



KGBytes

FIBREFEST 2023

FibreFest is over for another year And what a wonderful day it was. The weather was dry and not too hot or cold, the stallholders brought along a marvellous array of goodies, and the racecourse people estimate we had about 2,500 visitors! You were able to enjoy such a great event because of the Guild volunteers who made it possible. We are so grateful for their planning, enthusiasm, and sheer hard work that went into making this the success it was.

So a big THANK YOU from all of us to:

Mary Carlos and Di Scaysbrook, who spent Saturday afternoon and 12 hours from 6am on Sunday overseeing the setting up of the venue, the bumping-in and out, the parking, and the information desk.

Pat McGregor who organised the volunteers to sell raffle tickets and answer questions about the Guild.

Ailsa Daly who organised and acted as MC for our catwalk parades.

Presley Liauw and Abbey Bongers who tirelessly promoted the day on Facebook and Instagram in the run up to the event, and on the day itself.

The Guild members who volunteered to take a turn on the Guild raffle and information tables.

The members and visitors who agreed to be models on our catwalk for the day.

Of course, the retailers. Without you all, there is no Fibrefest. Your support is essential to this event and as usual, you were wonderful. Your stalls looked fantastic and your very generous contributions to our prizes for the day were so much appreciated.

And, finally, Jayne Kelderman, without whom none of this would have happened. She has worked tirelessly for 6 months planning this event from the first mail-out to prospective vendors to the packing up of stalls on Sunday. The Guild is so lucky to have her on board and we owe her a massive debt of gratitude.

Thank you all. You did us proud!

Sally Ogilvie, President

GROUP CONVENORS/SECRETARIES – Please don't forget to take a printed copy of KGBytes to your next group meeting so that those members who don't have computer access may be kept informed.

New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new Members

Blacktown

Priya Jathes

Blue Mountains

Glenda Cascio
Jenni Hernandez
Marian Shapiro

Capital Region

Vandana Singh

Inner City

Skye Mitchell

Inner West

Adri Verhoeven

Kiama

Cheryl Cowland

Ku-ring-gai

Sally Woodhead

Macarthur

Kath McLeod

Maitland

Kerrie Wrench

Mid North Coast

Rebeca Mendez

Newcastle

Margaret Perry

Pittwater

Beverley A Preston

Southern Highlands

Kerry Brack

The Entrance

Noelene Hewitt
Jean Ardley
Glenda Thomson
Robin Gilmour
Denise Pastor

Woy Woy

Sue Dibley

Retail

The Knitting Room

A Good Yarn Submission Deadline

This is a reminder that **15th October 2023** is the deadline date for submissions to A Good Yarn. Send submissions to editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Group AGMs

All Groups should hold their Annual General Meeting in November, to elect a Convenor, Treasurer and Secretary. Please send details of those elected to the Guild Secretary, as soon as possible after your AGM, **EVEN IF THERE IS NO CHANGE.**

If you're interested in standing for a role in your Group, talk to the current Office Bearers about the roles they undertake. Their insight will be invaluable and enlightening.

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Guild Gathering 2024



A Date For Your Diary

Planning is now underway for our next Guild Gathering, which will take place from 2-4 August 2024 at The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Over the weekend we will have 15 half-day workshops, a few mini-workshops, talks,

a quiz, competitions, lots of prizes and a small marketplace. And our Guest Tutor next year is Ann Budd **IN PERSON**, travelling to us from Colorado! Many of you have enjoyed her online workshops over the last 2-3 years so this is your opportunity to pick up some of her wonderful skills face-to-face. Definitely a Guild event not to be missed.

The cost for the residential weekend will be \$330. This includes 2 nights' accommodation in a shared room with ensuite bathroom, breakfast, Friday and Saturday dinner, Saturday and Sunday lunch, morning/afternoon tea, and all activities, including up to two workshops. If you'd prefer to stay off-site, or live within daily travelling distance, you can join us as a non-resident for \$200, which includes all of the above EXCEPT for the accommodation and breakfasts. Or just come along on the Saturday for \$120 which includes at least one workshop, lunch and dinner. Bookings will open in March/April 2024, but put the date in your diary now and start saving!



Sweater Repairs Needed

Would you be willing to repair a man's sweater that has great sentimental value, but has developed a few holes over the years?

The owner is of course happy to pay for your skill. Please contact the Guild Secretary for further details

Calling For Expressions Of Interest

We're all very sad to hear that Marianna Thomson, the Editor of A Good Yarn, is no longer able to continue editing our quarterly magazine after the November 2023 issue. We're all agreed that she's done a truly wonderful job but unfortunately she now has to step down. So we're looking for someone to fill her shoes.

The role includes planning each issue, commissioning articles and photographs, liaising with groups, individual members, proof-readers and our designer, Craig.

If this is something you'd be interested in, do please get in touch. Or if you'd like further information contact Marianna at Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au. If you'd like to apply, please submit an application by 15 October to President@knittersguildnsw.org.au, setting out any relevant experience and skills



We are looking for knitters of various levels and degrees of competency to test knit our Stage 2

Certificate. We want to check that all instructions are clear and accurate.

You would be required to knit samples which demonstrate the following:

- three different cast on methods
- directional raised lifted increases
- German short row shaping
- rib of choice
- a textured pattern
- one method of short row shaping to facilitate a 3 needle bind off at the shoulders
- mattress stitch seams
- 6 different methods of doing buttonholes worked on rib, garter and stocking stitch
- Attach a button band
- Block all samples
- Read a schematic
- Pick up dropped stitch
- Understand how gauge works

These are tasks that will be used to make a jumper or cardigan.

We would like you to provide feedback by 1 May 2024. If you are interested, please contact standards@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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Entering The Craft Shows

A free Zoom event

Have your thoughts turned to planning your entries for next year's shows? Do you hesitate because you feel you're "not good enough"? Would you like to know how judging takes place and what the judges are looking for?

Come along to a Zoom meeting to get loads of hints and tips from past judges of the Sydney Easter Show.

Date: Monday 9th October

Time: 7pm

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

Cost: **FREE**

Sydney Royal Easter Show 2024

22 March - 2 April 2024

The Arts and Craft Schedule will be released in mid-November when you'll be able to decide which categories to enter. Please read this document carefully as a number of categories have had changes made to them since the 2023 Show but we think there's something for everyone. You then have until 17 January to submit your entry, but the item doesn't have to be delivered to the Showground until 8 and 9 March 2024. After the Show, your entries must be collected on 5 and 6 April there is a fee of \$50 applied to late collections.

Warm Clothing For Ukraine

Good Neighbours (www.goodneighbours.com.au) is a charity based in Sydney with projects within Australia and world-wide, helping children in need. In November they have a container going to Ukraine with warm clothing for some very disadvantaged children there and would appreciate any knitted or crocheted items you may be able to donate. We appreciate that this is short notice but we (and Good Neighbours) were hoping that you may have something completed or in progress that you would be willing to donate to this very good cause. Please send or take your items to arrive by 20 October to: Good Neighbours, Level 1, 5 George Street, North Strathfield, NSW 2137 and don't forget to put a note with them saying that they are for Ukraine and that you are a Knitters' Guild member.

Bendigo Wool Show 2024



Are your thoughts already turning to next year's Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show? Well, Woy Woy member, Rikki Day, is so keen to attend that she's organising a bus trip.

The coach leaves the Central Coast with one Sydney stop at Liverpool on Wednesday 17th July 2024 and returns late Sunday 21 July 2024. This trip includes all transfers on the coach, four nights' accommodation at the Quality Lakes Hotel Bendigo with full breakfast daily, group dinner on the first night, two days entry into the Bendigo show (Friday and Saturday), Bendigo Woollen Mills, Bendigo Pottery Museum Tour including a lunch and Bendigo Talking Tram Tour. The total cost is \$1470. If this interests you or you require more information, please join the Facebook group: Central Coast Crafting Bendigo 2024.

Sign-ups for this event close on 4 October, with a deposit of \$375 due shortly after. Have fun and send lots of photos!

Contact Information

President: president@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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Membership: membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

A Good Yarn Editor: editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Treasurer: treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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News from the Groups

Blacktown Sat 14th 10am

For our October workshop, Caroline will be demonstrating the 'knit 1 below' technique, a simple technique commonly found in knitting patterns that use brioche or fisherman's stitch. Bring 4mm circular or double pointed needles and two contrasting colours of 8-ply yarn, preferably in a solid colour. Visitors are always welcome. Just turn up!

Roberta Fassina, Publicity

Capital Region Sat 14th 1.30pm

The Capital Region Group meets on the second Saturday of the month at the Chifley Community Centre from 1.30-5pm, with demonstrations, show and share and a heap of knitting and crochet fun! In October we will be following on from Merrin Marks' workshop with another look at cables and charting, and in November we will have our AGM meeting and discuss our workshops and learning plans for 2024, including a KAL to progress with our Jane Slicer-Smith projects.

Liz McNally, Secretary

Crochet (Turrumurra) Wed 4th 10am

The Crochet Turrumurra group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12noon at the Turrumurra Uniting Church. Visitors are very welcome. At our next meeting on 4th October, Wendy will be demonstrating how to make her crochet bookmarks as well as a simple lariat. There will be printed instructions handed out at the meeting. Please bring 3 or 4 ply yarn with a suitable (3.5mm) hook and//or DMC 8 thread with a 1.75mm hook. If you would like a sneak peek at samples of this lovely work, go online and search Turkish crochet jewellery. You will be inspired.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

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

Inner City Sat 14th 11am

Inner City group meets on 2nd Saturday of the month from 11am to 1pm at Cliff Nobel Community Centre 24 Sutton St Alexandria. Next meeting is Saturday 14th October. All are welcome to come along.

Coming up.....would you like to learn to adjust your knitted garments to fit perfectly? Inner City is holding a workshop in November. Read the October issue of KGBytes for more information.

Jo Hewitt and Kaye Stefanovic, Co-Convenors

Inner West Group Mon 16th 10:30 am

Continuing on with our theme "What are my favourite things about knitting and crochet", we will be bringing a special item that we hold dear to the next meeting. It doesn't have to be an heirloom but rather an item that has a story to tell.

Please note – we will be meeting in The Pavilion just outside our usual room. Fingers crossed the weather is not too hot and not too cold, but just right.

Louise Zaluzny

Ku-ring-gai Mon 23rd 9.30am

The Group meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 9.30am at The Uniting Church, Turrumurra. Our next workshop will be on Estonian Cast On following on from our September Workshop of Long Tail Cast On - both workshops expertly and generously presented by Margo, one of our Group members. The Group also meet for Social Knitting and coffee on the second Tuesday of each month at a local cafe. Please contact Convenor on Knitters' Guild email Contact List if you require further information. Gayle Parker, Convenor

Pittwater Tues 3rd 1pm, Sat 7th 1pm, Tues 17th 1pm

In October we will continue with our "Crochet Corner" tuition, and we will also be investigating some curious Twisted Knitting, with some surprises in store for our group!!! We welcome any interested crafters.

Janelle Grange, Secretary.

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Woy Woy Saturday 21st 1pm

It's spring so what better time to sort through your stash and bring what you no longer want or need to our annual stash sale on Saturday 21 October from 1 to 4 pm at the Holy Apostles Anglican Church hall, 147-149 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy. All proceeds will be for our group. As usual, afternoon tea is provided and there'll be time for show and tell as well. We ask for \$4 toward the rent of the venue.

All members of the Guild who attend will be eligible for our inaugural lucky door prize valued at \$30.

Our next knit 'n natter coffee social is from 9.30 am on Saturday 7 October at BBF Cafe in Woy Woy.

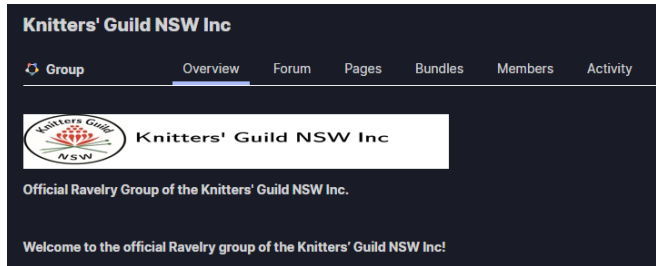
If you have a crafty friend who would enjoy our friendly group too, bring them to any of our events.

Ruth Herman, Convenor

Where to find the Guild on the Socials

Ravelry

<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/knitters-guild-nsw-inc>



X (formerly Twitter)

<https://twitter.com/KnitGuildNSW>



Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/kgnsw>



Instagram

<http://www.instagram.com/knittersguildnsw>

