



KGBytes

FibreFest Online

All the feedback we've received indicates that FibreFest Online (while not a perfect substitute for the real thing!) was a great success. Many thanks to Sharon Holstein and Kate Semler for making this possible. And a big thank you to the 36 retailers who joined in. It was wonderful to hear of so many of you who supported them by opening your wallets. We hope you're enjoying your purchases!

Talks & Workshops via Zoom

We're currently looking at our program for next year and are planning to include further talks and workshops via Zoom.

We're very keen to know what days and times are the best for the majority of members so if you haven't yet completed our survey, do please click on the link below <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z7XN7XH>

Free Patterns for Christmas

We may not all have the Christmas we were planning this year, but we can still give our homes that festive feel. Use up all those scraps of yarn to make beautiful decorations. Free patterns are available from a number of websites.

Craftsy: <https://www.craftsy.com/post/free-knitted-christmas-ornaments/#>

In The Loop: <https://intheloopknitting.com/holiday-decorations-knitting-patterns/>

All Free Knitting: <https://www.allfreeknitting.com/ChristmasKnits/11-Free-Christmas-Knitting-Patterns-Santas-Reindeer-and-More>

Reasons I love the Guild

And some more suggestions received from members:

- Show and tell – the generous sharing of others of their projects, difficulties, designers used and yarn that they have experimented with
- I now know having a stash is normal
- After years of work meetings where knitting was frowned upon I now go to meetings where knitting is expected
- The sharing of skills both in formal workshops and incidental advice given to others

Knitwear Designers Wanted

A limited edition knitting magazine - for beginners and beyond - which will go into newsagents and supermarkets across Australia next year, is looking for contributions from knitwear designers. There is a very tight deadline as text and samples need to be with the publishers by mid-December but they are happy to take previously released projects with variations. Each pattern will get 5-7 pages so there is plenty of scope for schematics and charts.

If you are interested in making a submission, please contact President@knittersguildnsw.org.au for further details.

A Bit of Trivia

Knitting is considered to have originated in the Arab world, and from there, spread with the Crusades into Spain. The term "to knit" wasn't added to English until the 1400s. The word "knit" is derived from the Old English cnyttan, which means "to knot."

News From The Groups

Blacktown: 12 December - Our group will be meeting at 10 am. The usual COVID-safe rules will apply. Please follow our Facebook page for any special activities for that day.

Eleanor Haim

Blue Mountains: We meet on the third Saturday of each month in the Blaxland Community Centre, 33 Hope Street, Blaxland from 1:30 - 3:30pm. We are implementing our COVID-safe plan, including limited numbers. Members who would like to come along for a great afternoon of friendship, conversation and laughter need to RSVP lizziedowd@bigpond.com for an allocated seat. BYO afternoon tea and drinks. This month we will also be holding our AGM.

Elizabeth Le Breton

Crochet Turramurra: 2 December, 10am - 12pm, numbers are limited so please let Diane know if you would like to attend - diane@silverhorse.com.au or ring 0409 421 594

Diane Scaysbrook

Epping: The Group meets every Monday. Visitors and anyone who has not been back since the lockdown are asked to email the Secretary Anne Moore (tgmoore@bigpond.net.au) to make sure there is a place for you as numbers are limited.

Anne Moore

Katoomba: Exciting news for members of the Group as we held our first meeting in 7 months. As our usual venue is no longer suitable, we agreed to change our meetings to the 2nd Saturday of each month in the café at Katoomba RSL at 11.00am.

Margaret Hardwick

Ku-ring-gai: 23 November - The last meeting for the year will be our AGM, an opportunity to chat and Show and Tell. As numbers are limited, please email our Convenor, Miranda Fabian, at knitting-group@bigpond.com, before the meeting if you would like to join us.

8 December - As the kitchen is not available, members will gather at Kiplings Cafe - Turramurra for a Christmas morning tea and to farewell 2020 with all its challenges.

Elizabeth Pogson

Macarthur: 28 November - We are taking our AGM to a local restaurant so we can all see each other together!! (Due to attendee limits in our regular room)

14 December - will be our final meeting for the year.

WOW ...What a year ... roll on 2021!!

Alexandra Vainauskas

Queanbeyan: 12 December - The Group will meet for the last time in 2020. We are planning a celebration with presents and party food, as has become our tradition. Many of our members will join in the Secret Santa gift swap and we can all enjoy special Christmas treats and crafting in good company.

Teresa Morey

Woy Woy: 21 November – We will be holding our AGM at our November meeting.

Mary Carlos

Group AGMs

Groups should be holding their Annual General Meetings in November. Please don't forget to advise the Guild Secretary of the names of your 3 Group Officers – even if no changes are made.

Email Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Membership Renewals

The Guild membership renewal season for 2021 opened on 1 November. The easiest way to renew is online via our website.

The membership renewal fee, after **11 years** at \$30 a year, has been reduced to **\$25** for 2021 for those renewing between 1 November 2020 and 30 June 2021. Renewals made after 31 January carry a \$10 late payment fee.

Please don't forget – if you don't renew via the website, **YOU MUST SEND IN A FORM** either by post or by email to Membership@knittersguildnsw.org.au

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