



## From the Executive

### Royal Sydney Show

Congratulations to everyone who submitted an item in the Sydney Show. There were 197 knitted items submitted, not all by Guild members, but we certainly made up a large portion of that number. There were 159 crocheted items also submitted. It was a Guild member who took out the "Margot Chick Award", but I'm not going in to the details here. All the information will be revealed in our Magazine which will arrive very soon.

### FibreFest Shawl

You may recall that we recently called for expressions of interest from designers who would like to design a knitted shawl especially for the 2018 FibreFest. Our call was answered, and our 2018 Designer is Dominique Trad. Not too much can be given away yet about the design as it is still being test knitted, but I can assure you, that you won't be disappointed. The idea behind the FibreFest Shawl is that people can knit their own version, using their favourite colours and yarns to create their own item that can be worn on the day. We will have a spot allocated at FibreFest where you can have your photo taken and your creation shared with others. The pattern will be available free of charge in the July Magazine, but after FibreFest it will revert to a paid pattern on Ravelry. The one hint I can give you at this time is that it is a two-skein shawl in fingering weight and it requires two colours, one solid and the other could be speckled or gradient yarn. So, start thinking about what's possible, we hope to see a lot of shawls at FibreFest.

### Show Judges

Mary-Helen Ward, Convenor of the Education and Judging Sub-Committee, is establishing a register of people who are willing and qualified to judge at shows across the state. The Guild often gets asked to recommend someone who can judge at a show, not just the Sydney show but regional shows as well. This register will assist Mary-Helen to answer those enquiries. It is anticipated that assistance will also be given to those people on the register in way of an online discussion group and perhaps even some informal training. If you are interested, please complete the Expression of Interest Form sent out with this newsletter and return it to Mary-Helen at standards@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

**KG Bytes Deadline: 7th of each month**

## Group Meetings

### Blacktown, 12th May

This meeting will include a workshop on making stitch markers.

### Blue Mountains, 19th May

This meeting will include a retail visit by The Wool Inn.

### Crochet Turrumurra, 2nd May

This meeting is all about the Chevron Stitch Edge.

### Inner City, 12th May

This meeting with the Inner City Group's "Great Annual Yarn Destash". There is usually a fantastic range of quality yarns on offer and all are welcome to come and do some shopping.

### Kiama, 21st April

This meeting will include a Tunisian Crochet workshop.

### Ku-ring-gai, 23rd April

If you have ever puzzled over what colours you might use for a new knitting project, then come and join us with a tutorial from artist, Yvonne Cleaver. She will be sharing her knowledge at the April meeting.

### Pittwater, 17th April

Sue Thompson will be with us at this meeting and she will be demonstrating her knitted, felted hand bags. The following meeting will be a discussion on abbreviations explained and mulled over. Pittwater will be at Westfield Warringah Mall, Brookvale for WWKIP on 9 June.

### Woy Woy, 21st April

This meeting will include a short workshop on single-row stripes, without cutting yarn or stranding, and producing checks, the crochet hook method. On 28 April the Group is visiting the Wollombi Wool Store in Wollombi. We leave Woy Woy at 9am and will arrive back at about 4.30pm. Bring your own lunch or visit one of the cafes/restaurants/pubs in the village. The cost is \$35 per person. Non Woy Woy Members are very welcome to join us. For further information contact Sally on 0404 165 619.

## Workshops

Our Workshops are proving very popular and we certainly appreciate the support of not only the Guild members volunteering their time to tutor, but also the Guild members who come along to these workshops to learn something new. If you have an idea for a workshop, please feel free to contact the lovely Diane, who organises the workshop on workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

### 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 tvebandsstriking 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: <https://www.trybooking.com/TLCT>

### An Introduction to KnitCompanion, 2 June @ 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: <https://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: <https://www.trybooking.com/351740>

## Guild Events

### Yarn Express to Canberra, 18-20 May 2018

Thank you to those members who have booked their tickets on the "Yarn Express". There are 18 of us going to Canberra on the train! A huge thank you to the Queanbeyan members who are organising meal options, but more importantly our Knit-In on Friday and Saturday. We are all very excited and can't wait for the yarn goodness to start.

### 2018 Guild Cruise - 21-24 September 2018

Have you booked your ticket on the 2018 Guild Cruise? It's not too late. It's proving very popular and Merrin has lots of fun and learning planned. If you would like to know more, please contact Merrin (our lovely cruise director) at [cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

### 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](mailto:president@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

## Other News ...

### Seeking Crochet Ambassadors

Two Green Zebras ([www.twogreenzebras.com](http://www.twogreenzebras.com)) are seeking Crochet Ambassadors. They are seeking contemporary and traditional crochet enthusiasts to be part of their new "Create Handmade 4ply crochet cotton" launch. This involves creating original designs or long-time favourites in their threads, taking beautiful photos of the projects and displaying them on their Instagram page. If you are interested, please contact Fiona at [sales@twogreenzebras.com](mailto:sales@twogreenzebras.com).

### Prudence Mapstone Workshop - 30 June

International Fibre Artist, Prudence Mapstone, will be giving a freeform knitting/crochet workshop in Orange on Saturday, 30 June 2018. The event will be held between 10am and 3pm at a cost of \$65pp which includes a light lunch. The workshop will be held at the Orange Ex-Services Club, Kite St, Orange. Accommodation packages are available by contacting [joanne@trysori.com.au](mailto:joanne@trysori.com.au). Dinner is available Saturday night at the Balcony Restaurant, Metropolitan Hotel, Orange. For more information, please contact [karenharris13@bigpond.com](mailto:karenharris13@bigpond.com)

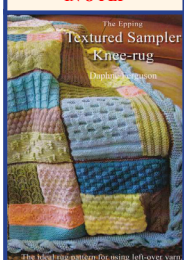


**Hi Fellow Knitters,**  
Joining the Epping group of the NSW Knitters Guild in 2013 inspired me to take my knitting to another level. These books and patterns are part of the resulting enthusiasm. Come and chat with me at my stall *Sip.Knit.Yarn* at *Craft Alive*.  
**Daphne Ferguson**

# Craft Alive

Newcastle Racecourse  
20th - 22nd April, 2018

**3 ORIGINAL EXCITING RUG PATTERN BOOKS IN 8 PLY**



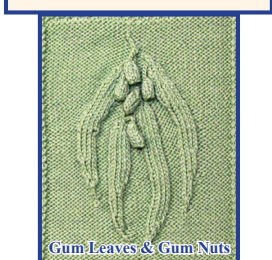
The Epping Textured Sampler Knee-rug  
Daphne Ferguson

**NEW IN 2017  
3 CHUNKY CABLE CREATIONS IN 12 PLY**



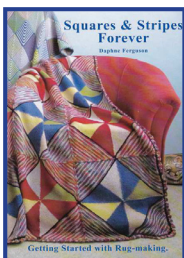
Diamonds with Bobbles & Double Moss with Mistake Rib

**NEW IN 2018  
2 GREAT AUSTRALIAN AFGHANS IN 12 PLY**



Gum Leaves & Gum Nuts

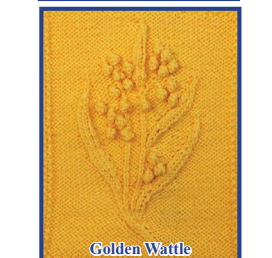
**Squares & Stripes Forever**  
Daphne Ferguson



Getting Started with Rug-making

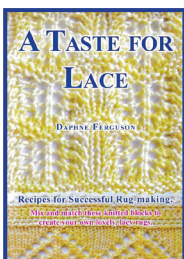


Simple Twists & Ladder with Relaxed Rib

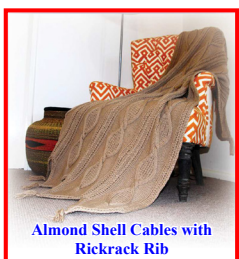


Golden Wattle

**A TASTE FOR LACE**  
Daphne Ferguson



Recipes for Successful Rug-making: All the patterns in this book are designed to be knitted on a rug loom.



Almond Shell Cables with Rickrack Rib

**Books - \$25.00 each**  
**12 ply Patterns - \$10.00 each**  
**Rug Kits - \$125.00**  
**Spinning Yarn Holders - \$25.00**



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# Knitters Guild Epping Group is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea

**When & Where**  
**10am to 12.30am**  
**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018**  
**Epping Creative Centre**  
**26 Stanley Rd Epping**

**Can you make a donation?**  
Donations of items for the use of or to pamper a knitter or crocheter will be put into 10 raffle prizes and some items will be auctioned. These donations are needed by Monday 7th May. Cash and cheque donations are accepted on the day.

**Enquiries:**  
[tgmoores@bigpond.net.au](mailto:tgmoores@bigpond.net.au)

**We'll have a lime green colour scheme for lymphoma.**



**Costs**  
\$8 adult entry donation (includes one entry in the knitting competition)  
\$2 per extra entry in knitting competition  
Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5  
There will be an auction of some items to raise extra funds. All funds raised will go to



**What to bring**  
Please assist us by bringing:  
1. A cup, saucer and plate for yourself and your guests.  
2. Items for the knitting contest.

**Knitting Competition**

- Hats, beanies and headwear for adult cancer patients.
- Any other item for adult cancer patient e.g. gloves, mittens, socks, scarves and wraps.
- Hats beanies or headwear or other items for children with cancer.
- Cosies for mugs, teapots, plungers, water bottles, iPads etc
- Something made in the colour lime green.



# WINTER WOOL FAIR

**Here's a great opportunity to purchase unique winter warmers!**  
The Sutherland Shire Spinners & Weavers present an exhibition and sale of their members' works featuring displays of an amazing variety of woollen creations.

**PLUS - spinning and weaving demonstrations!**  
The following traders will be present selling fibres, yarns and equipment:  
• Glenora Weaving & Wool • R&E Reynolds Yarn Supplies  
• Virginia Farm Wool Works • Come In Spinner • Feltfine  
• Frank Williams Aussie Spindles

Proceeds of raffle donated to Amelie House Sutherland Shire Women's Refuge  
**SS&W Group meets 10am - 2pm every Tuesday**  
**at Como School of Arts, Novara Cres.**



We wish to thank Sutherland Shire Council for their ongoing support.

**Friday 1st June & Saturday 2nd June, 2018**  
**at The Uniting Church Hall, corner of Merton & Flora Streets, Sutherland**  
**(wheelchair access available)**  
**9:30am - 4:30pm**  
**Refreshments Available**  
For Further info contact Karen - 0419 273 193  
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