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SAVE THE DATE FOR FIBREFEST 2023

Sunday 10th September

Wyong Race Club & Function Centre, Wyong

This year's FibreFest is being held at Wyong Race Club & Function Centre, which is a perfect venue. It looks over beautiful countryside but is only a few minutes' walk from Wyong station so ideal for all our visitors. There is an abundance of parking and a variety of accommodation options are available in Wyong and nearby for those who wish to stay overnight. Food and drinks will be available all day from the racecourse's café and kiosk.

As usual, we hope to have a large variety of stallholders....*and* demonstrations....*and* music*and* a catwalk parade, featuring our designers and wonderfully talented hand-dyers.

Put the date in your diaries **now**. Organise a day out with your group members. And read KGBytes for further details over the next few months.

If you have any queries, or would like to book a stall, please contact Jayne at Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

GUILD-WIDE SHOW AND TELL

Online on Monday 20th February

Our online Show and Tell evenings proved very popular during lockdown - so why not continue with them? Not everyone can attend all their local meetings and we all love seeing what others are making. So come along on Monday 20th February at 7pm. Don't worry if you haven't anything to show, just enjoy what others have been doing. No booking is required. A Zoom link will be sent to all members 48 hours beforehand. Put this in your diary now and join us on the 20th.

FibreFest Competition

We All Love Bags.....

And we're looking for new designs to feature as the FibreFest Bag to celebrate FibreFest 2023.

Design a bag, either knitted or crocheted, to enter our competition. We'll choose the best knitted one, the best crocheted one, and encourage members to make them in time for FibreFest on 10th September, when we hope to see them all on show.

Just follow these simple rules, and if you have any queries contact Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au

1. The bag must be of your own design.
2. Any size, any yarn. Clutch bag, handbag, tote bag - Any type of bag.
3. Entries must be sent to us by Monday 13th March. They must give details of the fibre and quantity used, the size of the bag and at least two photographs of the finished item.
4. The Executive Committee will decide the winners, and their decision is final. You will be contacted after their meeting on 18th March.
5. The Committee's choice of Best Knitted Bag and Best Crocheted Bag will each receive a cash prize of \$150.
6. You must then supply the pattern for your bag by 8th April. And agree that it be test knitted/crocheted by a few of our members. Testing must be completed by 1st June.
7. You will be required to supply the pattern free of charge via Ravelry and A Good Yarn until 11th September 2023, after which you may wish to charge for the pattern.

So submit your designs to

Festival@knittersguildnsw.org.au by 13th March.

We're really looking forward to seeing them.



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Knitters' Guild NSW Inc. AGM

When: Saturday 6th May 2023

Where: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts
280 Pitt Street, Sydney and online via zoom.

AGM paperwork will be sent out shortly, including a nomination form for all Executive Committee positions. Please consider seriously whether you, or someone you know, would have a little time available to be on this committee. The Knitters' Guild has become very successful and widespread but it cannot continue without support, in a practical way, from its members. Executive Committee meetings are now held once a month via Zoom so much less travel is required. No particular expertise is necessary as the Executive Committee work as a team and we need your help.

New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new Members

Clarence Valley

Judith Woods

Newcastle

Adela Murphy

Fiona Byrne

Inner City

Mieke Leppens

Sheona Nicoll Pittwater

Interstate

Robyn Porter

David Anders

Sally Hull

A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error please contact membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Contact Information

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Guild Workshops



FINISHING FINESSE, with Ann Budd (Online Class)

Through more than 45 years of knitting, which included editing and writing knitting books, Ann Budd has a number of tips and tricks to ensure her knitted projects have a professional look. In this one hour class Ann will share some of her favourites for casting on, binding off, joining a new ball of yarn, counting rows, picking up stitches along necklines and heel flaps, and weaving in ends.

Date: Saturday 4th March 2023

Time: 10.00am

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

Cost: \$18

YARN TASTING

Meet 4 wonderful local yarn dyers, learn about their businesses, see and touch their yarns (and buy!).

With Call of the Yarn, Glenheaven Knits, Hodgepodge Skeins and Lyrebird Yarns

Date: Saturday 25th March 2023

Time: 10.30 – 2.30pm

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

Cost: \$6 per person (includes refreshments)

VENUE: Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000 (A few minutes' walk from Town Hall Station)

WORKSHOP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2023:

22nd April – Techniques Turntable, in Pitt Street.

Learn 4 techniques in 4 hours



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News from the Groups

Blacktown Saturday 11th Feb 10am

The very talented Gilda is presenting a workshop on mending. Gilda knows some excellent techniques on how to mend holes in knitted fabric and we are grateful that she is sharing them with us. If you would like to participate, bring an item you need to mend and a darning needle with matching yarn or thread. We welcome visitors from other groups so please let us know if you are coming. **Roberta Fassina, Publicity**

Capital Region Saturday 11th Feb 1.30pm

We are looking forward to welcoming Beth Clothier to our February 11th meeting to conduct a workshop on Double Knitting, and in March we will look at testing fibres to find out what yarn we have in our stash.

Liz, Secretary

Inner West Group Monday 20th Feb 10:30am

Everyone is welcome to join us at our next meeting when our topics for February are "Yarn Substitution" and problem solving. **Louise Zaluzny**

Ku-Ring-Gai Monday 27th Feb 9.30am

The group will meet on the fourth Monday of the month at 9.30am at Uniting Church, Turramurra. The group will organise workshops for the remainder of the year. The group will also meet for coffee and social knitting on the second Tuesday of the month, being 14th February - please contact Convenor for details. Looking forward to a year of friendship and knitting. **Gayle Parker, Convenor**

Macarthur Monday 13th Feb 10am,

Saturday 25th Feb 10am

The Macarthur ladies will meet in February on Monday 13th and Saturday 25th. We are pleased to advise that Iris Horoch from Southern Group will be giving a workshop at both meetings on Finishing Techniques. As numbers for these sessions are limited, we will not be able to invite visitors or members from other groups.

Alison Wootton

Pittwater Tuesday 7th Feb 1pm, Saturday 7th Jan 1pm, Tuesday 21st Feb 1pm

With our new programme in place Pittwater will look at different ways to make Granny Squares at the Saturday meeting, and different types of button holes at the next one. We are starting a Knit Along and a Crochet Along too, making progress each month with new instructions. At our last meeting in February we will be exploring the making a joining of African flowers. All visitors welcome.

The Entrance Saturday 4th Feb 1pm

Welcome to another busy month of The Entrance Group. Our meeting times remain on 1st Saturday of the month with our mid-month social catchup at 10.30am at The Roasted Berry, Mingara on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting will be Saturday 4th February 2023 – Halekulani Bowling Club During our next meeting Caroline and Sue will demonstrate using a daisy wheel. You will learn how to make flowers from your scrap yarn to embellish bags, jumpers, beanies etc. Bring a daisy wheel and some scrap yarn. Limited spares available to borrow. Morning tea catch up at the Roasted Berry, Mingara Recreational Club, 10.30am on Wednesday 15th February Looking forward to our catch ups.

Prue Smee

Woy Woy Saturday 18th Feb 1pm

We will be knitting in public in the Woy Woy Deepwater Plaza shopping centre on Wednesday 1st February from 9.30 am to promote the Knitters' Guild and encourage membership to our group. Our now regular knit 'n natter coffee meet up will be on Saturday 4 February from 9.30 am at BBF Cafe in Woy Woy. Everyone is welcome with or without their latest project.

The monthly meeting will be on Saturday 18 February from 1-4 pm at the CWA hall opposite the public ferry wharf. Afternoon tea is provided and there'll be a workshop on edging stitches as well as the regular show and tell. We ask for a \$4 contribution toward the hall rent. **Ruth Herman**

Group news submissions - If you have an event or meeting you would like to promote, please submit it by 24th of each month to the Guild Secretary secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au
We reserve the right to edit these entries



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Request one

“My grandmother who passed away recently was knitting me a wool sweater. I currently have a pattern for it, 17 balls of wool, needles and size measurements, as well as a section that has been started. It would be of great sentimental value to me to have it completed.”



Request two

Help sought to repair item shown



If you can help, please contact Pat (Guild Secretary) secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au for more details.



River Yarn Fibre Festival
Sat 1 and Sun 2 April 2023
 10am - 4pm
A range of stalls, demonstration and workshops

- Gold coin donation
- Demonstrations
- Food
- Face painting
- Raffle

Workshops

- Carcoar Primary School
- The Old Bakery, Carcoar
- The Old Post Office Guesthouse

Location
 School of Arts Hall
 Icely St, Carcoar
 NSW 2791

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