



KG Bytes

September 2018

From the Executive

Update from the Collections Team

Merrin Marks and her team of volunteers have spent quite a few days sorting through the Guild's storage space tidying up and undertaking a stocktake. They have uncovered quite a few treasures, but more importantly they have now put aside items that Guild Groups can borrow for exhibitions. There are also several items that can be given to Groups to keep. A full list of items for both borrowing and keeping is on the back page of this newsletter.

Group Reports for the Magazine

The October edition of the Magazine is starting to be prepared and that means that the deadline for Group Reports is looming. Please ensure your report, preferably with photos, is forwarded to the Magazine Editor (editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au) by 20 September 2018.

Photos for the Magazine

Talking about the magazine ... when you do send photos in with your Group report, please ensure the photos are high quality and large-ish files. Preferably no less than 1MB. If the photo file size is too small, sometimes it cannot be used in the magazine. It will come out all grainy and blurry. This is a real shame as the photos of what's been happening across our Groups is a key feature of the magazine. The number of pages dedicated to the Group Reports has been increased and we now want to fill it with fabulous photos of what's been happening in all our Groups. So, please ensure your photo file size is no less than 1MB and send it in with your Group report by 20 September.

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

Blacktown, 13th October

The workshop for our meeting on the 13th October is Finishing Techniques with Merrin.

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.

Blue Mountains, 20th October

This meeting will include a retail visit from Ann Collins.

Crochet Turramurra, 3rd October

This meeting will include a workshop on Tunisian Crochet.

Epping Crochet, 8th October

Yvonne will have patterns for crocheted gloves for us to work on using 4ply sock yarn.

Epping, 8th October

Our meeting has been moved from the 1st of October as this is a public holiday. Our meeting will now be held on the 8th October. AT this meeting there will be a special Show and Tell presentation by Brenda Horne, Jill Francis and Yvonne Fazzalari who have been on a three week Lace Knitting Cruise in the Baltic Sea. Everyone is welcome.

Pittwater, 18th September

A change to our programme. We welcome back Jo to continue the African Flowers and show us how to join them together. All members welcome.

Queanbeyan, 13th October

This meeting includes a workshop on Brioche with Katarina and Karin. We'll also be checking in with our crafting goals.

Workshops

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Don't forget, if you have an idea about a workshop, or a technique you would like to learn, tell us about it. If you find out about a visit or a new book release by a designer, tell us about it. Odds are someone else will be interested as well. The Granny Square Flair workshops was a suggestion by Joyce Fisher (Maitland) and we're very pleased she let us know as they have proven to be very popular. Just let Diane know your idea and we'll follow it up. Diane can be contacted at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Granny Square Flair with Shelley Husband

Just a reminder that the workshops with Shelley Husband have sold out, but if you would like to pop in and meeting her, purchase a book and have it signed, please pop in between 12.30pm and 1.30pm Saturday, 29 September at SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney.

2019 Workshops

Save the Date

2 FebruaryCeltic Cable Workshop with Merrin Marks

2 March.Indie Dyers Yarn Tasting

9 March.Finishing Techniques with Iris Horoch

6 AprilFinishing Techniques with Iris Horoch

11 MayKnit Like a Viking with Anghard Rixon

Guild Events

2018 Guild Cruise – 21-24 September 2018

This time next week our trusty band of about 50 Crafty Cruisers from 12 Guild Groups will be on the high seas – very exciting!! If anyone is coming and hasn't received Newsletters 1 – 4, please contact Merrin Marks on merrinmez@gmail.com ASAP.

2018 FibreFest

Blacktown have organised a bus to FibreFest this year. It will be leaving Blacktown Showground at 7.30am, with a pickup at Hornsby at approximately 8.15am. It is anticipated that the bus will be back at Blacktown by 6.30pm. The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members. There will be lucky door prizes on the bus. If you would like to book your seat on the bus, please contact Caroline at carraig@tpg.com.au.

There are still some places left at some of the workshops at FibreFest on the Saturday. If you're interested, pop over to the Guild website and see what's available. If you are coming on Saturday . . . have your booked your accommodation? Don't forget, if you're staying over on Saturday night, join us for a Knit Night at the Royal Hotel on Saturday night – keep an eye on Facebook for more details.

On the Sunday, at FibreFest, we'll be taking photos of the FibreFest Shawls. If you don't want to wear the shawl yourself, we will have a mannequin that will hold it for you. During the morning, though, we're hoping to get a photo of everyone at once with their FibreFest Shawl, so don't forget to pack yours!

A Southern Update

In the July edition of the magazine, a report from Southern was included, but the photos were not. This was because the photo file size was not large enough to include them in the magazine. However, I can include them here as a special report.

You may recall that Southern reported that members had travelled to Woy Woy to enjoy World Wide Knit in Public. Here is a photo of that wonderful outing.

Another photo not included was one of Beryl Mercieca (a Southern Life Member) who is showing off a cutting from the local paper dated July 1997 reporting on her spreading the

knowledge and skill of knitting with youngsters. If you look closely, you may notice that Beryl is wearing the same jumper in both the photo taken this year and the newspaper photo of 1997. Proof that a well-knitted garment has a long life.



Visit to Woy Woy for World Wide Knit in Public Day



Beryl Mercieca

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

Other News ...

World Record Attempt for Biggest White Ribbon

Have you heard that the NSW Police are co-ordinating a world record attempt for the largest knitted and crocheted white ribbon? Police offers from the Manning-Great Lakes Police District are attempting this record to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and they are asking for help.

To participate, just knit or crochet a strip of white by casting on 40 stitches with 8ply yarn and 5mm needles. They hope that you will be able to provide 1m long strips. They're also hoping that you might keep a note of how many 1m strips you are able to complete. One woman has already sent in 10 x 1m strips!

These strips can be dropped in to any NSW Police Station and just ask them to send it on to the team at Manning-Great Lakes. The strips need to be in Taree by 31 October 2018.

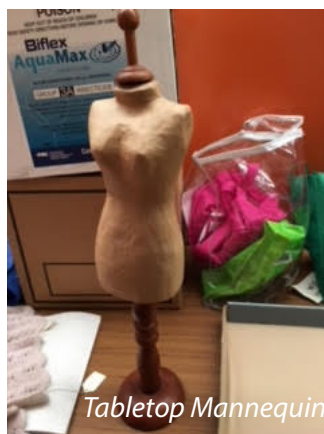
Perhaps each Group could send me a note of how many strips have been sent in and it could be shared here in KG Bytes.

Over the page ... items available for borrowing or to keep

Knitters' Guild NSW Exhibition Equipment



Hanger Stands



Tabletop Mannequin



Baby Dolls



Shelf Unit

Items available to be *borrowed* by Groups for exhibitions/shows etc.

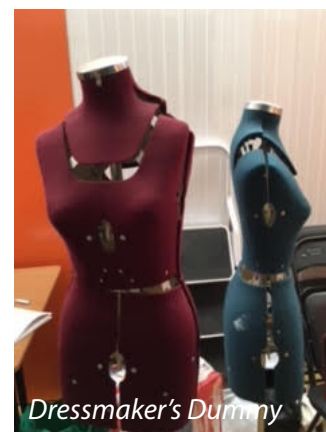
- 1 digital photo frame
- 2 power-boards (1 x 4 socket, 1 x 5 socket)
- 2m extension cord
- 1 dressmaker's dummy – full-size adjustable
- 3 hanger stands – wooden (see photo)
- 2 female mannequins – full size detachable limbs
- 1 male torso – full-size
- 1 male head
- 2 female heads
- 1 android head
- 1 table-top female mannequin – papier-mâché & wood (see photo)
- 2 babies (see photo)
- 3 A4 single page horizontal display stands
- 2 A4 single page vertical display stands
- 1 A5 single page horizontal display stand
- 1 A4 multi-pocket plastic display stand
- 1 A5 multi-pocket plastic display stand
- 17 plastic coat hangers & 1 hook

There is also a large suitcase especially packed with exhibition equipment able to be borrowed (has wheels). Items include: tablecloths, high-vis vests, T-pins, hangers, do not touch notices and much more...

Items being offered to Groups (first come basis) - to keep

- 1 shelf unit (3 shelves aluminium, can be dismantled for transport – see photo)
- 1 laminator
- 1 dressmaker's dummy – full-size adjustable
- 9 hanger stands – wooden (see photo)
- 2 babies (see photo)
- 3 brand-new 90" x 132" black tablecloths
- 5 assorted pieces of cotton cloth, various sizes – green, black, purple, red, navy
- 15 Silk cloths approx. 1m2 – turquoise, yellow, peach, 2 x orange, white, lime green, 2 x black, 2 x red, navy, light pink, fuchsia, magenta
- 1 Black fitted tablecloth
- 3 flat black tablecloths
- 2 large pieces of orange cotton fabric (table size)

All enquiries to Merrin Marks merrinmez@gmail.com



Dressmaker's Dummy