



KG Bytes

February 2019

From the Executive

February Knitting

Where did January go? Now as we're well and truly into February, I don't know about you, but I'm already thinking about my winter knits. Just when I think I'm ready to cast on a new project, another designer releases a gorgeous pattern. How about you, are you already planning your winter knits, or is it just me?

Renewal Season

Renewal Season has ended, but if you missed it, it's not too late. You can still renew, there's just an additional \$10 fee. A big thank you goes out to Clare Hacker, who takes care of the whole renewal process. This is a huge undertaking as not only does she keep track of who's renewed and who hasn't, but she answers questions like, "can you please send me my membership number?" Not only that, she then has to answer my requests for updated mailing lists and reports to the Executive. Clare has handled all this with her usual calm efficiency and I, for one, am truly grateful to have her assistance. Thanks Clare!

Financial Reports

Have you sent Helen (our amazing Treasurer) your Group's financial reports for 2018? Whilst I'm thinking about winter knitting, Helen is already planning for the Annual General Meeting and pulling together the financial reports. This is a very large task and it certainly makes Helen's life a lot easier if we all get our reports to her as soon as possible. To those Groups that have already sent them - thank you. To those that are still to send them, can you please do so by the end of the month. Please send them to treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au. If you have any queries, Helen would be happy to answer them, just email her.

Guild Website and Social Media

We can sometimes take for granted all the hard work that goes into keeping us informed about events and news. But we have a terrific team of two looking after the website and social media. Kate looks after the website and Instagram and Sharon looks after Facebook. However, both of them are always on the look-out for content. If you have something you would like to share, please contact Kate at web@kgnsw.org.au or Sharon at secretary@kgnsw.org.au.

Items for KG Bytes

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

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 9th March

At this meeting we will be learning to do Continental Stitch, knit and purl.

Crochet Epping, 11th March

At this meeting we learn to crochet a bag using 8ply yarn and a 4mm hook.

Crochet Turramurra, 6th March

At this meeting we will be learning the stitches needed to create a soft, drapery, lacey shawl.

Epping, 4th March

At this meeting Brenda Horne will be a guest speaker talking about the different types of lace knitting.

Kiama, 6th February

At this meeting we will be learning about Mandalas.

Ku-ring-gai, 25th February

At this meeting we re stash busting! This is an opportunity to sell, exchange or donate all things relating to knitting.

Maitland, 15th March

At this meeting we will be learning 'Judy's Magic Cast On'.

Mid North Coast, 26th February

At this meeting we'll be talking about the importance of yarn selection.

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At this meeting we'll be discussing various cast on and cast off methods.

Pittwater, 5th March

At this meeting there will be a mini workshop on knitting with circular needles.

Pittwater, 19th March

Tuition Tuesday will see us learning to crochet a basket or vase.

Workshops

We have plenty of workshops lined up for this year, but we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If you would like to deliver a workshop or have an idea for a workshop, then our wonderful Workshops Convenor, Julie Hogan, would love to hear from you. Please send her an email at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Don't forget ... if you would like a regional workshop, please let Julie know.

Bristol-along

We had so much fun with the FibreFest knit-a-long that we thought we should have another one! This time, it's the 'Bristol-along'. To celebrate Bristol's visit and participation at the Conference in July, we are now encouraging all participants to knit any of her designs and wear it (or them) at the Welcome Reception on the Friday night. What a great way to show our appreciation, don't you think?

Cast On is from 12 March 2019 and there will be a thread in our Ravelry group and we also encourage you to share your progress and finished items on social media using the following hashtags:

#knittersguildnsw
#bristolivyknitalong
#kgnswcon2019

Visit Bristol Ivy's website, sign up for her newsletter and benefit from a discount on her Ravelry store patterns. We are aware that Bristol Ivy is a knitwear designer, but we hope our crocheters will join in with some Bristol Ivy-inspired crocheted items.

Brioche Basics Workshop: 12 April

To get ready for Conference and to give an opportunity to dust off those Brioche techniques, the Maitland Group will be holding a 'Brioche Basics' workshop on Friday, 12 April 2019. More details will be out soon, but keep an eye on KG Bytes and the Guild website.

Expression of Interest

Mary-Helen Ward, the Convenor of Education and Judging has stepped down from this role to allow her more time for travelling. We thank Mary-Helen for all she has done in this area, including writing the popular Knitting Certificate.

However, now we have the task of filling the position. We are now calling for Expressions of Interest to be the Convenor of Judging an Education. All the details about the role are attached to this edition of KG Bytes.

Remember, that if you are interested in taking on the role, you are not alone. Support is always at hand from other Convenors and members of the Executive.

Submissions close 5pm Friday, 15 March 2019. Please send them to secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au. If you have any queries, please contact president@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Thinking of attending Conference? Inner City can help.

Is someone in your Group thinking of attending conference and has never attended a Guild Camp before?

Well, the Inner City Group has kindly put together a cash sponsorship to assist a 'Conference Newbie' to attend. They are able to assist with not only the registration fee, but also an contribution towards accommodation and transport.

If you are interested in this generous offer, then please contact the Convenors of Inner City at convenor@innercity.knittersguildnsw.org.au and let them know in a few sentences how the money will help and what you hope to get out of attending Conference.

Other Events

2019 Sydney Royal Easter Show Poppy Project - Handmade with love

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW are calling all crafters to start creating poppies that will form an installation for ANZAC Day.

People will be able to drop off their poppies off when they visit the Easter Show or post them in to RASNSW, 1 Showground Road, Sydney Olympic Park.

There are three options of poppies: Red for the soldiers; White for the nurses; and Purple for the animals. A copy of the pattern is attached to edition.

2019 Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail

Expressions of Interest are being sought from artisans who might like to demonstrate at this year's Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail on 18 and 19 May 2019.

The concept of this event is for each exhibitor will showcase their skill by actually working on an example so that people can gain an understanding of the trade or craft. More information is available in the attached flyer.

This could be a great knitting weekend - just take some friends and book a Guild stall. Sorted.

Autumn Yarn Fete

The NSW Machine Knitters Association are once again holding their 'Autumn Yarn Fete' on Saturday, 23 March 2019 at the Epping Creative Centre in Epping. All the details are in the attached flyer.

Discount Code

The Wool Inn is offering a 10% discount code to Guild members. If purchasing online, just enter: **df52b20ad5** to receive the discount. Thanks Anita!



Convenor – Education and Judging

Job Description

- To act as liaison between members of the sub-committee, the Executive Committee, Show organisers, students and other Sub-Committee Convenors as necessary.
- To oversee the curriculum and content development and maintenance and to identify opportunities for improvement in the Certificate course content and delivery, taking into account modern teaching and learning practices.
- To liaise with the Workshops Convenor to integrate the online teaching offered for the certificates.
- To oversee the assessment of submitted work.
- To provide or oversee administrative support for the Knitting and Crochet Certificates, including maintaining a register of current students and certificates awarded.
- To report monthly or as otherwise requested by the Executive to the Executive with current certificate statistics and other status reports, such as shows judged, certificates updated etc.
- To promote the Certificates to Guild members and the larger knitting / crochet community.
- To provide advice to Show Organisers on their Arts and Crafts Schedules.
- To plan, provide or oversee training for prospective judges.
- To maintain a list of current judges available for Shows.
- To liaise with Singleton Library on an annual basis regarding the status of the Guild collection that is managed by Singleton Library.
- To recommend to the Executive any inclusions or removals from the Guild collection at the Singleton Library.

Applicant Criteria

- The ability to identify changes in knitting practice and to incorporate those changes into teaching within the Certificates.
- Good administrative and organisation skills, with an ability to meet deadlines.
- Understanding of and willingness to support Guild objectives.
- A background in education would be an advantage, particularly in the use of current teaching and learning technologies and delivery methods.

How to Apply

- Applicants must address all dot points under the headings of “Job Description” and “Applicant Criteria”.
- Applications are to be addressed to The Secretary and emailed by 5pm Friday, 15 March 2019 to secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au
- For further information, please contact the President, Cynthia Mulholland on 0418 230 498.



Patterns courtesy of Lynn Berry
5000 Poppies Project

A. Ing's Hybrid Hybrid Front Post Crochet Poppy

Black and red 8 ply (dk) yarn

3.50mm crochet hook, Scissors, Darning needle, Decorative button if required

This poppy can be started with either a Magic Ring or the more traditional chain start.

Using BLACK yarn, attach yarn to hook with a slip knot. Make 4 chain and join with a sl st to form a circle OR work round 1 over a magic ring - whichever is your chosen method.

Round 1 : 3 ch (counts as the first treble), 11 treble into the ring. Join with a sl st to the 3rd ch. 12 treble.

Fasten off black yarn.

Round 2 : Using RED yarn join into the top of any treble from round 1. Chain 3 (first treble), into same space as ch 3 work 1 treble, *work 2 trebles into each stitch* around and join with a sl st. 24 trebles.

Round 3 : Ch 2 (first half treble) *work 2 (or 3 if you want a more pronounced frill) front post trebles around the next stitch from round 2, work 1 half treble into the top of the same stitch and the next one* repeat around and join with a sl st. Fasten off, darn in all ends, attach button if preferred and attach pin to back.



B. Lynn's Three Row Easy Crochet Poppy

Black and red 8 ply (dk) yarn

3.50mm crochet hook, Scissors, darning needle, decorative button

This poppy can be started with either a Magic Ring or the more traditional chain start.

Using BLACK yarn, attach yarn to hook with a slip knot. Make 4 chain and join with a sl st to form a circle OR work round 1 over a magic ring - whichever is your chosen method.

Round 1 : 3 ch (counts as the first treble), 11 treble into the ring. Join with a sl st to the 3rd ch. 12 treble.

Fasten off black yarn.

Round 2 : Using RED yarn join into the top of any treble from round 1. Chain 3 (first treble), into same space as ch 3 work 3 trebles, *work 4 trebles into each stitch* around and join with a sl st. 48 trebles.

Round 3 : Ch 3 and **work 2 trebles into the next stitch. Repeat from ** to end of round and join with a sl st. Fasten off, darn in all ends, attach button if preferred and attach pin to back. This one has a small crochet bobble centre and a round of eyelash yarn.



C. Lynn's Easy Knitted Garter Stitch Poppy

Black and red 8 ply (dk) yarn

3.75 needles depending on how tight your knitting is. Scissors, Darning needle, Decorative button if required

Cast on 70 stitches

Row 1-6 : Knit (You can knit 8 rows if your tension is tight or you are using a smaller ply yarn)

Row 7 : *slip 1, knit 2 tog, pssso Repeat from * across row. If there is an odd stitch remaining knit.

Row 8-9 : knit 2 tog across row.

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches and pull up to form poppy. Stitch side seam and attach centre.

NB last three rows can be done in black yarn to form centre, but a button works equally well. Attach pin to back.



D. Lynn's Easy Knitted Rib Stitch Poppy

Black and red 8 ply (dk) yarn

3.75 needles depending on how tight your knitting is. Scissors, Darning needle, Decorative button if required

Cast on 52 stitches

Row 1-6 : rows in 2 x 2 rib

Row 7-9 : knit 2 tog across row. Where there is an odd number of stitches knit last stitch.

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches and pull up to form poppy. Stitch side seam and attach centre.

NB last three rows can be done in black yarn to form centre, but a knitted centre or button works equally well.

Attach pin to back.





Expression of Interest to demonstrate at the Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail

I am writing to invite you to lodge an Expression of Interest concerning demonstrating your trade/skill at the upcoming third annual Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail.

“The Trail” is a Bathurst Regional Council initiative supported by a number of community heritage and history groups including Bathurst District Historical Society, Bathurst Heritage Network, The National Trust, Bathurst Bead & Wire Craft Guild, Bathurst Embroidery Guild and the Bathurst Family History Group. It will next take place during Bathurst Heritage Week, on 18 & 19 May 2018, and will feature heritage trades in a number of heritage buildings and precincts around Bathurst.

It is aimed at increasing public awareness of heritage for locals and visitors. It is a not for profit community activity, and venues will be managed and manned by volunteers.

The concept is that each exhibitor will showcase their skill by actually working on an example so that people can gain an understanding of the trade or craft. We particularly would like to encourage hands on activities and workshops.

Please have a look at our facebook page ... [Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail](#), which includes a video of the event.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to submit an expression of interest in showcasing your traditional trade or craft skills at one of the elements of “The Trail”. We are particularly interested in people who can demonstrate and discuss their trade with the public. There is no charge to demonstrators, and they can sell their products as well without any commission. Exhibitors who only sell their product and do not demonstrate are not encouraged, and will be required to pay a fee to participate, as will food vendors.

The Trail runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm both days, with set up possible on the Friday afternoon immediately before, and bump out on the Monday morning after.

We would be responsible for all logistics, a professional OH&S risk assessment, all set up, running and clean up, portable toilets, small marquees and traffic management.

Marketing is extensive, particularly via online and social media channels, as this is intended as a visitor attracting event in addition to engaging the local community. Marketing and promotion is carried out by Bathurst Regional Council, and the individual community groups involved. We would encourage you to promote the event through your Trade or Craft organisation, and your network of contacts. Sharing from our Facebook page is a powerful way to spread the word.

We would like to know as soon as possible what facilities and equipment you would need us to arrange for you, if any. If you are an Agricultural Trade or an outdoors trade, we would encourage you to bring your own Gazebo and tables etc.

Thank you for supporting this important community initiative.

We have a tight timetable to bring the event together and we hope you will be able to confirm at an early date. Please contact me at heritagebathurst@gmail.com in the first instance with any queries and issues.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Bathgate
Trail demonstrators coordinator
heritagebathurst@gmail.com



AUTUMN

YARN FETE



Saturday 23rd March 2019

10am – 2pm

At Epping Creative Centre, Dence Park
26 Stanley Rd, Epping
(wheelchair accessible)

Refreshments Available

For further info contact Michelle – 0438 279 799
www.mkansw.org.au

A day for all yarn enthusiasts to source beautiful Australian yarns (wool, alpaca, silk) & more.

The NSW Machine Knitters Association present an exhibition of members works

The following traders will be selling yarns and more:

- Pleasantview Fibres • The Australian Wool Store • Feltfine •
- Marlyn Alpaca • Looms & Spinning Wheels • The Wool Inn •
- Waratah Fibres • Calanas • Australian Alpaca/Ultimate Alpaca •

Specialising in knitting machines, parts, manuals, patterns, tools:

- Passap – Fay & Ken Butcher • Reynolds Brothers • Anne Carrigg •
- Spongebar restorations on the day

Plus knitting demonstrations on the day, lucky door prize and raffle.