



KG Bytes

September 2017

From the Executive

Group Information Session – 30 September 2017

As you know our next Group Information Session is scheduled for Saturday, 30 September 2017. However, someone a lot smarter than me (our Guild Secretary, Sharon) pointed out that Saturday, 30 September is actually the October long weekend!

I would now like to know if people would still like to have this meeting. I have had interest from Groups outside the Sydney region, but if we don't get enough interest, it isn't too much fun for the rest of us.

The agenda for the Saturday includes the usual update from the Executive about all the things that are going on across the Guild, but we thought we would also focus on ideas, hints and tips about how to increase membership at a local Guild Group level. I would also like to explore the idea of filming a Groups Show and Tell and posting it online for other Guild Groups to view.

If you plan on attending this meeting, could you please email me at president@knittersguild.nsw.org.au by 5pm Friday, 22 September 2017.

Convenor Expressions of Interest

We have two Expressions of Interest open as of today.

Both the Convenor Information Management and Convenor 2019 Camp are open until 21 September 2017.

A job description and applicant criteria for each role is available on the Guild website. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Magazine

We all love our wonderful Guild magazine. Did you realise that one person, Anne Powell, puts this together in her spare time?

While each Group submits an update of their activities, I'm sure Anne would love to receive additional stories for the magazine.

We can't promise to publish every article as we have limited space, but it would most definitely be welcome. Even if you come across a technique that you think others might be interested in, please send it to Anne at newsletter@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

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 president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blue Mountains, 16th September

Clare will be teaching double knitting and there will be a retail visit from Waratah Fibres.

Blue Mountains, 21st October

Clare will give an introduction to Ravelry and there will be a retail visit from Wooldancer.

Inner City, 14th October

There will be presentations by an indie dyer, a designer and a new yarn store owner on "Developing a business out of a passion" at our next meeting. All welcome.

Kiama, 16th September

This month the Kiama Group will have the opportunity to restock their stash when Susan Walker from the yarn Hub (previously Rainbow Wools) brings along some of her beautiful yarns for purchase.

Ku-ring-gai, 25th September

Val Quarmby will be discussing interesting yarn varieties and finishing techniques at this meeting.

Pittwater, 19th September

Special guests Anna Kammerling and Synnove Mackintosh will teach us German Short row shaping, magic cast on for socks, Norwegian joining and continental knitting.

Pittwater, 3rd October

This meeting is all about knitted and crocheted food.

Turramurra Crochet, 4th October

This meeting we will be learning Bruges Lace. All are welcome.

Workshops

Sock Techniques with Sue Grandfield – 28 October

Sue Grandfield is a highly acclaimed designer and tutor. With designs included in the Wollmeise Sock Club and many more, we're very pleased to announce that Sue will be delivering a workshop on various sock knitting and construction techniques.

This is a "hands-on" workshop and participants will get to knit a half scale sock in DK yarn and receive a pattern for a full sized, adult sock worked in sock yarn. Bookings are now open and can be made on the Guild website.

2018 Workshops

In our August *KG Bytes* I mentioned that we are developing a program for our 2018 Workshops and I asked for suggestions. Unfortunately, our request was met with silence. Now I

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know we have some amazing tutors, knitters and crochets amongst our membership. We would love to hear from you.

It is not a scary thing to teach fellow Guild members. It is just like having a chat in your own local Group, just different people.

If you have a skill, technique or idea, we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with our lovely Workshop Convenor, Diane at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Events

Yarn Expedition to Melbourne – 6 September

Whilst the number of participants was small, we certainly made up for it in spending! The whole day was a fantastic day out with great food, great yarn and great company.

2017 FibreFest – 22 October – Bus from Blacktown

The Blacktown Group still has seats available on the bus to Singleton for the 2017 FibreFest on 22 October.

We are leaving Blacktown at 7.30am, with a pick up from Hornsby Station at 8.20am.

We will leave Singleton at 2.30pm and aim to be back at Blacktown by 6.30pm.

Payment of \$40 per person is due by 14 October.

For further information, please contact Caroline on 0403 453 707 or at carcraig@tpg.com.au.

2017 FibreFest Update

Excitement is growing for this year's FibreFest. It's shaping up to be a great event.

There certainly seems to be a lot of interest from outside the Guild as well. We've heard that a bus of keen knitters and crocheters will be joining us from Port Macquarie!

Regular updates are provided on Facebook, so be sure to follow us.

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*.

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.

Request for Help

A Damaged Shawl

I have received a request for help in repairing a 70+ year old woollen baby shawl which has sustained a lot of damage over its long lifetime of being savaged by moths and snags.

This item has a lot of sentimental value and the owner is seeking the Guild's help. If you think you could help out, please contact me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au and I will put you in touch with the owner.

