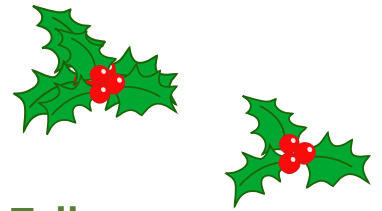




KGBytes



2021 – Here We Come!

Nobody needs to be reminded that this has been an exceptionally difficult year for everyone. It does look as though there may be light at the end of the tunnel so we at the Guild are making plans for 2021 and keeping our fingers crossed!

Online talks have been very popular with members over the last few months so we will continue to hold those. We know from your feedback that you'd like to have some online workshops but unfortunately we're limited by our technology. However there are many wonderful knitting designers and tutors around the world who have moved to online teaching this year so we've asked some of those if they would hold classes for Guild members. While our talks by Guild members have always been free of charge, there will sometimes have to be a small charge for these international tutors' workshops but we've kept the fee to a minimum – just enough to cover the costs. See details of the workshops and how to book in this and the next issue of KGBytes.

We recently asked you to take part in a survey to find out what are the most popular times for holding workshops and talks. Many thanks to those of you who contributed. Saturday morning and weekdays were by far the most popular times so as our talks this year all took place over weekends, we are planning to repeat some of those on a weekday in order that more of you have the opportunity to attend. With the talks and workshops from overseas tutors we are of course constrained by their availability and the huge time differences.

Knitting Teacher Required

Would you be willing to help Corrective Services NSW in Liverpool? Community service work is hours imposed by the courts for people that have committed offences and the court is giving them the opportunity to pay back the community by providing services free to non profit organisations. As part of their program, they are hoping to teach people to knit and to make items to donate to charity. If you have an hour or so to spare a couple of days a week, they'd love help with this endeavour. Please contact Tymeke Lawson at tymeke.lawson@dcj.nsw.gov.au if you'd like to volunteer or receive further information.

Workshops and Talks

An Introduction to Stacked Stitches - with Xandy Peters

Xandy lives in Connecticut and is the designer of the Fox Paws pattern, using stacked stitches as an innovative approach to striped colourwork. Stacks can add shaping, create 3D texture, replace short rows, and when combined with stripes, they create intricate motifs without unsightly strands on the wrong side of your projects. This introductory class will enable knitters of all levels to try out the technique in a swatch and become confident working patterns that incorporate stacked stitches.

Saturday 9 January - 10.00am
(2 hour workshop plus a 10 minute break)

Cost: \$25

To book <https://www.trybooking.com/BNOJP>

You will be sent a materials list and a handout before the workshop.



A Chat with Lucy Hague

Lucy lives in Edinburgh and is the designer of the Lindisfarne scarf, and many similar designs using Celtic cables. Many of you attended workshops held by Merrin Marks in 2018, where she taught the skills needed to produce these effects.



Lucy has kindly offered to give a short talk on translating Celtic art into knitting design, followed by a Q & A.

Saturday 23 January - 9.00am (1 hour talk)

Cost: Free of charge. Bookings via the next issue of KGBytes on 1 January

Shawl Tips and Advice with Melanie Berg

Melanie lives in Bonn, where she designs beautiful modern shawls with a wonderful use of colour. She will give lots of great tips for knitting shawls, followed by a Q & A.

Tuesday 9 February - 7.00pm
(Up to 2 hours)

Cost: \$12 Bookings via the next issue of KGBytes on 1 January



News From The Groups

Blacktown: 9 January - Our group will be meeting at 10 am. The usual Covid-safe rules will apply. Zoom will be available for those who do not wish to attend in person. Please follow our Facebook page for any special activities for that day.

Eleanor Haim

Kiama: 19 December - This will be our Christmas Party and our final get-together for 2020. From the Kiama members, Merry Christmas and all the best for 2021.

Jean Shelley

Pittwater: 15 December – The group will meet for the final time in 2020 to put together over 300 squares donated to the group. At the first meeting in 2021 on 5 January we will continue this project and discuss the programme into the future. Hopefully we will pick up on many workshops missed during the restrictions of 2020.

Pat McGregor

Queanbeyan: 9 January - We are starting the year off by exercising our creativity. We will be designing our own unique knitted scarf (or maybe a shawl) guided by one of our members, who is an experienced designer.

Teresa Morey

Woy Woy: The AGM was held on 21 November, and our new committee elected. We also had a brief discussion about our favourite podcasts which include some from the Knitpicks website.

19 December - Those of us not busy with Christmas preparations will meet for a 'mini-party'.

Mary Carlos

A Change to KGBytes

Since the launch of KGBytes in February 2015 it has been sent out to members on the 15th of each month (except for April to August 2020 when we issued 2 copies a month).

We have decided that from the January issue onwards we will be sending out KGBytes on the **FIRST** of each month, starting on 1 January. So if you have anything you would like to have included in an issue, please submit it by the 24th of the previous month.

We always love to hear your Group's plans – they encourage visitors from other Groups, remind your own members of up-coming activities and inspire other Groups when planning their own events.

Group Information Day

The Guild is holding a Group Information Day, via Zoom, on Saturday 30 January at 10.30am. If the Group Convenor isn't able to attend, would she please find another member to represent her Group at this meeting. Please send details of your Group's representative to the Guild Secretary by 25 January. Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

The link for the Zoom meeting will be sent out to all attendees 2 or 3 days before the event.

Don't Forget To Renew

The Guild membership renewal season for 2021 opened on 1 November. The easiest way to renew is online via our website.

The membership renewal fee, after **11 years** at \$30 a year, **has been reduced to \$25** for 2021. Pay your renewal fee of \$25 now and you're a member until 31 December 2021. Renewals made after 31 January carry a \$10 late payment fee and mean that you won't receive the February issues of KGBytes or A Good Yarn.

Please don't forget – if you don't renew via the website, **YOU MUST SEND IN A FORM** either by post or by email to Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Group AGMs

If you have held your Annual General Meeting, please advise the Guild Secretary as soon as possible of the names of your 3 Group Officers – even if no changes have been made. All Group AGMs should have been held by the end of January.

Email: Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

A Reminder for Group Treasurers

Don't forget to send your Group accounts to the Guild Treasurer, Merrin Marks, by 31 January. The documents can be scanned and emailed, or sent by post.

Email: Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Post: P O Box 460, Epping, NSW 2121

If you have any queries, do please contact Merrin who will be happy to help.

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