the railway station and from the Old Bus Depot Markets.

- Medina Serviced Apartments, 11 Giles St, Kingston
- Knightsbridge Canberra Serviced Apartments, 3 Leichhardt St, Kingston
- Pinnacles Apartments, 11 Ovens St, Kingston
- Oxley Court Serviced Apartments, 9 Dawes St, Kingston
- Diplomat Hotel, 2 Hely St, Griffith (ACT not NSW)

So, gather your friends, start planning your trip and perhaps even book your accommodation. It would be great if you could let me know you've booked your accommodation, so I know how many train tickets to put aside. Just contact me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Can You Spare a Blanket?

The Guild keeps a store of blankets that can be used in emergencies, such as floods and bush fires. We have some, but we need more. The blanket can be any size (adult or child), any fibre or style (knitted or crocheted or both). Contact curator@knittersguildnsw.org.au for drop off/pick up and time arrangements.