



KGBytes

New Guild Members

A warm welcome to our new Members

Blacktown Lyn Packer	Kiama Cheryl Blackburn
Blue Mountains Charmaine Gorman Margaret Poleson	Mudgee Linda MacKay
Capital Region Pam Jorritsma Leigh Casley Diane Ballantyne	Newcastle Sharon Moncaster
Epping Lesley Davis Sharon Waters-Adler Lyness Clugston Myolene Wallace	Pittwater Cheryl Duncan Rhona Feeny
Inner City Brooklyn Welch	South Grafton Kristy Simpson Kathleen Richards
Interstate Margaret Bartle Katie Ballard Kim Hibberson	Southern Patricia Bonhs
	Virtual Heather Patrick Caroline Regan
	Woy Woy Jane Bowtell

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

Please Help Us

Marianna Thomson, who has done an incredible job producing A Good Yarn for the last 2 years, has (unfortunately for the Guild) to step down after the August issue. We therefore are really eager to find a replacement who can be involved with the May and August issues and then take the reins for the November one onwards. If you feel this is something you'd be interested in doing, please contact Marianna who is happy to talk through the job with you and answer any of your questions. Write to Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Guild Gathering

The Gathering is taking place this year from 2nd-4th August at The Tops Conference Centre in Stanwell Tops. We're all busy planning a very full weekend, with hands-on demonstrations, talks, a competition, quiz, marketplace, loads of prizes, Ann Budd as our Guest Tutor and, as usual, WORKSHOPS. And this year we will be holding 17 workshops over the weekend. There is sure to be something to interest everyone. The cost is \$330 for the weekend which includes your accommodation, dinner on the Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. The only money you'll need is if you want to do a bit of shopping in the marketplace, or to buy one of Ann Budd's books. If you prefer to make your own arrangements for accommodation, the cost for the weekend will be \$220, which includes everything except accommodation and breakfasts. So put the date in your calendar, take a look at the workshops we're offering, get together with your friends and arrange to make a weekend of it.

Double Knitting
Super Cables (Raised Cables)
10 Ways to Join Your Crochet Squares
Stranded Colourwork for Beginners
Knitting Lace with Charts
Two-Colour Brioche Knitting
An Introduction to Tunisian Crochet
Short Rows, using the German Short Row Method
Knitting with Beads
Various Buttonhole Methods
Extended Tunisian Crochet class – shaping, lace, ribbing
Mosaic Crochet
Embroider your Knitting
Make a Crocheted Necklace
Fixing Mistakes (with Ann Budd)
An Introduction to Sweater Design (with Ann Budd)
Customs Socks at Any Gauge (with Ann Budd)

Sydney Craft and Quilt Fair

The Fair will take place for 2024 at ICC Sydney, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, from 10am to 4pm, 3rd – 6th July 2024.

<https://www.craftfair.com.au/wp/Sydney/>

Next month we will be asking for lots of volunteers.



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Save The Dates!

- 22nd March - 2nd April **Sydney Easter Show**
Visit the Guild stand on 24th
and 25th March
- Saturday 4th May **Guild Annual General Meeting 11.00am**
SMSA, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney
and also via Zoom
- Saturday 8th June **World Wide Knit in Public Day** (Let us know what your group is planning)
- 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
- Sunday 13th October **FibreFest 2024**
Wyong Racecourse

Win A Pair Of Easter Show Tickets!

We have 2 tickets, valued at \$86, to give away for the Sydney Royal Easter Show (running from 22nd March to 2nd April). Just email us your answers to the following 3 questions and we will do a random draw of the winning entries.

Q1: Name the designer of the Tricot Hat featured in the latest issue (February) of A Good Yarn.

Q2: On what date in 2024 is FibreFest being held at Wyong Racecourse?

Q3: Name the American knitwear designer who will be our guest at the Guild Gathering in August.

Send your answers to

President@knittersguildnsw.org.au by midnight on 10th March

Group Closure

If you were a member of the Ku-ring-gai Group that closed in November 2023 and have yet to advise us of your new Group choice please do so as by emailing membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au



This world-wide charity helping disadvantaged children in many countries around the world, including Australia, was thrilled with the response to their request for items for children in Romania and Ukraine. They will be sending another shipment there in October this year. In the meantime, they are also supporting children in Vietnam and Bangladesh. They have a shipment going to Vietnam in April and one to Bangladesh in June. If you'd like to contribute, the items should be sent or delivered to their offices at Level 1, 5 George Street, North Strathfield, NSW 2137. Let them know you are a Guild member, and mark each item with its size, please.

[Good Neighbours Australia - Good Change for the World](#)

River Yarn
Fibre Festival

Sat 6 & Sun 7 April
10am - 4pm
Carcoar Village - NSW

- Gold coin donation
- Stalls (artisan yarn and accessories)
- Demonstrations
- Workshops
- Food and drink
- Picture perfect village of Carcoar

More information
email carcoarcommunityassoc@gmail.com
Phone 0433 166 094
www.riveryarn.com.au

NB – the ad that ran last month was incorrect. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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News from the Groups

Capital Region Sat 9th 1.30pm

'Our year is off to a busy start! On March 9th we will welcome Vera Marcu for two workshops on continental knitting and designing a drop-shoulder jumper. At our April meeting we'll be learning about measuring up for socks that fit. We are concurrently running two KAL/CAL projects - a monthly stitch sample to turn into a blanket, and 'Winter Hats for Winter Heads' donating beanies for distribution to needy people. Lots of activities and lots of fun!'

Liz McNally, Secretary.

Crochet (Turrumurra) Wed 6th 10am

The Crochet (Turrumurra) Group meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 10am to 12pm at the Turrumurra Uniting Church. Visitors are very welcome. The next meeting will be on March 6th. There will be a demonstration of Tunisian Entrelac. This is made with a normal/regular crochet hook and yarn.

Materials required: Two contrast colours of 8 ply yarn (could be cotton) approx. 50 grams, not recommended to use very dark colours. 4.5 mm regular crochet hook

HOMEWORK: Using the darker of your two colours (A) make a slip knot and make a chain of 32

- **loosely.** Use a safety pin or stitch marker to stop the last chain unravelling.

Pat Hicks, Convenor

Epping Mon 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th 10am

We continue to have large numbers attending at our weekly meeting each Monday enjoying each other's company over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. We look forward to see what the new year brings in: improving our skills; completing our charity knitting and enjoying social events together.

Shirley Gregory, Publicity

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 West Mon 18th 10.30am

The Inner West Group meets on the third Monday of each month.

Members and visitors are invited to our next Inner West Group meeting to attend a workshop, Creative Mini with Denise Lithgow

When: Monday 18th March 2024

Time: 10:30am - 1:30pm (Note this is a little longer than our usual meeting)

Where: We will be meeting at Camperdown Commons 31 A Mallett Street Camperdown

This month we have a special presentation by Denise Lithgow, a felt artist, who will be demonstrating some of the techniques of her craft. We have received a small grant from the Guild for this presentation. All are welcome. Please arrive before 10.30am and if you would like to participate bring: an apron, small towel, scissors and a small piece of loosely knitted wool.

The presentation will probably be much longer than our usual 2-hour meeting, please factor in at least an extra hour. There is a coffee shop, and we will provide light refreshments. Parking around The Commons is sometimes difficult and limited to 2 hours, so public transport is advised if you are intending to attend. If you are not a member of Inner West but would like to attend please RSVP to carolyuen23@gmail.com you are very welcome.

Helen Zammitt, A/secretary and Joint Coordinator

Macarthur – Mon 11th, Sat 23rd

The Macarthur Group has planned 2 excursions for March instead of our usual 'class room' type lessons. On Monday 11th our group will head over to The Wool Inn at Penrith. Anita and her team always welcome us with a lesson, plus fantastic service in the shop. On Saturday 23rd our group will meet at Tijuana Alpacas Wool at Razorback. All members are welcome. If friends wish to join us, please let our group know, so numbers can be confirmed closer to the time.

Alison Wootten



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Mid-North Coast Sat 9th 9.30am Tues 26th 10am
Sat 9th 9:30am-12pm in the Port Macquarie Library,
Meeting Room 2. Visitors are most welcome.
Tues 26th 10am outing to Miss Nellies Cafe in Kendall
(with workshop) The workshop at both meetings will
be Socks with Sylvia - Part 2, it's not essential to have
done Part 1.

Merrin Marks

**Please come along to the
Newcastle Group Biennial Exhibition.**

Dates: Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th May
Time: 10am to 4pm daily
Location: Islington Baptist Church, 180 Maitland
Road, Islington 2296

Entry is free.

We aim to showcase members work, encourage
visitors to learn to knit and crochet, invite people to
join the guild and raise funds for our current charity:
Mentor Support Network.

Here you can:

Explore an exhibition of crochet and knitting to amaze
and inspire.
Learn to knit or crochet.
Purchase handmade items.
Try your luck – win one of our raffle prizes: two
handmade blankets and a shawl.
Relax with your knitting or crochet while enjoying
morning tea or a light lunch.

For those travelling from out of town the exhibition is
a short walk from Hamilton train station. And there's
lots of parking

**AUSTRALIAN ALPACA ASSOCIATION – NATIONAL
CRAFT SHOW 2024**

The Show is being held from 16-18 August in Bendigo
and they're inviting entries for their competitions,
which include knitting, crocheting and spinning among
others. Entries close on 26 July, with items submitted
to them by 2 August and the cost is \$10 per entry. For
full details, visit their website: [Australian Alpaca
National Show - Australian Alpaca Association](https://www.australialpaca.com.au)

43RD ANNUAL
Robertson Wool Festival
6 APRIL 2024 10AM - 2.30PM
ROBERTSON SCHOOL OF ARTS
TOP QUALITY COLOURED &
WHITE FLEECES FOR SALE
PLUS PRODUCTS FROM THESE RETAILERS
FIBRE ARTS SHED
FLEECE, FLOCK & FIBRE
GOULBURN HANDWEAVERS & SPINNERS
ILLAWARRA FELTMAKERS
TAHMOOR SPINNERS GROUP
THE SHEPHERD'S CHOICE
THE YARN HUB
VIRGINIA FARM WOOL WORKS
WARATAH FIBRES
WINDER ANGORAS
TEA, COFFEE, CAKES, PIES & SAUSAGE
ROLLS AVAILABLE
HOSTED BY THE NSW BLACK & COLOURED
SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

Pittwater Sat 2nd 1pm, Tues 5th 1pm, Tues 19th 1pm
Saturday 2nd: a review of "corner to corner" crochet,
continuing on and finishing off.

Tuesday 5th: business meeting plus interesting
stitches and techniques for "corner to corner"
crochet.

Tuesday 19th: we are having a visiting member of the
Guild come to inspire us with some of her beautiful
crochet bags and she will demonstrate how she makes
linings for these bags. We meet at Pittwater RSL at
1pm and welcome everyone.

Janelle Grange, Secretary

Southern Sat 2nd 9:00am

We will be having a calendar planning session for our
year ahead and will be catching up with members who
are returning from summer travels. Also a
representative from Hurstville Museum and Gallery
will be coming to speak with us about contributing to
a display in one of their exhibitions later in the year.

Gemma Lawrence, Convenor

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.



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The Entrance Sat 2nd 1pm

We look forward to our second meeting in our new premises on the first Saturday of the month being March 2nd. We meet at the Anglican Church, Tyrrell St. Killarney Vale. Meeting starts at 1:00 but most join us at 12:30 for a chat or to have lunch. Last month we welcomed visitors and new members and we look forward to seeing these faces again this month. Rikki Day from One Craft Lady will be visiting us, and showing us some of her Knitting accessories. I know some of us are keen to buy the needle stoppers; so as not to spend wasted time putting our stitches back on our circular needles! Come along and see what she has to offer. Our Co Convenor Sue Page is also a tai chi instructor and will be showing us hand and finger exercises to help us remain flexible in our crafting. Don't forget to bring along a cup and enjoy afternoon tea with us. Bring your 'show and tell' and Projects you are working on. We enjoy sharing and learning from each of our members.

Prue Smee, Convenor

Woy Woy Sat 16th 1pm

Our next knit 'n matter coffee meet up will be on Saturday 2nd March from 9.30 at BBF Cafe in Woy Woy. Members and friends are welcome.

At our monthly meeting on 16th March in the hall of the Anglican Church, 147 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy we'll have a free workshop on solar dying by member Rikki Day. If you'd like to join in that, please advise Ruth ASAP by email woywoy@knittersguildnsw.org.au to assist in organising the materials.

Ruth Herman

Virtual Mon 11th 7pm, Wed 27th 10am

The March meetings of the Virtual Group will be on 11th March at 7pm and 27th March at 10am. If you would like the Zoom link to join in, please email kgvirtual00@gmail.com We have participants who live remotely, overseas, interstate, some who can't get to local meetings regularly and some who just want another opportunity to be involved with the Guild. Everyone is welcome.

Mary Carlos, Acting Secretary

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