



KG Bytes

October 2019

October Executive Meeting

Please note that the October Executive Meeting has been postponed until Saturday 2 November to avoid a clash with FibreFest. The November meeting will take place as scheduled on 23 November. No meeting is held in December.

Renewals

Guild Membership Renewal season is nearly with us again! Membership expires on 31 December and you can renew from 1st November via our website or by submitting a paper form. You can pay on the website by Paypal, transfer the money direct into our bank account or send a cheque.

BUT PLEASE REMEMBER

that there are 2 steps to renewal – payment of the membership fee **and** submission of the form. We cannot process your renewal without a completed renewal form.

News From The Groups

Blacktown: 9 November

At this meeting we'll be holding our AGM. We are also planning a stash sale on that day. Bring along yarn, books or patterns that you wish to swap or sell.

Clarence Valley: 17 October

Lace continued with Gay and Jenny.

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Textured stitches with Evol and Kay G, plus the group's AGM.

Crochet Turramurra: 6 November

Mae will be teaching Wave Stitch. Print your preferred pattern and bring it. Two free patterns that use Crochet Wave Stitch are the Nancy Wave Scarf (<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/nancys-waves-scarf>) and the Zagnut Scarf (<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/zagnut>).

Bring 3 colours of the same yarn weight. For a scarf, 4-ply weight yarn is suggested but any weight may be substituted. Also a hook to suit yarn weight. For 4-ply, a 3 mm hook is suggested.

Inner West: 21 October

Mega Show & Tell, with a special focus on our FibreFest (scarf/shawl/other) contributions, as well as planning our Christmas get-together. All are welcome to join us for a relaxed and entertaining morning.

Ku-ring-gai: 28 October

Discussion about the knitting for charity we will undertake in 2020.

McArthur: Saturday 26 October & Monday 11 November

We are continuing with making, sharing & swapping Halloween & Christmas Decorations. Feel free to bring along any samples you would like to share or possibly find some new ones from our group!

Pittwater: 5 November

Melbourne Cup, Lunch and Sweeps. 19th November – AGM, Mini Workshop, Chainless crochet cast on, with Pat.

Southern: 2 November

Jo and Gemma will give a follow-up tutorial on using Ravelry as a valuable knitting and crochet resource. This will build on the information covered in the Introduction to Ravelry session that they conducted at our February 2019 group meeting and was well received by participants.

The Entrance: 2 November

Basic Tunisian Crochet workshop. Bring along 8ply yarn and a 6mm Tunisian crochet hook.

Hints And Tips

Thank you for the following tips which we've received. Please keep them coming!

The Scourge Of Moths

submitted by Ann Westren (Northern Beaches)

We always worry that our precious work is going to be attacked by moths! If you're concerned that you may have any infestation in your yarn, put it in a ziplock bag and place in the freezer for a few days. Then take it out and leave for a few days in case there are other eggs not yet hatched and then place back in the freezer, again for a few days.

Many Uses For Dental Floss

submitted by Mary Carlos (Woy Woy) and Sharron Hughes (The Entrance)

Dental floss is a very useful addition to your knitting bag – it's sturdy, fairly cheap, easily available and doesn't stretch.

It's perfect to use as a lifeline, excellent for sewing up stuffed toys, for tying the centre of pompoms, and for provisional casts on (when you've picked up the stitches, it easily pulls out).

You can use the small cutting blade for cutting yarn – particularly useful when travelling without scissors on a plane.

Groups AGMs

November is Group AGM month! If for some reason you're unable to hold your AGM at your November meeting, please do let us know.

You should be electing three people – a Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer – although your group may have other positions to look at, such as a Librarian, Workshop organiser etc.

If you are interested in taking on one of these roles but are not sure what is involved, speak to the person currently doing the job and check out the Guidelines on the Members' section of the Guild website.

We ask that the Treasurer doesn't take over the position until 1st January, so that the current Treasurer is able to easily submit the year-end accounts to the Guild.

Please let the Guild Secretary know who are your 3 Officers, even if there is no change to the current year.

Workshop – Coloured Yarns

The Newcastle Machine Knitters Club is hosting a workshop some of you hand-knitters in that area may be interested in attending. Barbara Fletcher will be exploring the many knitting techniques that can be used with an amazing range of coloured yarns.

The event is on Tuesday 12 November for 2 hours from 10.00am at Holmesville Community Hall, George Street, Holmesville, and the cost is \$10, payable on the day.

To book a place or request further information, please contact Leonie Mills on leoniemills999@gmail.com.

Guild Workshops

Julie, the Guild's Workshop Convenor, is already planning a number of workshops for you in the first 6 months of next year and we'll let you know about these when everything has been set in stone. (If there is a workshop you would particularly like her to hold, do please suggest it to her).

In the meantime, there are still a few places left in Merrin Marks' Celtic Slip Stitch Cable workshop on 30 November.



**celtic slip
stitch cables**

**9.30am - 12.30pm &
1pm - 4pm**
Sat, 30 November 2019

**Sydney Mechanics School of
Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney**

Morning - learn the techniques to knit
your own scarf

Afternoon - practise the techniques
and troubleshooting

*Participants to pre-purchase the Lindisfarne
Shawl pattern by Lucy Hague from Ravelry
and bring the pattern and a foundation of
four rounds on the needles prior to the
Workshop. Instructions and a list of
materials will be provided after registering.*

**Cost: \$28pp (full day)
\$10pp (afternoon only)**

Knitting and Crochet Pattern Copyright

The subject of copyright laws as they apply to knitting and crochet patterns has been raised with the Guild twice in the last few weeks.

This is a complicated legal subject, made more confusing by the amount of misinformation we've seen on knitting sites over the years. Some of the advice given is just plain wrong, and some may apply elsewhere but isn't the law in Australia. As a Guild, we must respect the copyright of knitting and crochet designers so would ask that you and your group follow these basic rules:

1. Do remember that the copyright of patterns belongs to the designer and/or publication (book or magazine) unless the designer died more than 70 years ago. The pattern does not have to display the © symbol.
2. There appears to be a lot of confusion about patterns that are **free**. Copyright on these patterns is exactly the same as those for which we have paid. The designer still holds the copyright. If she wishes to supply the pattern at no cost that is her choice but the same rules apply.
3. You cannot photocopy a pattern to give to friends nor can you send them a digital copy of a pattern you have. You may photocopy the pattern for your own use.
4. If the pattern you own is a hard-copy, i.e. in a book or magazine, or a printed pattern you have purchased or been given, you can of course give or sell that to someone else (in the same way you may give away any other type of book you've bought). You cannot photocopy all or part of it and give that away or sell it.
5. If you have a pattern that another member admires, share the love and give them the link to the website where you found it.

If you want further information about copyright in Australia visit the Australian Copyright Council's website at <https://www.copyright.org.au/> where you'll get access to a number of pdf leaflets, including one devoted to Sewing and Knitting Patterns.

Stay Smart Online Week 7-13 October 2019

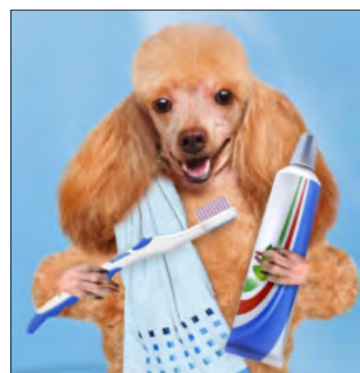
In Australia we have just had Stay Smart Online Week. As knitters and crocheters we all like to go on social media to look at and share photos, tips, techniques, sales and other crafting news. However we need to think about how to stay smart with what we share online.

Here are a few smart tips.

1. Don't share passwords.
Just as you wouldn't share a toothbrush with a dog, don't share your passwords across different sites ie Ravelry, Facebook, Pinterest and Instagram.
2. Create long, strong passwords.
Think of a passphrase rather than a password.
Pick a passphrase of at least 4 words and 13 characters in length that you will remember eg fibrefestyarnfoodfun
3. Social Media Privacy

Set your social media page or profile to private so only your friends can see what you post. Also think about how much detail you post about family and friends eg birthdays, graduations etc.

For other tips on staying smart online, visit:
www.staysmartonline.gov.au.



Fibrefest 2019

26 & 27 October

This year's FibreFest is nearly upon us – it gets bigger and better each year and we are sure that this year's won't disappoint.

Tote Bags

Don't forget that we have specially-commissioned tote bags available for the first time. These can be purchased online for \$10 before the Festival but need to be collected on the Sunday from the Guild stall. If you aren't able to attend, maybe a member of your group would be willing to collect it for you – just give them the receipt that you'll receive when you place your order. They will also be sold on the day, subject to availability, for \$12.

So if you want to be sure of getting one, do go to the Guild website and buy yours now: <https://www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-s-on/fibrefest-2019>.

FibreFest Shawl and Cowl

Don't forget to bring along your FibreFest shawl or cowl! We're really looking forward to seeing them all and there will be a group photo at about 12.30. Listen out for the announcement on the day.

Can You Help?

Sharon, who does such a wonderful job organising FibreFest, cannot do it all by herself and has a number of great volunteers already working away! However, she would really appreciate a few extra people to help on the Sunday (27 October) with selling raffle tickets and Guild merchandise. If you feel you can drag yourself away from the retailers and the food stalls for an hour or so, do please get in touch with her and tell her what times you're willing to make yourself available. Email Sharon at Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Guild Cruise 2020

The Guild's third knitting and crochet cruise takes place 4-7 September 2020 on the Pacific Explorer. If you have any queries or would like further information about this, contact our Cruise Director, Merrin Marks, at cruise@kgnsw.org.au.

If you've already booked, but haven't informed Merrin, please do that as soon as possible. The cost of the cruise is obviously reduced if you're sharing a cabin so if you're travelling alone but would like a 'cruise buddy' to share with, do please let Merrin know as she has others already booked who would like someone to team up with.





Big News!

FibreFest 2019 will have its very own, limited edition Tote Bag!

This bag is a one-off, all cotton, limited edition, original artwork created especially for FibreFest 2019.

Artwork by Ann Lemon, who is an accomplished artist as well as the creator of the Guild logo.

This bag is large enough for your yarn purchases and stylish enough you'll want to have it on display. It is 37cm wide by 48cm high with long handles.

To purchase your bag, visit www.trybooking.com/553983 and purchase the bag online. Bring your ticket to FibreFest 2019 and collect your bag.

Cost: \$10 (online) or \$12 (on the day)





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