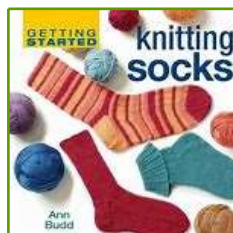




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Knitting Socks - with Ann Budd

Thank you so much to those members who answered our questionnaire about Ann Budd's series of sock workshops. There was a lot of interest in them so we are able to go ahead with these. The workshops are run over 4 weeks and will teach you everything you need to know about top-down sock construction, beginning with a flexible cast-on at the top of the leg, through a flap-and-gusset heel, and ending with Kitchener stitch at the toe. Ann will demonstrate every step necessary to make a pair of socks for any size from child to large adult. A handout including a customized pattern will be provided. The workshops will be recorded and available to be watched by those who registered for 5 days after each workshop. The cost to Guild Members will be \$60 for the four classes.



Dates: Friday 21 January, 28 January, 4 February and 11 February - 10.00am

Cost: \$60 for 4 workshops of one hour each

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

Finishing Finesse - with Ann Budd

We think everyone who attended Ann's recent workshop with loads of tips and hints agreed that however experienced a knitter, they all learnt something. So we've asked her to repeat it for those of you who missed out last time. In this class Ann shares some of her favourites for casting on, casting off, joining a new ball of yarn, counting rows, picking up stitches along necklines and heel flaps, weaving in ends, and blocking. A handout will be provided.



Date: Saturday 11 December 11.00am

Cost: \$20

To Book:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWABK>

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Welcome to a new Retail Member

We were very pleased to have Blackwattle Yarns join us as a Retail Member in 2021.

Angela hand-dyes all the yarns at her Alpaca Farm in Murrumbateman. She has some beautiful mini-skein gift sets in her shop currently and wonderful Silly Season Sock sets to make fun socks for Christmas. She's offering a 10% discount on all orders placed by Guild members between now and 24 December so pop over to her website and use the code NSWGuild. And, if you're in the area, do include a visit to her farm shop on your itinerary.

<https://blackwattleyarn.com.au/>



Sydney Royal Easter Show

Next year's show will take place between 8 and 19 April and entries open in December. If you're thinking of entering next time, maybe you would be interested in attending a short talk on "Entering the Shows" with Sally Ogilvie who was a handknitting Show judge.

Date: Thursday 16 December 7.00pm

Cost: FREE

To Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/BWABN>

Knitter Required

The Guild has received a request for a knitter who would be interested in making a beautiful round-yoked cable sweater in time for next winter. It is made using 8ply yarn and she has the pattern. Contact Pat, the Guild Secretary, if you'd like further details.



News from the Groups

Many groups have now re-introduced face-to-face meetings but currently NSW regulations stipulate that all attendees must be double-vaccinated and social distancing is in place. These regulations are scheduled to change on 15 December.

Blacktown: 11 December 10am-1pm - It's so great that we are meeting live again! Our outdoor area has newly installed shelters and seating and new turf, so if you prefer to stay outside it's quite comfortable. We have our annual Christmas challenge and I'm so excited to see what our members come up with. Other Guild members are welcome to join us; updates will be posted on our Facebook page. Please check Service NSW for the latest safety measures before attending.

Roberta Fassina

Capital Region (formerly Queanbeyan): The Capital Region group will meet in person in December to see out what was actually a busy Guild year - even though we were in lockdown for a fair portion of it. We will have our traditional super-special afternoon tea, modified to be COVID-safe. We'll also be holding our annual destash, which we deferred from September. It is a chance for our members to sell some of their crafting supplies, buy something new and exciting (a Christmas present for themselves?) and also raise a little money for the group's coffers.

Teresa Morey

Epping: 6 December - this is our formal monthly meeting followed by a shared Covid-safe luncheon. Our last formal meeting is 13 December. 7 February is our first formal meeting for 2022. All welcome.

Shirley Gregory (Publicity)

Epping Crochet: 13 December - this is our last meeting of the year. We meet again on 14 February. There is no meeting in January.

Anne Moore

Inner West: 20 December - our meeting will be our Christmas get together with a visit to The Sewing Basket at Balmain followed by lunch at the Grit and Grind. Hopefully the New Year will see our regular meetings back at Camperdown. Many thanks to Dot and Jaine for their past three years as Co-convenors. We look forward to another great year, our new Co-convenors being Asa and Carol.

Judy Lawler

News from the Groups (cont'd)

Macarthur: 14 December - this will be our final catch-up for the year. And what a year it's been!!!

Merry Christmas.

Alex Vainauskas

Pittwater: 7 December - After an unusual year we are celebrating the continuation of our meetings with a Christmas Lunch to round up the year. As our second meeting on 21st December is so near to the festive time some members will gather for a relaxed knit and natter. Best wishes to all for Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Pat McGregor

PLEASE READ!

If your Group has held its AGM, please let Pat, the Guild Secretary, know the names of your Group Officers, even if they remain the same.

If you have paid your renewal fee for 2022 but haven't submitted a form, please don't forget to do so. You can complete the form online at our website, or download a form from the site, which you can either scan and email, or put in the post.

Has your Group let Merrin, the Guild Treasurer, know if they want a Tyro machine to be able to collect money electronically? Please contact her asap if you haven't already done so.

If you haven't got a Guild name badge, let your Convenor know. Requests for badges must come from the Group, not the individual member, and be sent to the Guild Secretary. We would be really grateful if Convenors would wait until they require 4 or more before submitting a request.