



# KG Bytes

September 2019

## Group Information Day

Thank you to all those who attended our Group Information Day on 31 August. The feedback we received was these should be held regularly and it would be helpful if they were scheduled for earlier in the year to help members who have recently taken on Group Officer roles.

We always plan to hold them in a month with a 5th Saturday in order that they don't interfere with a normal group meeting. So put **29 February, 2020** into your diaries now and we'll supply further details nearer the time.

## Group Reports

When submitting reports for publication here, may we ask that you provide us with the date of the meeting – i.e. not just "at our October meeting".

### Blacktown: 12 October

Our workshop today will be conducted by Ting. It will be a follow-up to September's workshop which was learning to make an Amigurumi (crochet) jelly fish.

### Clarence Valley: 19 September

Entralac advanced, Cont'd, with Gay and Meredith. Visit to Gay's home.

### Clarence Valley: 3 October

Lace, with Philippa and Judy

### Crochet Turramurra: 2 October

Broomstick Crochet Workshop with Leone. Bring a small amount of 8 ply yarn, a 4 mm hook and 25mm knitting needle if you have one.

### Inner West: 16 September

Sally Webersinke will be showing us an improved (and easy) technique for jogless stripes. Please join us if you'd like to see this technique demonstrated!

### Ku-ring-gai: 23 September.

Time to use the Swift and Yarn Ball Winder so bring your skeins, knitting projects, have a chat, relax and share.

### Mid-North Coast: 24 September

Crochet for Knitters

### Pittwater: 17 September.

Scrumbling/Freeform knitting and crochet with Elaine Dewey.

### Pittwater: 1 October

Gadget Day, with Pat and Cathy.

### Pittwater: 15 October

Group Birthday, with a birthday cake and mini slip stitch knitting workshop with Kay.

### Queanbeyan: 12 October

We'll be learning about design from one of our members.

### Woy Woy: 21 September

Learn to include beads in your knitting, using a crochet hook. Bring along 4ply yarn, appropriate knitting needles and a 0.75-1.00mm crochet hook (no crocheting experience necessary). Beads will be provided.

## Sydney Easter Show Stewards

The RAS is looking for volunteers to work as Stewards in the Arts and Crafts area at next year's Sydney Easter Show. The work includes receiving entries about 10 days before the Show, helping on judging days and distributing items back to the entrants at the end of the Show, which runs next year from 3-14 April.

Please contact Sally at [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au) if you'd like your name put forward for any or all of these activities. Please note if you're a Steward at the Show you can't enter any class in the Show that year.

## Sydney Craft Week

This is an annual event which this year is taking place between 11-20 October. There are craft events all over Sydney and there is sure to be something of interest to most of our members. Check it out on their website: <https://www.sydneycraftweek.com/>.

The Inner City group is hosting *Playing With Yarn And Sticks Or Hooks* on Saturday 12 October at Redfern Town Hall from 11.00-1.00pm with Techniques Turntable (ie a number of different techniques, tips and hints being demonstrated). This event is free and open to non-Guild members.

For further details, see: <https://www.sydneycraftweek.com/events/playing-yarn-and-sticks-or-hooks-knitters-guild-nsw-inc/>.

## World Wide Knit in Public Day 2020

Yes, we know this is a few months away – Saturday 13 June – but when you're planning your Group's calendar for 2020, please bear in mind that the Guild will be hosting a WWKIP event in central Sydney on that day, to which you are all invited. This is of course in the early stages of planning but we expect it to include competitions, door prizes, raffles and of course lots of knitting and crocheting.

If you're planning your own event, do let us know so that we can tell everyone about it.

## Items for KG Bytes

Do let us know if your group is planning a workshop or event so that we can publicise it here.

It's a good way to send a reminder to your group members and to encourage members of other groups to visit.

It also passes on some good ideas for activities that other groups may want to organise.

Please send the information by the 7th of each month to [President@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:President@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

# Fibrefest 2019

We're all really looking forward to FibreFest again this year on 26 and 27 October – Workshops, retailers, food and drink, knitting and crocheting. Also an opportunity to see the knitted shawls and crocheted cowls that you've all be working on. If you haven't started yours yet, it isn't too late! Download the free patterns now and bring your finished items to Singleton on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/fibrefest-shawl-2019>

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/gathering-of-friends-at-fibrefest-2019>

## Coach To Fibrefest

The Blacktown group has a coach going to FibreFest on Sunday 27 October and there are still a few seats available.

The coach will depart from the bus stop in front of the Showgrounds in Richmond Road, Blacktown between 7.15 and 7.30am, with a second pick-up 8.15-8.30am at Hornsby Railway Interchange, on the Westfield side of the station.

There will be a 15 minute Morning Tea stop, arriving at Singleton at about 10.30am. The coach will leave Fibrefest at 2.30, with an Afternoon Tea stop at 3.45, arriving back in Blacktown at 5.30pm.

For further details (cost and bookings) please email Wendy Healy at [wendyhealy@outlook.com.au](mailto:wendyhealy@outlook.com.au) or phone her mobile 0412 121 208.



## FibreFest Bags

To celebrate FibreFest this year we've produced a beautiful tote bag, designed by Ann Lemon, a Guild member and incredibly talented artist.

The design won't be revealed until the FibreFest weekend but we're absolutely confident you won't be disappointed.

We will have a limited number available so reserve yours by pre-purchasing at \$10 each for pick-up at FibreFest or you can purchase them direct from the Guild stand at FibreFest for \$12 on Sunday 27 October.

**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](http://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)**



## Workshops



**Continental Knitting**

Cost: \$28pp (members)  
\$33pp (non-members)

11.00am - 3.30pm  
Sat, 16 November 2019

Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St, Sydney

Learn the techniques involved in mastering the art of Continental Knitting. We'll cover long tail cast on, how to hold the yarn, keeping tension, and then move on to purling and moss stitch.

*You will need to bring 8 ply yarn (DK) with 4mm and 3.5mm needles. Interchangeable needles would be an advantage, but are not a requirement.*



**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)

## Tips And Tricks

At our recent Group Information Day, a number of members said they would like to see Tips and Tricks in KGBytes, so if you have any favourites, do let us know and we'll share them with other members.

Thank you to Clare Hacker for her excellent instructions for making the perfect eyelet buttonholes.

### Eyelet buttonholes

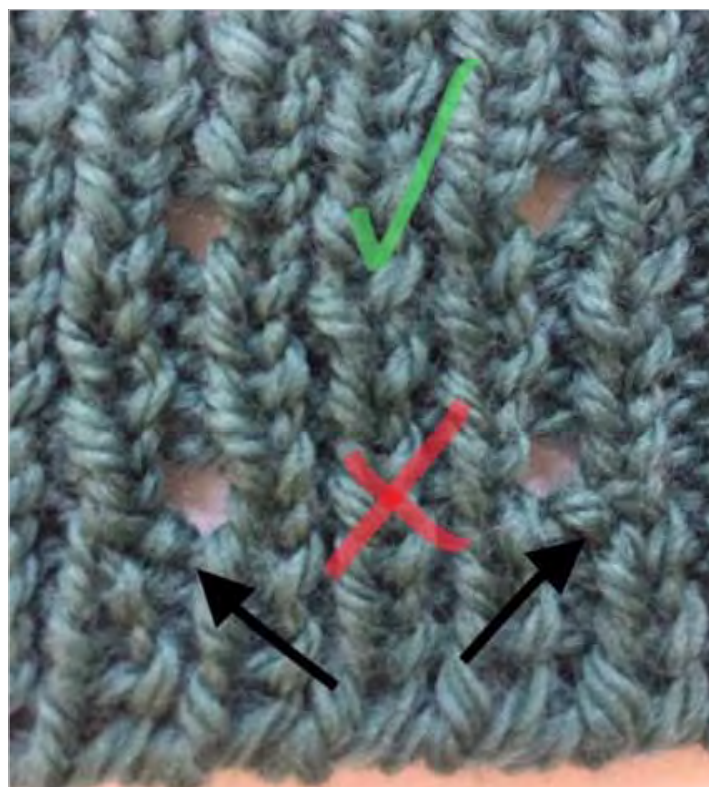
#### Ordinary eyelet

**In stocking stitch:** Work to buttonhole position and either k2tog, yo or yo, ssk.

**In ribbing:** Work to buttonhole position and follow below. The yarn over is replacing the purl stitch and opening is nestled between knit stitches

- if next st is knit, work ~~k2tog, yo~~ **ssk, yo**
- if next st is purl, work ~~yo, ssk~~ **yo, k2tog**.

I've run my workshop about buttonholes a few of times now and a kind Member from the Mudgee group brought to my attention the fact that I'd erred in the directions I had in my notes, hence the need to issue an errata. I've included a photo to highlight the difference. The unsightly "blip" – indicated by the black arrows – really is so much more obvious when you work the eyelet buttonhole correctly directly above it.



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