



KGBytes

August 2021

Workshops and Talks

An Introduction to Tunisian Crochet, with Abbey Bongers: This workshop is aimed at beginners to Tunisian crochet but will also assist those who are familiar but 'rusty' with their Tunisian skills. Learn about the forward and return pass, common terminology, where to put your hook and the basic stitches. Abbey will focus on the common things that beginners often struggle with when learning Tunisian crochet. Once you have put these basic skills into practice you'll be able to start tackling some projects.

Materials: 6mm Tunisian hook (can use a standard crochet hook without an ergonomic handle), and any 8 ply yarn.

Date: Saturday 14 August - 10.00am

Cost: FREE

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

Ravelry Revisited, with Lesley Diskin: Join Lesley to explore Ravelry - together we'll delve into this massive database looking at the search functions, how to save items, retrieving and cataloguing projects - future, current and past - and so much more. Bring questions!

Date: Tuesday 10 August - 7.30pm

Cost: FREE

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

Dates for your diaries:

On 11 September we will be welcoming Abbey back to conduct a Tunisian Entrelac workshop. And we're hosting a virtual tour of Great Ocean Road Woollen Mill on 19 September with a look at their products and a chance to ask lots of questions. Both of these events will be free and you'll find full booking details in the next issue of KGBytes.

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The Dungog Tea Party

Unfortunately, the Dungog Tea Party and its tea cosy competition, due to take place from 7-12 September, has had to be cancelled because of the current restrictions.

AKWAK

(Aussies Knitting for War-Affected Kids)

The 2021 collection of items to go to children in Syrian refugee camps is currently being sorted and packed and will, we hope, be able to leave the country in the next few weeks, together with the 2020 collection which wasn't able to be sent.

The organisers videotape the distribution of this clothing to the children, and we'll publish the link to the video in KGBytes as soon as we have it. If you're very lucky you can see a child being kept warm by your sweater/hat/mittens.

If you would like more information about this project, go to the AKWAK Facebook page where you will find many files with full details and loads of pattern suggestions.

Now to get knitting for 2022!

A Dedicated Knitter!

The first thoughts of Olympic gold-medal winners don't normally turn to knitting but after winning a gold in the diving competition in Tokyo, British Olympian Tom Daley spent the evening knitting a 'tea-cosy' case for his medal to keep it safely protected! Read the full story, with pictures:

<https://tinyurl.com/uaenzmeu>

New Guild Fund

The Executive Committee has recently set up a dedicated fund to provide money to Guild Groups for the purchase of equipment and/or services. Each Group will be eligible to apply for up to \$300 in each calendar year. Full details and application forms will be sent to all Group Convenors shortly.

News From The Groups

Many of the groups are currently not meeting in person and some will be holding their meetings via Zoom. Please check with the Group Convenor. If any groups would like to hold virtual meetings using the Guild's Zoom account, please contact Sally (President@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

Blacktown: 14 August via Zoom - We are making the most of lockdown by doing lots of guilt-free knitting, crocheting, spinning and dyeing! We are having weekly Zoom catch-ups and seeing lots of fabulous completed projects at our Show and Tell. Although our workshops are on hold, we are sharing tips and advice as there is always something to learn no matter where we are. You are welcome to join us for a stitch and chatter. Details will be posted on our Facebook group.

Roberta Fassina

Inner West: Unfortunately our July meeting had to transition to a Zoom meeting because of new restrictions being put in place. Thanks to Jaïne and Dot for organising the catch up. Fingers crossed that we will all be able to get back together soon. Great opportunity for us to set ourselves a challenge and also to reduce the stash. Keep safe and stay well.

Judy Lawler

Kiama: 21 August commencing at 1.00 pm – We hope to be able to meet at the Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Hall, depending on the current Covid restrictions. As we were unable to meet in July due to Covid, we are looking forward to catching up this month.

Jean Shelley

Ku-ring-gai: The group will continue meeting via Zoom. The Show and Tell component of our meeting will be inspiring as we all have been busy making a dent in our stashes. We are looking forward to meeting face-to-face eventually as the group gives us so much in friendship and support.

Gayle Parker

Pittwater: 3 and 17 August - Now in lockdown, we are continuing virtual meetings via Zoom at the same time and on the same days as real meetings. We will Show and Tell our Granny Squares, and have a reminder of our Christmas decoration competition. The group will have a Lockdown Newsletter during August too. If you wish to join the Zoom meeting, email Judy, our Convenor.

Pat McGregor

Knitter Wanted

Would any member be interested in knitting a beautiful cabled sweater, with Rowan yarn, already purchased?
<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/marion-12>



If you'd like to learn more about this, please contact Pat, the Guild Secretary.
Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au

Guild Annual Membership Fee

In 2010, the Guild's Annual Membership Fee for Regular Members was set at \$30. This amount remained unchanged for 11 years until this year when the Executive Committee reduced the fee to \$25, due to the Covid pandemic.

At its July meeting, the Committee agreed to continue to offer this lower membership fee in 2022. We believe this is incredibly good value and compares so well with other craft Guilds whose current annual fees would appear to be as follows:

Australian Sewing Guild	\$50
Crochet Guild of Australia	\$70
Embroiderers' Guild NSW	\$80
Handweavers' & Spinners' Guild NSW	\$50
Lace Guild NSW	\$42
The Quilters' Guild of NSW	\$60

Most of these organisations no longer produce printed magazines but include a digital newsletter/magazine in their fee; some also charge extra for a name badge.

So when you renew in November, do remember that we're a bargain!