



KG Bytes

And We Have A Winner!

The new name of the Guild Magazine will be from our May issue **A Good Yarn**. Thank you so much to all those who submitted names and to those who voted. The final tally was 310 votes cast but unfortunately 10 of these were declared invalid as some members had omitted to give their names.

The votes received were as follows:

A Good Yarn	77
In the Loop	59
Entwined	25
Yarning	23
Keep the name as Magazine	19
Knit, Chain, Create	19
Guild Talk	18
In Stitches	17
Ripping Yarns	15
Needles and Hooks	14
Unwind	<u>14</u>
	300

The member who suggested the winning name was Sharon Holstein from the Blue Mountains Group. Congratulations, Sharon, and thank you! A small package will be on its way to Sharon shortly but we won't reveal its contents yet or we'll spoil the surprise for her.

Annual General Meeting

PLEASE NOTE that the Guild's AGM, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday 2 May 2020, has of necessity had to be postponed. As soon as we are able to do so, we will advise you of the new date.

News From The Groups

(Do let us know what your Group is doing while you're unable to hold meetings).

Ku-ring-gai: Monday 27 April – We are setting up a Zoom online gathering for members. If you would like to join in please contact our Convenor, Miranda, at knitting-group@bigpond.com and details of how to connect will be emailed to you. All are very welcome.

Macarthur: We are doing "Virtual Show & Tell" by sending bits & pieces to the Secretary & Convenor who will then make up a newsletter, to email or post to you.

Pittwater: As Pittwater's programme is on hold we have created our own newsletter containing contributions from our members – an electronic Show and Tell. Also included is information on our charity knits and crochets and sharing donated yarn. We plan to send this out twice a month to coincide with our meeting dates.

Biggest Morning Tea News

Epping Group's Biggest Morning Tea, scheduled for 18 May, has unfortunately had to be cancelled this year. They will hold a BMT next year in May, assuming that all is back to normal by then.

Pittwater Group is hosting an online Biggest Morning Tea on 28 May at 10.00am. If you're able to make a donation, please visit the Group's Cancer Council donation page on the Cancer Council's website: <https://tinyurl.com/pittwaterBMT>. And if you'd like to be part of the virtual BMT, click on Contact Host. Bring along your knitting and crocheting to the meeting, and your own morning tea of course!

FibreFest Project 2020

It's only April but already the year is shaping up to be like no other. With drought, bushfires, floods, and now a global pandemic, 2020 has us all feeling a little bruised and disconnected from each other. This is a time when we need to support each other in whatever small ways we can, so we're trying something a bit different for this year's FibreFest project.

This year, FibreFest doesn't have a single pattern; instead we're issuing a challenge to our community of creative makers to find ways to support our local communities. You could choose a pattern from a local designer, use yarn from a local dyer, spinner, or yarn store (or all of the above!).

Whether your approach is to trawl the internet for something shiny and new, or dive into your stash for a skein that's been waiting to become something wonderful, we want you to share what you're making with the rest of the FibreFest community. Show off your yarn, the designers you're loving, and the creative way you're interpreting the theme. Use the #FibreFestProject2020 hashtag on your social media posts or jump onto the Ravelry thread to talk about your ideas.

Still stuck? We'll be showing off the different ways members are interpreting the theme on our social media channels - there is sure to be something that sparks your creative instincts.

Happy making everyone, stay connected, and we look forward to seeing the ways you're thinking local with your #FibreFestProject2020

FibreFest Bag 2020

As we're crossing our fingers that FibreFest will take place this year, we need a design for a FibreFest bag. We know that some of you were playing around with ideas but we haven't received any submissions, probably because you think it may have to be cancelled. We're really hoping that it will be able to go ahead but if not we'll need a design for next year. So do please send your ideas to us - we're extending the deadline to 15 May.

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Knit for Charity

Homeless people need scarves – knit a scarf or cowl to be distributed in July.

(See below for a very useful scarf stitch)

AKWAK (Aussies Knitting for War Affected Kids)

– a shipping container of necessities is sent each year to Syrian children in refugee camps. All warm knitted and crocheted clothing is urgently required – sweaters, hats, socks, mittens, scarves/cowls, baby blankets. All items should be at least 75% wool, please, for warmth and to reduce fire hazards. (We've had a request for more mittens – these are quick and easy to make and use up lots of left-overs)

Premie Hats for Hawkesbury Hospital - The hospital normally gets hats donated from the Hawkesbury Show but as that didn't go ahead this year, they're desperately short. Visit the Guild's Ravelry Page where members are making them, and download a lovely free pattern. Or check with your local hospital as they may need these hats too.

Useful Stitch for Scarves

This is a perfect scarf stitch – it lies flat and is totally reversible. And easy to remember as each row is the same. Cast on a multiple of 4 stitches plus 2 (using 8 ply yarn, 42 stitches is an ideal number).

Each row: *K2, K1tbl, P1*, rep to last 2 stitches, K2



If you know of any charities looking for handmade creations at the moment, do please let us know.