



From the Executive

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year and you found some time for the all-important knitting and crochet. 2019 is shaping up to be a busy year for the Guild with the Conference in July, FibreFest in October and many workshops throughout the year, there's sure to be something for everyone. Of course, our Groups are busy too. I know that there are outings planned and lots of tutorials. Just thinking about it all makes me feel I need another holiday!

Renewal Season

Don't forget to renew by 31 January 2019. Thank you to those members that have renewed and I hope you can remind members to renew at your next Group meeting. If you have any queries regarding your membership, please contact Clare at membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

Financial Reports

Well, it's that time of year time to submit our Group Financial Reports to Helen, our wonderful and talented Guild Treasurer. It's now entering Helen's busy time of year where she has to collated all the reports from all the Groups to present to our Annual General Meeting in May. Once your Group has approved your December minutes, including the Treasurer's Report, could you please send along all financial (ie Treasurer's) reports for 2018 to Helen at treasurer@knittersguildnsw.org.au. If you have any queries, Helen would be happy to answer them, just email her.

Reports for the February Magazine

Our February edition of the magazine is currently being collated and it's time for Groups to submit their reports. Could each Group please submit an sentence or two on what your Group has been up to between November, December and January and email it to magazine@knittersguildnsw.org.au along with high quality photos by 20 January 2019. More photos the better!

Items for KG Bytes

Please forward items to me at president@knittersguildnsw.org.au by the 7th of the month.

Group Meetings

Blacktown, 9th February

At this meeting there will be a workshop on double cable. Please note that this workshop is not suitable for beginners.

Kiama, 19th January

Happy New Year to everyone from the Kiama Group. We will start 2019 off with a Show and Tell and look forward to seeing what members have been working on over the Christmas period. We will also focus on the items members have completed for entry in the Kiama Agricultural Show which will be held at the end of January.

Mid North Coast, 22nd January

At this meeting we'll be focusing on tea cosies.

Mid North Coast, 26th February

At this meeting we'll be talking about the importance of yarn selection.

Woy Woy, 19th January

At this meeting, Group member Belinda Alcock will introduce us to the fun of dyeing our own yarn. For information about equipment and materials required, please email sallypogilvie@gmail.com.



Workshops

We have plenty of workshops lined up for this year, but we are always open to new ideas and suggestions. If you would like to deliver a workshop or have an idea for a workshop, then our wonderful Workshops Convenor, Julie Hogan, would love to hear from you. Please send her an email at workshops@knittersguildnsw.org.au.

2019 Workshops / Events

Save the Date

2 FebruaryCeltic Cable Workshop with Merrin Marks
Two workshops - bookings now open

2 MarchIndie Dyers Yarn Tasting
Bookings now open

9 MarchFinishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
Bookings now open

6 AprilFinishing Techniques with Iris Horoch
Bookings now open

4 MayAnnual General Meeting

11 MayKnit Like a Viking with Anghard Rixon

12-14 JulyConference, Newcastle City Hall, Newcastle
Bookings open in February

26 OctoberFibreFest Workshops

27 OctoberFibreFest Retail Day

To book into one of these workshops, go to www.knittersguildnsw.org.au/what-s-on/event-bookings

Guild Events

Guild Conference: 12-14 July 2019

Registrations for the Guild Conference to be held between 12 and 14 July 2019 in Newcastle will be open in February. All the information will be contained in the February Magazine.

However, here's a preview of what's on the program. Some of these topics may change, but will be finalised by the time of the registrations opening.

3 Hour Workshops

Modifying Patterns to Fit

Brioche and Double Knitting in one project

Bead Knitting

Crocheting Beyond the Basics

Button Holes

Embroidery on Knits

Macramé

Crochet and Knitted Necklace

Short Rows

Amigurumi Toys

Crocheting Garments

Presentations / Informative Talks

Colour Work Theory

Armchair Travel

How to Publish Patterns

Designer Q&A

Demonstrations

Knitting Techniques including Continental, Portuguese, Steeking, casting on, casting off

"Make and Take" Sessions

Create your own faux fur pom pom, stitch markers and other quick craft ideas.

Conference Dinner

On the Saturday evening there will be a two course dinner, followed by a trunk show and presentation by Bristol Ivy.

www.jewelsartcreation.com

I just found out it takes 5 sheep to make 1 wool sweater. I didn't even know they knew how to knit.

