



KGBytes

New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new Members

Blue Mountains Maureen Gunton Gabrielle Walker Lauren Walters	Mid North Coast Sue Smith
Capital Region Amanda Parker Irene Burton	Newcastle Rosemary Burns
Epping Tracey Johnson	Northern Tablelands Helen McLennan
Goulburn Bron Livesey	Pittwater Robyn Alexander
Inner City Jenny Madden Tanya Baily	Southern Melanie Correia
Inner West Jane Bowring Swarup Kyriacou Brenda McPhee	The Entrance Angela Seddon Rhonda Wright
	Woy Woy Gai Schipp

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

Guild Insurance

Many of our Groups need to provide our Public Liability Certificate of Currency when booking venues and taking part in fairs and exhibitions. The current certificate is available in the Members' Only section of our website.

A Good Yarn Submission Deadline

This is a reminder that **15th July 2024** is the deadline date for submissions to A Good Yarn. Send submissions to editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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.

Guild Gathering 2024

Only 5 weeks to go and it's wonderful to see how many of you are attending. Bookings will close on **6th JULY** so if you haven't booked your place, please do so **NOW**. To anyone who has yet to finalise payment, please do so before 6th July as well to guarantee your place. We'll write to you 10 days or so after that to confirm your workshop places.

On the Saturday (3rd August) we have a mini-marketplace with Fibre Arts Shed, Glenora Weaving and Wool, Hodgepodge Skeins, The Australian Wool Company, and The Wool Inn. Why not check out their websites beforehand as there may be something you'd REALLY like – you could ask them to bring it along to the event.

And don't forget we're holding a fingerless mitten/gloves competition. Enter your knitted or crocheted mittens or gloves to be in the running to win some wonderful prizes! You can then choose to keep your items or leave them with us to donate to charity.

We're really looking forward to this weekend and hope you are too!

Ann Budd Workshops

While Ann is visiting Australia to attend the Gathering, we couldn't let her leave without asking her to hold more workshops for us around the state. We're really pleased that she's agreed to hold workshops for us in each of the following places – Glenbrook, Gosford and Sydney. You'll find full details at the end of this newsletter.

Granny Square Day 2024

Granny Square Day takes place on 15th August. If your group has plans to celebrate this, do let us know so that we can promote it in the next issue of KGBytes. And don't forget to let us have photographs for A Good Yarn and the Guild's social media accounts.



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News from the Groups

Blacktown Sat 13th 10am

We do not have a workshop planned for July so everyone is free to knit and crochet to their hearts' content. We still have our usual fabulous morning tea, Show and Tell and great company. There is always a freebies table. Visitors are always welcome so please come along and share what you do.

Roberta Fassina, Publicity

Capital Region Sat 13th 1.30pm

We are holding our first live out Retreat for Guild members on the weekend of 6th/7th July at the Lions Youth Haven in Kambah. 20 members will join our two workshop presenters Robynn Ross from the Southern Highlands Group and our own DeArne Crawford for a fully catered weekend of knitting and crochet with 2 workshops each day and plenty of time for chatting and even visiting the farm animals. There is an option to go out for dinner on the Saturday evening. The Retreat was fully subscribed soon after tickets went on sale. At our regular meeting on Saturday 13th July at Chifley Community Centre Liz McNally, our Secretary will be showing us the ins and outs of using beads in our projects.

Christianna Cobbold, Convenor

Crochet (Turrumurra) Wed 3rd 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. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd July. We will be show how to crochet half and quarter granny squares. Bring yarn and the appropriate hook.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

Group news submissions - If you have an event or meeting you would like to promote, please submit it no later than 24th of each month to the Guild Secretary secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

We reserve the right to edit these entries

Early adherence to the submission date is encouraged.

Any late submissions will be omitted.

Inner City Sat 13th 11am

Inner City Group meets on second Saturday of each month from 11am to 1pm at Cliff Noble Community Centre 24 Suttor St Alexandria. On Saturday 13th July we will be holding our Great Inner City Destash. So whether you want to bag a bargain, learn a new skill or simply knit and chat, come along and join us. All Guild members and guests are welcome.

Jo and Kaye. Co-Convenors

Inner West Mon 15th 10:30am

This meeting is all about Stephen West. We will be sharing our experiences which range from being inspired to being so frustrated that you just want to scream. What we love about his designs and what we find a little wacky. How we've used his patterns as a starting point then tweaked them along the way resulting in a truly unique garment. One thing guaranteed, is that the tables will be covered with really gorgeous shawls, cardigans and jumpers. Please come along and join in the fun.

Louise Zaluzny

Pittwater Tues 2nd 1pm, Sat 6th 1pm, Tues 16th 1pm

Tuesday 2nd July: Business meeting + Help Time.

Saturday 6th July: Review of "Introduction to Fair Isle".

Tuesday 16th July: Introduction to Tunisian Entrelac.

Our meetings are held at Pittwater RSL at 1pm and we welcome anyone who has an interest in knitting and/or crochet.

Janelle Grange, Secretary.

Southern Sat 6th 9:00am

Abbey will be taking us through the basics of starting our crochet projects with foundational crochet stitches - no more chains! We will also will be heading off on our bus trip on Sat 20th July. There are still a couple of places available if you would like to join us.

For more details visit our Facebook Group:

Knitters' Guild NSW - Southern Group

Gemma Lawrence, Convenor



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The Entrance Sat 6th 1pm

July brings with it more perfect days to work on your projects. How lovely to snuggle up and watch your garments take shape. The Entrance Group are also getting ready for Christmas in July. Come along and enjoy some Christmas fare and learn more about blocking your garments with Noelene and solve the dilemma about the fibre you are working with; Sue will show you how.

Our meeting is on Saturday 6th July at The Anglican Church, Tyrrell St. Bateau Bay. Come along around 12:30pm and enjoy a chat and catch up before our meeting starts at 1:00pm. Bring along your own coffee cup and enjoy afternoon tea.

Join us and limber up with a few Thai Chi exercises before you get down to some serious knitting and chatting.

Don't forget our mid-month social catch up at Mingara in the Roasted Berry on Wednesday 17th July. Come along for a knit, crochet or just chat.

Prue Smee, Convenor



Save The Dates!

3rd - 6th July

Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair
International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour
Visit the Guild stand throughout the Fair

2nd - 4th August

Guild Gathering
The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops
Bookings will open in April

15th August

Granny Square Day

Sunday 13th October

FibreFest 2024
Wyong Racecourse



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Knitters' Guild NSW Inc

Join Ann Budd for 6 workshops across New South Wales 6 – 10 August 2024

Ann is an internationally-renowned knitwear designer and teacher from Colorado and she's travelling to Australia in August to join us at the Guild Gathering where she will teach 3 workshops, and in the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast and Sydney in the following week.

Tuesday 6 August – Glenbrook Panthers Bowling Club

1 Hare Street, Glenbrook, 2773

10.00 – 1.00pm

INTRODUCTION TO SWEATER DESIGN (Members \$60 /Non-Members \$70)

Knitwear designers use gauge and body measurements to create the perfect fit in a sweater, hat, or other knitted piece. Learn the magical formulas that will allow you design your own garments or adjust existing ones with ease! No more puzzling over how to increase or decrease evenly in a single row or gradually over many rows—you'll have the answers in moments. You'll also learn tips and trick that simplify the knitting and finishing process. **ADVANCED-BEGINNER KNITTING SKILLS REQUIRED; MUST HAVE KNITTED A SWEATER.**

Materials: Pen or pencil and paper for taking notes; coloured pencils (optional); calculator.

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

2.00 – 5.00pm

MATCHING CASTS-ON AND CASTS OFF (M \$80/NM \$95)

Learn three to four interesting and elastic casts-on and their matching casts-off. Armed with these techniques, you can get the same look at the cuff and toe of socks knitted from the toe up or top down, the hem and neck edges of sweaters, and the two ends of scarves.

ADVANCED-BEGINNER KNITTING SKILLS REQUIRED; MUST BE COMFORTABLE KNITTING IN ROUNDS WITH DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES (OR A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE).

Materials: Tightly twisted sport-, DK, or worsted-weight wool yarn (you'll use just part of a ball); a set of double-pointed needles in a size appropriate for your yarn (two circulars or the "magic loop" method can be substituted); tapestry needle.

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

Thursday 8 August – Central Coast Leagues Club

1 Dane Drive, Gosford, 2770

9.30 – 12.30pm

FLEXIBLE CASTS-ON AND CASTS-OFF (M \$80/NM \$95)

Socks are most comfortable if the cuff edge is flexible enough to stretch over the heel and firm enough to hug the leg. Learn a variety of Ann's favourite methods for starting and ending socks, whether they're knitted from the toe up or the top down, including the Cable, Old Norwegian (also called German Twisted), and Tubular casts-on, as well as Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy, Tubular, and Sewn casts-off.

ADVANCED-BEGINNER KNITTING SKILLS REQUIRED; MUST BE COMFORTABLE KNITTING IN ROUNDS WITH DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES (OR A SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE).

Materials: Tightly twisted sport-, DK, or worsted-weight wool yarn (you'll use just part of a ball); a set of needles (straight, double-pointed, or circular) needles in a size appropriate for your yarn; tapestry needle.

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

2.00-5.00pm

CUSTOM SOCKS, ANY SIZE, ANY GAUGE (M \$80/NM \$95)

Want to make socks that fit perfectly, no matter what yarn or needles or stitch pattern you use? This workshop will teach you how to measure your foot, knit a swatch, and devise a standard top-down pattern for any size foot and any gauge of knitting.

ADVANCED-BEGINNER KNITTING SKILLS; MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE KNITTING SOCKS FROM THE TOP DOWN.

Materials: Tape measure; calculator; yarn of your choice and appropriate needles; markers.

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

Saturday 10 August – Sydney Mechanics' School of Art

280 Pitt Street, Sydney 2000

9.30-12.30pm

MEASURING GAUGE/ADJUSTING FOR DIFFERENT ONE (M \$80/NM \$95)

Few of us enjoy knitting gauge swatches. However, a gauge swatch is key to having a sweater (or anything that needs to "fit") end up the correct size. All too often knitters find themselves with a sweater that's either too big or too small. Learn how to knit a proper gauge swatch, block that swatch, and how to measure it properly so that there will be no surprises in the size of the resulting sweater. But what do you do when you absolutely cannot match the gauge specified in a pattern? Learn how to adjust a pattern to work for **your** gauge, whether it involves adjusting the numbers in the pattern or simply following the instructions for a different size. It's all a matter of simple maths and ratios.

A worksheet for measuring gauge will be provided, as well as a handout of how to use a conversion factor.

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

1.30-4.30pm

CUSTOM SOCKS, ANY SIZE, ANY GAUGE (M \$80/NM \$95)

Want to make socks that fit perfectly, no matter what yarn or needles or stitch pattern you use? This workshop will teach you how to measure your foot, knit a swatch, and devise a standard top-down pattern for any size foot and any gauge of knitting.

ADVANCED-BEGINNER KNITTING SKILLS; MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE KNITTING SOCKS FROM THE TOP DOWN.

Materials: Tape measure, calculator, yarn of your choice and appropriate needles, markers.

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

Refunds cannot be issued for cancellations received after 31 July 2024

Enquiries: Workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au