



# KG Bytes

## Annual General Meeting

The Guild's Annual General Meeting takes place on Saturday 2 May at SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney at 11.00am. The meeting generally takes about an hour, after which we enjoy sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. We will then welcome Nick Bradford, the owner of Nundle Woollen Mills, who will talk to us about his business and products. The Guild's Annual Report and the Agenda for this meeting will be with all members by 18 April. In the meantime, if you're interested in standing for a place on the Executive, a Nomination Form was sent out with the February issue of the Magazine, or it can be found in the Members' Only area of our website. Nomination forms have to be with the Returning Officer by 28 March.

## New Magazine Name

Thank you all so much for the wonderful name suggestions for the Guild Magazine. On 2 March, we wrote to all our members with email addresses to point them in the direction of the voting which is open until 2 April. Click on this link or use the one in the email: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJWRTHK>. There are 10 name choices or you may prefer to vote to keep the name as "Magazine". For your vote to be counted you must provide your first and last names as they appear in our membership database. Voting is open to Guild members only so we cannot accept votes made anonymously. The chosen name will be announced at the Guild AGM on 2 May and we have a prize for the member who suggested the winning title.

## 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.

## Guild Workshops

We had intended to announce in this issue more workshops to be held over the next 2-3 months. However, because of the uncertainty surrounding the Covid 19 outbreak, we have decided to put these on hold for the time being. Do please note that if you have booked and paid for a Guild event which we subsequently have to cancel, we will contact you individually and you will receive a full refund.

## Sydney Easter Show

Many of you will be disappointed that the Easter Show and others have been cancelled this year. And we know you've probably been working around the clock to get your entries finished in time. The current RAS rules state that the item must have been completed within 18 months of the date of entries, so you can escape that last minute panic and rush in 2021 by putting these items aside now in preparation for next year's shows.

## Knitters and Crocheters Required

**Sydney Homeless Connect:** The Winter Warm Project is hoping to collect 200 scarves for the Sydney Homeless Connect event that takes place at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 7 July. Knitters and crocheters of all levels can take this opportunity to create a scarf that is simple or use this as an opportunity to try out some new stitches or colourwork. Finished scarves may be sent to Winter Warm Project, c/o Kristine Ekelund, PO Box 112, Pennant Hills, NSW 1715 or given to an Executive Committee Member by 25 June.

**Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair:** This is currently planned to take place at Darling Harbour from Wednesday 17 - Sunday 21 June. This year the Fair has a special Yarn and Fibre Section, and the Guild will have a stand, showcasing the flora, fauna and colours of Australia. We would love Guild members to provide pieces to display. Details on where groups should send items will be provided in KG Bytes next month. We will also be asking Guild members to assist on the stand over the course of the Show. Each shift will be half a day with a free pass into the Show on that day.

## 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

**11 April:** Jan Fuller will be conducting a workshop on Tunisian Crochet (basic stitches). You will need a plain, solid colour 8 ply yarn and a Tunisian crochet hook if you have one (a thicker normal hook will be okay as we are only doing a 15 stitch sample). There will be some Tunisian hooks available if you cannot source your own.

### Epping

**16 March:** "Tension squares and calculating needle size", with Jill Rowling. Bring your own yarn and a range of any needles.

### Kiama

**21 March:** At our next meeting two of our members, Nannette and Sabine, will be conducting a workshop on double knitting. They have been doing a fair amount of preparation on this and members are looking forward to taking part.

### Ku-ring-gai

**23 March:** A lesson on long tail cast on - a new method for some and a refresher for others.

### Macarthur

**28 March:** We will make a fun visit to our local Camden Show together to see how we have gone in our knitting and crocheting entries, plus support our local CWA Tea Rooms, whose venue we use to meet in normally.

**20 April:** A 'make-up' meeting as our usual meeting days fall on Public Holidays in April. So it will be a sit and chat, cuppa and snack, knit and crochet day!!!

### Pittwater

**17 March:** Tuition Tuesday. Pittwater members, Barbara and Pat, will give a workshop on double filet crochet.

**7 April:** After our business meeting we are holding another Swap, Buy and Sell following the success last year, and a mini workshop on the crochet Magic Ring.

### Woy Woy

**21 March:** Learning to make the heels of a sock, as part of a series of sock knitting workshops.

## Hints & Tips

Thank you for sending these to us. Please keep them coming!

Maureen North has a wonderful idea for ensuring that you are always able to measure your project: use a permanent marking pen to create a ruler down the side of your project bag.

And from Georgina Oliver, a very useful website: a random stripe generator. Click on the colours of the yarn you wish to use and it will give you all the variables to help you decide which sequence of stripes you prefer.

[http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe\\_maker.php](http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php)

### World Wide Knit in Public Day

This year WWKIP Day is on Saturday 13 June and the Guild is hosting a FREE event at the Powerhouse Museum, Harris Street, Ultimo from 12.00-4.00pm. Members AND non-members are very welcome to attend. There will be door prizes, competitions, refreshments and some wonderful yarn sellers. Put this in your diary now – more details will follow.

If your Guild group is holding a WWKIP event this year, please do let us know and we'll include them all in a future issue of KGBites.

### Group Reports for Magazine

Your quarterly Group report for the next issue of the magazine is due on 15 April. Please send your report to the Magazine Editor.

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