



KG Bytes

August 2018

From the Executive

Vale Laura Ash

The Guild was very saddened to hear of the passing of Laura Ash. Laura was a founding member of the Newcastle Group and a Life Member of the Guild. Laura was 96 years old when she passed but was known and loved by members of the Newcastle Group. She will be missed.

900 Members and still growing!

At our last Executive Meeting, our Membership Guru, Clare Hacker, reported that we have reached 900 members! That's a fantastic achievement and we're pleased to report that new members are still coming in each month. Of course, that raised the question, "How are we going to celebrate when we reach 1,000 members?" If you have an idea, please let us know at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Magazine

If you haven't noticed, our Guild Magazine is getting more and more popular. The last few editions have been difficult to include all the wonderful pictures from each of the Groups, so the Executive has decided to expand the magazine to ensure all the wonderful stories and updates can be included.

The timing of the magazine will also be changing from 2019. Instead of circulating the magazine each January, April, July and October, the magazine will now be circulated each February, May, August and November. This change provides an opportunity for the Guild to include more up-to-date information from its events such as FibreFest and the AGM.

Another change that will start from 2019 is to offer a paid subscription service for the printed, hard copy version of the magazine. If members do not have an email address and they currently receive a printed copy of the magazine, this will not change, they will not be charged for their magazine. However, if members have an email address, which currently entitles them to the electronic version of the magazine, they then have the option to pay \$24 per year for a printed copy of the magazine delivered to their mailbox.

Printed copies of the next edition of the Guild magazine will be sent to each Group to show members what the printed version is like. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Items for KG Bytes

Please forward items to the President at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 8th September

This meeting will include a workshop on joining squares. Please bring six squares, either knitted or crocheted.

Blue Mountains, 18th August

This meeting has a retail visit from Susannes House of Wool.

Blue Mountains, 15th September

This meeting will include a workshop on cast ons and cast offs with Clare Hacker and a retail visit from Waratah Fibres.

Kiama, 18th August

July was a busy meeting with our 'Christmas in July' activities, so for August we invite members to bring along their latest work for an afternoon of 'Show and Tell'.

Ku-ring-gai, 27th August

A member of the Group will show us how she created her 'Friendship' Rug using the mitred squares method. Creating a similar rug will be another opportunity for stash busting.

Pittwater, 21st August

To complement our monthly crochet stitch workshops, Jo is giving us a workshop on African Flowers. Giving examples of how they are the base for all the wonderful things that can be made with them. All members welcome.

Queanbeyan, 8th September

This meeting includes a destash event.

Woy Woy, 18th August

At our next meeting we're welcoming Pat McGregor who will introduce us to the beauty of making our own Dorset Buttons. Please note that the Group has moved to new premises and now meets at the CWA Hall in Umina (2 Sydney Avenue).

Remember to update your Group details if anything changes. Just let us know at secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Workshops

The Guild is always on the look out for tutors and workshop ideas. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge with your fellow Guild members, in a relaxed and friendly environment, then Diane would very much love to hear from you. Just drop her an email at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au and let her know what you can do. If you have a suggestion, idea or feedback, about other workshops, we would love to hear from you too.

Granny Square Flair with Shelley Husband

We were very excited to offer an opportunity of a workshop with Shelley Husband, including her latest book, 'Granny Square Flair' on Saturday, 29 September. Both these workshops sold out very fast, but Shelley has kindly agreed to give up her lunch break and sign copies of her book for anyone who wants to pop in. The book signing will take place between 12.30pm and 1.30pm Saturday, 29 September 2018 at the SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney.

FibreFest Workshops

As you know, FibreFest has expanded this year to include a day of workshops before the retail event in October. On Saturday, 27 October 2018 seven workshops are on offer at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Singleton. These workshops include:

- Socks, Socks, Socks!
With Sue Grandfield (the Queen of Socks!)
- Skein and Warp Painting
- A Taste of Weaving
- Crocheted Butterfly
- Tunisian Crochet Cushion
- How to Use a Drop Spindle
- Crocheted Floor Doiley

Presented by Knitters Guild NSW		
Tunisian CROCHET Cushion \$65pp	Learn to Use a DROP Spindle \$35pp	Crocheted FLOOR Doiley \$85pp
ANNOUNCING FibreFest 2018 WORKSHOPS Sat 27 Oct Sisters of Mercy Convent 30 Queen St, Singleton		SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS! with Sue Grandfield \$85pp
A Taste of WEAVING \$50pp	Skein and WARP Painting \$90pp	Crocheted BUTTERFLY \$30pp
More Information at: www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/education/workshops		

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Of course, Sunday, 28 October 2018 is still the retail day that we all know and love. So, if you're thinking of coming to FibreFest, think about coming a day earlier, participate in a workshop and join us for a Knit Night at the Royal Hotel on Saturday night.

Guild Events

Are you still thinking of joining the Guild Cruise?

A Guild member (lady) would love to go on the Guild Cruise, but needs someone to share with. If you've been thinking about joining in, but don't have someone to share with, please contact Merrin at merrinmez@gmail.com as soon as possible.

2018 Guild Cruise – 21-24 September 2018

Only about 40 days to go and almost 50 crafters registered!! Still room for more. Let me know if you are interested in booking, there is a special Group Code to quote. Newsletter 3 will be emailed out in the next week, if you haven't received the first two or haven't had a response to general emails please contact Merrin at merrinmez@gmail.com.

2018 FibreFest Checklist

Are you getting ready to attend FibreFest?

- FibreFest shawl – *tick*
- Bag for taking all my goodies – *tick*
- Credit card ready for a workout – *tick*
- Hat and sunscreen for sitting in the garden – *tick*
- Spare needles for casting on the yarn you just purchased – *tick*
- Refillable water bottle, shopping and knitting is thirsty business – *tick*
- Reusable coffee cup, need caffeine for stamina – *tick*

Let's make FibreFest waste free and do our bit for the "War on Waste". Are you ready for FibreFest?

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

Workshops

Gathering the Threads

There is a get together being organised for everyone who enjoys working with fibres at the Cooma Ex-Services Club, Vale Street, Cooma on Saturday, 12 October 2018 between 10am and 5pm. Cost is \$10 per person which include morning and afternoon tea. If you would like to attend, please contact Elizabeth on 0411 435 197 by 4 October.