



Breaking News

Calling our Creative Designers!

I'm sure you've heard of the Rhinebeck Sweater Well, we want to create a "FibreFest Shawl". If you are a designer and would like to be the first to create the Guild's signature FibreFest shawl, then we would love to hear from you.

The concept is quite simple. The shawl should be "strut worthy" featuring a few tricky skills and suitable for a wide range of yarns, including handspun, variegated, or even speckle. We would like to offer the pattern free of charge before FibreFest so people can knit it in time to wear at FibreFest on 28 October 2018, but we would also like to provide a printed version on the day with any purchase of yarn. This would mean the pattern would need to be published by 1 August 2018. After FibreFest the pattern will be returned to the designer for either sale or free download.

If this sounds like you, then please get in touch with me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by 21 March 2018.

From the Executive

Welcome to our newest Group: Northern Tablelands, located in Armidale

A new Group has started in Armidale with their first meeting held 13 February. Seven people attend, a Committee elected and they even had the most awesome show and tell! Car seat covers! Congratulations to Jane and her team for starting the group and if you're in the area, I'm sure they will welcome you to a meeting with open arms.



A new Group is starting in Port Macquarie

We're very excited to announce a new Group is starting on Tuesday, 27 February 2018 in Port Macquarie. The Group is called "Mid North Coast" and they will be meeting from 10am at the Mid North Coast Library in Grant Street, Port Macquarie on the fourth Tuesday of each month. We wish them all the very best.

More From the Executive

A Call Out for Helpers

In our January edition of the Magazine, we included a call out for helpers with both the Magazine and the 2019 Camp. Some members have already responded to our call out, but if you haven't replied and would like to help out, there's still time to let us know. If you want to know more, or not sure what you can do, just get in contact with me at president@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 Mountaints, 17th February

A retail opportunity provided by Hellkeen.

Blue Mountaints, 18th March

A retail opportunity provided by Wooldancer and Clare will be teaching buttonholes..

Crochet Turrumurra, 7th March

Creating a Floral Lariat Scarf - we will be making this asymmetrical lariat using filet stitch and a flower stitch. Attendees will be given yarn samples. Please bring a hook o size 3mm or 3.5mm or bring yarn of your own choice and the appropriate hook.

Group Meetings (cont)

Kiama, 17th February

This month we will welcome a representative from the Homeless Hub in Wollongong who will give a talk on the activities of the Hub and the people they support. We also look forward to hearing from members who entered items into the Kiama Agricultural Show.

Ku-ring-gai, 26th February

This meeting will be all about knitted toys. This is another opportunity for stash busting and will also provide items for Save the Children, one of our 2018 charities.

Queanbeyan, 10th March

Plans are in progress for the train trip from Sydney to Canberra for the 'Celebration of Wool' weekend in Canberra in May.

The Entrance, 3rd March

There was an error in the magazine which listed the wrong meeting times for our Group. The Entrance meets between 1pm and 4pm on the first Saturday of the month and the Long Jetty Senior Citizens Club. All are welcome.

Workshops

Contemporary Crochet, 24 February @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Learn four fantastic crochet techniques in one day!

Yarn Tasting, 3 March @ SMSA

\$5 per person

Three amazing indie dyers will be showcasing their own creations and providing us with an opportunity to squeeze and buy. Dyers include: Reaction Dyeworks; 24 Mile Hollow Yarn; and The Australian Woolstore. Each of these dyers have an Etsy store if you wish to preview their yarn. To book direct: www.trybooking.com/TLBP

Finishing Techniques, 7 April @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Finishing is so good. Beautiful yarn, superb knitting, but how is your finishing? Knowing the art of finishing is not only brightening but is the secret separating the 'homemade' from the 'hand crafted'.

... and more Workshops

Twined Knitting, 12 May @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

Twined Knitting is a traditional Scandinavian knitting technique dating back at least to the 17th century in Sweden. It's called tvaandsstickning in Swedish and tvebandsstrikking in Norwegian - both meaning 'two-end knitting' because traditionally both ends of one ball of yarn is used. It differs from stranded knitting but the two are often worked in conjunction. This may just be the best wearing sock heel and is good for mittens, slippers, hats, trims on garments and bags - just for starters. In this Workshop you will learn the twined knitting stitch and decorative stitches. To book direct: www.trybooking.com/TLCT

An Introduction to KnitCompanion @ SMSA

\$30 members / \$35 non-members

If you have a tablet or smart phone and knit or crochet, then you really should be using KnitCompanion. KnitCompanion is an app that manages your patterns, charts, rows, stitches all in one place. This workshop will teach you the basics and provide you with an overview of the free version of the app. To attend this workshop, you will need to bring your own tablet and have downloaded the free version of KnitCompanion. To book direct: www.trybooking.com/TLDD

Back by popular demand!

Knit Like a Viking, 23 June @ SMSA

\$70 members (copper/brass) / \$90 members (silver wire)

\$75 non members (copper/brass) / \$95 non members (silver wire)

Angharad is back to teach us to "Knit Like A Viking". Using wire, you will create your very own viking Knit bangle to take home. This is an interesting and fun challenge that everyone will enjoy.

To book direct: www.trybooking.com/351740



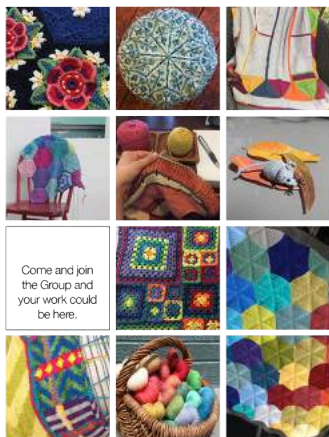
Guild Events

2018 Guild Cruise - 21-24 September 2018

If you have been trying to get in touch with Merrin (our lovely cruise director) and your email hasn't got through, could you please contact her again. We had a glitch with our emails, but we're back on track. Merrin can be contacted at cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Glorious Knit & Crochet Fair - 4 and 5 May 2018

Newcastle are once again organising their wonderful and "glorious" Knit and Crochet Fair on the weekend of 4 and 5 May 2018 in the Islington Baptist Church. Entry is free and you will be treated to beautiful handmade things, yarn stalls and even morning and afternoon tea.



Come and join the Group and your work could be here.

Islington Baptist Church
180 Maitland Road
Islington
Friday 4 & Saturday 5 May 2018
10.00am to 4.00pm
Free Entry

In this biennial Exhibition we show lots of knitted and crocheted works from the talented members of the Newcastle Knitters' Guild.

- Plenty of beautiful handmade things to see
- Raffle tickets & lots to buy
- Exciting yarn stalls
- Morning & Afternoon teas available
- Free parking available
- Close to public transport
- Disabled access

Proceeds of the raffle of a hand knitted woollen hexagon rug and other prizes go to the charity:

Web: thesistacode.com



Glorious Knit & Crochet Fair



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Other News ...

Can you help with Bayside Council's Youth Week Celebrations?

Bayside Council will be celebrating youth week this year with two knitting workshops aimed at young people. They are looking for skilled knitters who would be interested in facilities these workshops with small groups of up to 10 young people. Each group would aim to make a "tree-cosy" each. The workshops are scheduled for 10am to 2pm Monday, 16 April 2018 at Rowland Park, Bunnerong Rd, Daceyville; and 10am to 2pm Friday, 20 April in the Rockdale area. For further information, please contact Keren David on 0428 231 398 or keren.david@bayside.nsw.gov.au.

Group Gallery

As promised in the January edition of the Magazine, we had a number of photos that didn't quite fit in the limited space we have for reporting on group activities, here are the ones that didn't make the magazine



Eileen Abrams (Crochet Turrumurra) with her charity rug



Christmas decorations from Newcastle



Left: Show and Tell ... Southern style

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



Pot mits from Ku-ring-gai



Anna Kaemmerling and Synnøve Mackintosh (Newcastle) presented to Pittwater members



West Ryde are busy making poppies