



KGBytes

January 2025

Knitters and Crocheters required!

We're looking for a knitter and a number of crocheters this month.

Would you be interested in quoting to **knit** a beautiful little teddy bear for a kind grandfather to give to his grand-daughter? He has the pattern all ready for you - you just provide the yarn and the skill. The bear is knitted flat, using 8ply yarn.

Or maybe you'd prefer to **crochet**? Olive Branch Swimwear is looking for experienced crocheters to produce a capsule collection of about 6 samples of crochet swimsuits and cover-ups. The ideal candidates would be able to work off sketches and image references to make patterns and prototypes. Designs are very intricate with floral and lace effect detailing.

The company is based in Sydney but is open to working with someone remotely. Pay is negotiable based on experience. If the collaboration goes well, there is potential for ongoing work.



If you're interested or would like further information, please contact the Guild Secretary

THE YARNING FESTIVAL



JANUARY 18TH 2025

10AM-5PM
CURL CURL CREATIVE SPACE
(105 ABBOTT ROAD, CURL CURL NSW 2099)



Are You A Designer?

Do you have difficulty finding test knitters and crocheters? If so, let us advertise for them in our monthly KGBytes. Send all the details by 24th of any month to the Guild Secretary at Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Do you have a knitting or crochet pattern you would be willing to let us publish in A Good Yarn - obviously full credit will go to you, with links to social media/website/Ravelry etc. Contact Allyssa, the Editor, for further details

The Guild now has a Designers' Forum, meeting via Zoom at 7pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. If you'd like to find out more about this, and/or to obtain the Zoom link, please write to Hannah at Designers@knittersguildnsw.org.au

PS: Do you have a pattern we may use for the FEBRUARY issue of A Good Yarn?

If you can help, please contact Allyssa at Editor@knittersguildnsw.org.au as soon as possible



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11 - 22 April 2025

Are you all working on your Easter Show entries for this year? Or still thinking about it?

Entry registrations close on **5 February** but the items don't have to be delivered to the Showground until the end of March so you still have plenty of time. For full details and this year's catalogue visit: <https://www.rasnsw.com.au/competitions/>

If you're not sure what's involved, how the Competition works or what the judges are looking for, come along to a Zoom talk and discussion, and meet some of the past judges, on 23 January.

See details on page 3

Guild Membership Renewals

Your Guild membership is due for renewal on or before 1 January. Please be aware that if you haven't renewed by 1 February, your membership will lapse.

Are you looking for your Membership Number?

The first place to look is in the automated email that you will have received when you joined or last renewed your membership.

Or ask your Convenor who keeps a list of all numbers.

Or sign into the Guild website, using your User Name and Password. Scroll down to My Details and click to bring up User Profile. Your membership number is displayed on that screen.

Important Easter Show Dates

5 February - Entries close

29/29 March - Deliver entries to Showground

9 April - Arts & Craft Preview Night

11-22 April - Visit the Show

26/27 April - Collect entries from Showground.

Please Note that entries may be posted to the Showground.



Guild Cruise 2025 aboard the Carnival Splendor

If you've booked your place on the Cruise, do remember to let Merrin (our Cruise Director) know. She'll then put you on her mailing list and ensure you're up-to-date with all the latest details.

Cruise@knittersguildnsw.org.au



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Entering the Shows?

**Am I good enough? Do I need to be an 'expert'?
What are the judges looking for?**

If you're hesitant about entering your work into the Easter Show or other shows around the state, come along to this FREE Zoom talk and discussion, meet some of the Easter Show's previous judges and pick their brains.

Date: Thursday 23 January

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: FREE

To book your place: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYBZT>

Dates for Your Diary 2025

January 18: The Yarning Festival, 10.00-5.00pm, Curl Curl Creative Space, 105 Abbott Rd, North Curl Curl

February 13-15: Craft Alive, 9.30-4.00pm, Rosehill Racecourse

April 5-6: River Yarn Fibre Festival, Carcoar

April 11-22: Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney Showground

May 3: Knitters' Guild Annual General Meeting, 11.00am - Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, and online

May 4: Fibre Frolic, Mulgoa

May 24/25: Dungog Knitters' Picnic, Dungog

June 25-28: Craft and Quilt Fair, International Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney

August 1-4: Guild Cruise, sailing from Sydney

September 21: FibreFest, Wyong Racecourse

Our New Members

*A warm welcome to our new members.
A member's nominated group is taken from their application form. If this is in error, please contact
Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au*

Clarence Valley: Joan Eggins
Robyn Shelley

Maitland:
Peta Jordan

Interstate:
Maggie Bacon

Mid North Coast:
Jan Gaudron

Katoomba:
Kerri McKinnon

Southern:
Sonia Robertson

Macarthur:
Klara Bosch

The Entrance:
Cathy Schultz



Photo: The Guild at the Sydney Craft & Quilt Fair 2024.

Visit the Guild Stand at this year's Show from 25-28 June



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News From The Groups

Note from the Editor: *We love hearing about your group's plans - it sends a reminder to your members, encourages members of other Guild groups to drop in for a visit and gives us all some wonderful ideas for our own groups. **But may we ask you to limit your contributions here to the date and time of your meeting, and details of your activity, be it a workshop, stash sale, or outing.** We reserve the right to edit these entries to ensure that we can fit everything into each issue.*

Blacktown

At our next meeting from 10am-1pm on Saturday 11 January, our workshop will be on surface embroidery, run by Kathryn Trippett (owner and dyer of The Australian Wool Store). There is some homework involved so if you are interested please contact kgblacktown@gmail.com for instructions and materials list.

Jacinta Wood

Epping: Everyone is welcome to join our Knit and Natter social meetings every Monday in January commencing on the 6th from 10 - 12. Our first formal meeting will be held on Monday 3 February. Our Education sessions held on the 3rd Monday of every month (commencing in February) for the knitting group will be socks and footwear.

Shirley Gregory - Publicity

Pittwater: Our first meeting for 2025 will be on Saturday 4 January, followed by Tuesday 7 January where we will include an event planning discussion.

Wendy Collett - Secretary

The Entrance: On 4 Jan 2025 we will be meeting from 12:30 for a 1:00pm start till 4:00pm.

No formal meeting this time just a chance to get to relax after our Christmas celebrations, work on ur projects with others while we enjoy a delicious afternoon tea. The topic for The Teaching Corner is Simple Cables, our library books will be available to peruse and borrow as usual. I am sure there will be plenty of items on show in our Show and Tell time for us all to admire and maybe be motivated once again. Will we be game to share our knit/crochet inspired NY resolutions with everyone eg destash, learn that new technique or maybe finally finish that project tarted years ago? So come along if you are able; maybe a friend would like to come too.

Our Mid Month Catchup is at Roasted Berry Café, Mingara on Wednesday 15 January from 10am.

Toni Withington - Publicity

Group Officers

A number of groups have not yet given us the names of their Group Officers, following their AGMs. Please advise the Guild Secretary IMMEDIATELY so that the website and other documentation may be updated.

A Good Yarn - February 2025

Please remember to send your Group's report for the next issue of A Good Yarn **NO LATER THAN 15 JANUARY** to the Editor.

Group Accounts

Reminder to Group Treasurers: Raewyn, the Guild Treasurer, would really appreciate receiving your group's 2024 accounts **NO LATER THAN 31 JANUARY**.

If you have any queries, please contact her.

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