



KG Bytes

Name Our Magazine

Don't forget that we're looking for a 'proper' name for the Guild Magazine. Suggestions can come from individual Guild members or from Groups. Please submit them to the President by 21 February. We've had some wonderfully creative suggestions so far and in March, all Guild members will be invited to vote for their favourite.

Design A FibreFest Bag

Last year Guild member, Ann Lemon, designed a beautiful tote bag for FibreFest. It was very popular so we thought we'd create a new bag to celebrate FibreFest 2020. Are you a designer or artist, or just someone with a great idea for the design? If so, we would love to see your suggestions and artwork. Please send to the President by 1 April 2020.

Group Information Day

A reminder that Group Information Day is being held on Saturday 29 February from 11.00am at SMSA, Pitt Street (just a few minutes' walk from Town Hall Station). This is your opportunity to discuss any Guild issues, to ask the Executive any questions you have, to meet members from other Groups and to swap ideas. Refreshments will be served. Please let Luke, the Guild Secretary, know the names of those intending to be there.

Crochet Groups

The Knitters' Guild isn't just for knitters! Our Constitution clearly states that the Guild is to promote knitting AND crochet, but we currently have only 2 groups dedicated to crochet (although all groups of course welcome crocheters). Would you be interested in helping to set up a Guild crochet group in your area? The group would be run separately from your local Guild group, with its own Officers etc but we need help to get it off the ground. The Guild will provide financial assistance and support to get a few crochet groups up and running.

Donations to Members

The West Ryde Group recently donated 12 boxes of yarn, needles, crochet hooks and magazines to Guild Groups in areas where they have been and still are affected by drought and bushfires - Mudgee, Clarence Valley, Blue Mountains and Armadale. The Groups were delighted and grateful that the West Ryde members thought of them in such difficult times. A number of the members of these groups are knitting pouches and nests for wildlife organisations.

We appreciate that if your home is damaged or lost, providing you with needles and yarn is little compensation but at a time when your life is in chaos, we hope that this will go a small way to helping. Do let us know if you or anyone you know in the Guild is in this situation as we have access to supplies donated by both Regular and Retail members which we would be happy to send.

Guild Cruise: 4-7 September 2020

If you've booked for this year's Cruise and haven't received an email in the last few days from Merrin, our Cruise Director, this means you're not on her list. Please let her know as soon as possible that you've booked so that she can add you to her mailing list and keep you informed about the weekend's activities. Write to Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Hints & Tips

We all know that the internet provides us with a never-ending supply of knitting patterns but there are also many useful sites to take the strain out of calculations and to help you plan your next project. We've all struggled with instructions like "decrease 33 stitches from your row of 146 stitches"!

This calculator has been recommended by Renee Glass (Ku-ring-gai).

<https://www.worldknits.com/knitting-calculators>

The answer, by the way, is: K1, (k2tog, k3) 7 times, (k2tog, k2) 18 times, (k2tog, k3) 7 times, k2tog, k1

Group Events

Do remember that all Guild members are welcome to attend meetings and events at any Guild group. Check the website for details of days, times and venues.

Blacktown

7 March: This month we will be meeting on 7 March instead of 14 March because of the Blacktown Show. A workshop, "Learn a New Method of Casting On", will be run by Caroline and Sue. You will need to bring 8 ply yarn and 4 mm needles.

Crochet Turramurra

4 March: The project this month is a Circular shoulder bag taught by Diane. Bring 3 skeins of 8-ply yarn in complementary colours, or 4 skeins of 4-ply yarn in complementary colours and a few large hooks, 5.5mm or 6mm. Can repeat a colour if desired.

Epping

17 February: "Different Methods of Casting On", with Jill Rowling. **2 March** - "Tales from a backstage theatre junkie" with guest speaker, Helen Rule. **16 March** - "Tension squares and calculating needle size", with Jill Rowling. Bring your own yarn and a range of any needles.

Inner West

17 February: Meeting at Camperdown Commons, Mallett Street Camperdown at 11am. Join us to hear from Jay Farrugia on judging knitting at Shows, including what the judges are looking for. Welcome to everyone. Please bring along items for Show and Tell so we can be inspired.

Ku-ring-gai

24 February: We will be learning how to do 2 stitch I-cord cast off. Cast on 30st - knit 4 rows of 2 stitch Rib - then 10 rows Stocking Stitch. Please bring homework to group with 30 live stitches on needles plus scissors, crochet hook and tapestry needle. All Guild members are very welcome.

Pittwater

18 February: We will have a media and technology demonstration, by Cathy, to learn about craft websites useful to us. **3 March:** Maureen will conduct a workshop on new knitting stitches. All members welcome.

INTERESTING FACT

If your New Year Resolution is to lose weight, you'll be pleased to hear that knitting for half an hour burns 55 calories!

Queanbeyan

14 March: Our workshop this month is on Continental knitting. We hope that some of you will have some of your items from the recent Canberra Show with you at the meeting.

Woy Woy

15 February: Over the next 3 months, we're learning how to make socks and each month we'll be teaching a technique that members may find useful for other projects. At the February meeting, we're doing a stretchy cast on and joining in the round. On **21 March**, we'll be learning to make the heels of the sock. And on **18 April**, we're covering the toe and learning Kitchener stitch. Anyone who would like to knit socks needs a set of 2.5mm needles (not circular) and 4ply yarn. Anyone who wants to learn a new trick and make a sample, a set of 4mm needles and 8 ply yarn will make life easier for you.

Capital Region Yarn and Fibre Showcase

On Sunday 15 March the Queanbeyan Group will host a showcase of local yarn and fibre makers. There will be yarn dyers, pattern designers and makers of accessories and tools, all from the Capital region. Featured vendors include Australian Alpaca Yarns, Bellevue Park, Blackwattle Alpaca, Jen's Goodies, Lyonesset Makes, Millpost Merino and Three Mums' Yarns. There will be a sausage sizzle with tea, coffee and soft drinks for visitors. The event runs from 10am to 2pm and it is at the Westwood Farm, 244 Kambah Pool Road, Kambah. For further information, please email the Queanbeyan Group on kgqbyn@gmail.com.

MacKnit Leap Year Yarn Fair

On Saturday 29 February, the NSW Machine Knitters' Association is holding a yarn fair with 10 traders selling yarns and more, knitting demonstrations, lucky door prizes and raffles. This takes place at Epping Creative Centre, 26 Stanley Road, Epping from 10am to 2pm.

Guild Workshop

Bookings are now open for our workshop being held on 4 April. Come along and learn to make Dorset and Yorkshire buttons to add flair to your garment. 10.00am at SMSA in Pitt Street, Sydney. Visit the Guild website for full details and to make a booking.

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