



KG Bytes

April 2021

Workshops and Talks

Shawl Shapes

Bristol Ivy, Guild Honorary Member, will be conducting an online 2-hour class live from Portland, Maine, on Sunday 18 April.

She'll explain how to create a few different shawl shapes, and then discuss adding stitch patterns or playing with unconventional shaping.

<https://www.bristolivy.com/>



Date: 18 April 2021. 11.00am - 1.00pm

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

Cost: \$20

Bookings close on 11 April 2021.

PLEASE NOTE: All our Zoom workshops and talks have a limit on the number of attendees, depending on the topic and the wishes of the tutor. If you book and are unable to attend, **PLEASE** advise us so that your place may be filled by someone on our waiting list.

The Zoom links for these workshops are included in your booking confirmation from Try Booking. We will also send a reminder and link to you 24-48 hours before the event.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 35th Annual General Meeting of Knitters' Guild NSW Inc will take place on Saturday 1 May 2021 at 11.00am at Sydney Mechanics' School of Art, 260 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Full details were sent to all members with the February issue of A Good Yarn, by email or post. The Agenda will be sent to all members by 17 April by email or post.

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Guild Gathering 2021

4-6 June 2021 - The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

We're so pleased that our Gathering will be able to take place this year and we're currently putting together a program of events, starting with lots of great workshops.

We have 12 half-day workshops for knitters and crocheters, so whether you're highly skilled or just starting out, we have a workshop for you. We also have talks, hands-on demonstrations, help desks and of course The Marketplace where we welcome some of our Retail Members. The details will be sent to you in the next few days, together with booking instructions. All registrations will take place via our website, with payment to be made either by Paypal or by direct deposit into the Guild's bank account.

The full weekend costs \$300 - this includes your accommodation, all meals and workshops. If you'd prefer to find your own local accommodation or you live within easy distance, you can attend the whole weekend for \$180, which includes everything except Bed and Breakfast. Or just visit for the day on Saturday (\$110) or Sunday (\$70). The day rate includes workshops and meals.

Because of Covid rules this year, we have to limit the numbers attending so do book early to save your place.

Blankets Needed

The Guild keeps a store of blankets to be distributed to people in need in NSW, particularly after natural disasters such as bush fires and floods.

As you may imagine, there has been a heavy demand for these over the last 12-18 months and we would love to replenish our stock. Perhaps your Group would be interested in producing one (or more!) together. Let the Secretary know if you have any you wish to put in our storage facility, and she'll be able to help.

News From The Groups

*Guild Members may attend any Guild Group but because of the current restrictions, would you **please** beforehand contact the Convenor of the Group you wish to visit to ensure that space is available. All Convenor contact details are on our website.*

Blacktown: 10 April, 10am-1pm - We are excited to have a retail visit from Daphne of Sip Knit Yarn who specialises in rug and blanket making, Aussie-made rotating yarn butlers and Amish-style yarn swifts. There'll be plenty of time afterwards for stitch and chatter; find us on Facebook for Zoom details. We are working on projects for the Hawkesbury Show and for the Sydney Royal Easter Show which we were very excited to learn are going ahead!

Roberta Fassina

Epping: While guests are welcome to our weekly Monday meetings, we will be unable to invite other groups to our Biggest Morning Tea this year because of Covid restrictions. Hopefully next year.

Shirley Gregory

Kiama: 17 April commencing at 1.00 pm – We will meet at the Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Hall. As yet, we have not planned any workshops and will discuss this further at the meeting.

Jean Shelley

Ku-ring-gai: 26 April - Our monthly meetings continue on the fourth Monday of each month at 9.30am at Uniting Church Hall, Turramurra. We are very fortunate to have Guild President, Sally Ogilvie, presenting a workshop on "Selvedges and useful knitting tips" We also meet for social knitting once a month at Kiplings Garage Bar, Turramurra.

Gayle Parker

Macarthur: Monday 12th April - We will be continuing our lessons on Mosaic Crochet.

Saturday 24th April - A social catch-up with follow ups on Mitred Squares and Mosaic Crochet for those who have missed the lessons or need extra counsel.

Alex Vainauskas

Mid-North Coast: 27 April - We are now able to meet back at the Library at 32 Grant Street, Port Macquarie.

Sue Frost

Pittwater: 6 April - we will have a buy/swap/sell of our unwanted yarn/notions/books plus an introduction and preparation to a double filet crochet workshop. 20 April - we will continue with this workshop. All members and visitors welcome.

Pat McGregor

News From The Groups (continued)

Queanbeyan: 10 April - We will have a full day at our next meeting. In the morning, before our regular afternoon meeting, we are hosting Kathryn from The Australian Wool Store. She will be talking to us about how to use colour in our knitting and crocheting and the workshop includes some time to play with yarns that Kathryn is dyeing for us.

Teresa Morley

If you would like to tell us about your Group's plans, please submit the details to the President by the 24th of the previous month. We reserve the right to edit these submissions.

Knitters Wanted

We've received a request for a knitter to make 2 or 3 sweaters or cardigans a year for a non-knitter based in Castle Hill. The pattern and yarn will be provided and you will be paid approximately \$100 per garment (negotiable).

We've also been asked to help a knitter who has completed the back and sleeves of a sweater but has found the front too difficult - it uses 5 different graphs. She'd really appreciate someone to step forward to finish it for her.

If you think you could help either of these people and would like further details, please contact Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Upcoming Events

The Knitters' Picnic: 14-16 May 2021 - Hive & Gobbler in Dungog.

All welcome: beginners, the more experienced, children and curious observers!

Picnic - Music - Free Fibre Art Demos & Mini Workshops - Gallery Exhibition - Wine & Gin Tastings - Local Produce - Local Art & Craft

Day-pass holders will have exclusive event access, be able to participate in free fibre arts demos and mini workshops, and also be able to take advantage of special weekend in-store discounts. All patrons will need to purchase a ticket in advance for admission. (1-day ticket for adults is \$10; no fee for children).

For further information, and to book tickets, go to: <https://hiveandgobbler.com.au/collections/workshop/products/the-knitters-picnic-14-16-may-2021>