



KGBytes

January 2021

2021 – Here We Come!

Welcome to 2021, which we trust will be a better year for everyone!

The Guild already has many plans for the coming year but unfortunately these may have to be changed should new restrictions be introduced. In the meantime, we've organised a number of online workshops and talks which we hope you'll find interesting and fun, and a good way to keep connected with your Guild friends until such time as we can all meet together again.

Keep an eye on KGBytes each month for new events and the latest Guild news And remember that KGBytes will now be published on the **FIRST** of each month.

Workshops and Talks

An Introduction to Stacked Stitches - with Xandy Peters

Xandy lives in Connecticut and is the designer of the Fox Paws pattern, using stacked stitches as an innovative approach to striped colourwork. Stacks can add shaping, create 3D texture, replace short rows, and when combined with stripes, they create intricate motifs without unsightly strands on the wrong side of your projects. This introductory class will enable knitters of all levels to try out the technique in a swatch and become confident working patterns that incorporate stacked stitches.



Saturday 9 January - 10.00am
(2 hour workshop plus a 10 minute break)

Cost: \$25

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

You will be sent a materials list and a handout before the workshop.

Workshops and Talks (Cont'd)

A Chat with Lucy Hague

Lucy lives in Edinburgh and is the designer of the Lindisfarne scarf, and many similar designs using Celtic cables. Many of you attended workshops held by Merrin Marks in 2018, where she taught the skills needed to produce these effects.



Lucy has kindly offered to give a short talk on translating Celtic art into knitting design, followed by a Q & A.

Saturday 23 January - 9.00am
(1 hour talk)

Cost: Free of charge

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

Shawl Tips and Advice with Melanie Berg

Melanie lives in Bonn, where she designs beautiful modern shawls with a wonderful use of colour. She will give lots of great tips for knitting shawls, followed by a Q & A.

Tuesday 9 February - 7.00pm
(Up to 2 hours)

Cost: \$12

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



Ravelry - Beyond the Basics with Lesley Diskin

You've set up an account and spent hours looking at patterns Now learn how to get the best from your Ravelry membership.

Sunday 7 February - 2.00pm (Up to 1.5 hours)

Cost: Free of charge

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

News From The Groups

Epping: We held a successful AGM by email.

Welcome: New Convenor Jill Francis; Secretary Anne Moore; and Publicity Shirley Gregory. Our group meets every Monday. Visitors and anyone who has not been back since the lockdown are asked to email the Secretary at tgmoore@bigpond.net.au first as numbers are limited. Our meetings re-start on Monday 11 January with social knitting. Our first formal meeting is on Monday 1 February.

Shirley Gregory

Newcastle: We ended the year with an unchanged committee and a Covid-safe Christmas morning tea entertained by challenging trivia questions. Since returning to face-to-face meetings we have fluctuated from 20 to 35 members – a challenge for social distancing! 2021 plans are evolving with a sharing knowledge session on double knitting in January and our rescheduled exhibition in April. Happy 2021 to all.

Vivien Brown

Pittwater: With optimism for the New Year, we will meet on 5 January for an informal gathering and on 19 January we hope to be creating blankets from donated squares. We now have a programme into the future, full of workshops and fun.

Pat McGregor

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to tell us about your group's plans, please submit the details to the President by 24th of the previous month.

Convenor - Information Management

We are currently looking for a volunteer to look after all Guild membership matters, including processing new membership applications and renewals, and taking care of the Guild's member database. If you'd like to know more about this position or wish to apply, please contact the President at her email address below.

Contact Information

President: President@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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A Few Reminders

Group AGMs

If you have held your Annual General Meeting, please advise the Guild Secretary as soon as possible of the names of your 3 Group Officers – even if no changes have been made. All Group AGMs should have been held by the end of January.

Email: Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

A Reminder for Group Treasurers

Don't forget to send your Group accounts to the Guild Treasurer, Merrin Marks, by 31 January. The documents can be scanned and emailed, or sent by post.

Email: Treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Post: P O Box 460, Epping, NSW 2121

If you have any queries, please contact Merrin who will be happy to help.

Group Information Day

The Guild is holding a Group Information Day, via Zoom, on Saturday 30 January at 10.30am. If the Group Convenor isn't able to attend, would she please find another member to represent her Group at this meeting. Please send details of your Group's representative to the Guild Secretary by 25 January.

Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

The link for the Zoom meeting will be sent out to all attendees 2 or 3 days before the event.

Don't Forget To Renew

The Guild membership renewal season for 2021 opened on 1 November. The membership renewal fee **has been reduced to \$25** for 2021. Pay your renewal fee of \$25 now and you're a member until 31 December 2021. Renewals made after 31 January carry a \$10 late payment fee and mean that you won't receive the February issues of KGBytes or A Good Yarn. Please don't forget – if you don't renew via the website, **YOU MUST SEND IN A FORM** either by post or by email to

Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

A Good Yarn

Group reports are due by 15 January for the next issue of A Good Yarn. Please send them to

Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au