



# KGBytes

May 2021

## Guild Gathering 2021

4-6 June 2021 - The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

If you haven't already booked your place at the Gathering this year, don't forget that bookings will close on 24 May **OR** earlier if all places are taken.

As well as the 12 workshops we've announced, there will be talks, technique tables (mini workshops), and competitions.

And for those of you who'd like to indulge in a little retail therapy, we have the Retail Members' Marketplace on Saturday and the Regular Members' Marketplace on Sunday. The following Retail Members will be attending with a wide range of items for sale:

- Ann Lemon Bags
- Australian Wool Store
- Kaalund Yarns
- Spun Out Fibres
- The House of Wool
- The Wool Inn

Their contact details can be found in the last issue of A Good Yarn, so if there is something you particularly want to buy from them, place an order beforehand and ask them to bring it along for you.

**COMPETITION:** Whatever our skill level, we can all knit or crochet a hat. So pick up your needles and hooks now and make a hat to enter the competition. Make it as colourful or creative as you wish to win one of the many prizes we'll be awarding.

**CHARITY COLLECTION:** If you have been making blankets for the Guild store (to be distributed around the state as needed) or for children in Syria (AKWAK), we're happy to collect them over the weekend. There will be a table allocated at the venue where you can leave your donations. After registrations have closed, we'll be writing to each of you to confirm your workshop allocations and all the information you'll need to attend the Gathering and have a great time.

*We're looking forward to seeing lots of you there!*

## Workshops and Talks

After the success of the Cast-Off workshop with Ann Budd, we've asked her to come back to us with her Cast-On workshop.

We've also invited crochet guru Shelley Husband to give us a Zoom talk.

Full details of both these events will be in the June issue of KGBytes.

## Group Information Day

The Guild is holding a Group Information Day online (via Zoom) on Saturday 29 May at 11.00am. A representative (or two) of each group is invited to attend. Please send the names of those from your group wishing to come along to Pat, our Secretary, at [Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au).

We're handing the Agenda over to you. Let Pat know what you would like us to discuss, and any questions you would like to put to the Executive or a Guild Officer. Ask the members of your group for suggestions.

We're looking forward to welcoming many of you at this meeting.

## FibreFest 2021

Planning is now underway for this year's FibreFest! As the Sacred Spaces Convent in Singleton has closed, we have a new venue - Winbourne in Mulgoa ([www.winbourne.org](http://www.winbourne.org)).

On Saturday 30 October, there will be workshops followed in the evening by Knit Night. And on Sunday 31 October, we will have our **HUGE** marketplace, with over 60 stalls - yarn and craft supplies, food, demonstrations and live music. Speak to your group now about organising a weekend or day trip to this wonderful event.

### Contact Information

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## News From The Groups

*Guild Members may attend any Guild Group but because of the current restrictions, would you **please** beforehand contact the Convenor of the Group you wish to visit to ensure that space is available. All Convenor contact details are on our website.*

**Crochet Turramurra:** 5 May - 10am-12pm. Wendy is showing us how to do scrumples. Bring some scraps of yarn in 8ply and a few crochet hooks.

**Diane Scaysbrook**

**Inner West:** 17 May - Just in time for winter, our next meeting will be having discussions and looking at techniques for stranded knitting. It may entice you to knit something warm and snuggly! As a follow on at a future meeting we will look at traditional design and effects of colours.

**Judy Lawler**

**Kiama:** 15 May - 1pm at the Kiama Uniting Church Fellowship Hall. Due to renovations being undertaken to the hall, we will gain access from the rear door.

**Jean Shelley**

**Ku-ring-gai:** 24 May - We continue to meet at Uniting Church Hall, Turramurra. Jenny Bevan, our Group Secretary, will be presenting a workshop on using mattress stitch to join knitted pieces. Following the appeal in the April issue of KGBytes the group has agreed to knit squares to be joined together with mattress stitch to form a rug. The completed rug will then be sent to the Guild for distribution.

**Gayle Parker**

**Macarthur:** Monday 10 May and Saturday 22 May - We will be sharing different methods & techniques for blocking.

**Alex Vainauskas**

**Pittwater:** 4 May - we will have a mini workshop by Judy Thomas on tassel making. 18 May - we will continue this theme with pompom making.

**Pat McGregor**

**Woy Woy:** 15 May - Our meeting will be held at the CWA Umina Hall, from 1pm. Our plan is to start working on squares to combine together for a blanket, which will be given to the Guild, to add to their blanket collection for any future emergencies.

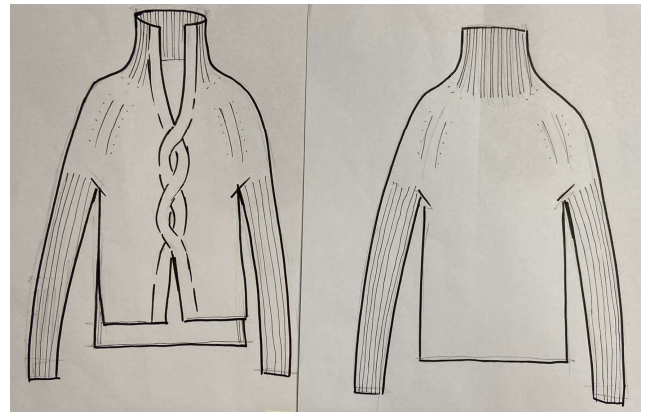
**Paula Byrnes**

*If you would like to tell us about your Group's plans, please submit the details to the President by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. We reserve the right to edit these submissions.*

## Knitting Help Required

A knitter in Mosman, who describes herself as a "capable knitter", needs help completing a cardigan started by a deceased relative in a different size from the pattern used. She has the relative's notes and the cardigan is half-completed. She's happy to pay for this help and to travel if needed. Contact the Guild Secretary, Pat, if you think you may be able to help her.

## Are You A Pattern Writer?



The Guild has been asked if we have a member who would be interested in writing a pattern for this sweater (and possibly knitting a sample, but that's not essential).

If you require any further information, please contact our Secretary, Pat, at [Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au](mailto:Secretary@knittersguildnsw.org.au)

## Knit-A-Thon Life's Little Treasures Foundation

The 'Knit-A-Thon' is a campaign designed for the month of May and involves participants knitting items for premature or sick babies. Essentially, participants can sign up as a group or individually and share their creations via their Facebook page.

They are supporting the 'Life's Little Treasures Foundation', a charity based in Victoria that provides a lot of support, resources and clothing items to families whose infant is either premature or has been admitted into a neonatal intensive and special care unit. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness for these families and supply the organisation with knitted items that they will provide to families in need.

If you would like to know more about the Life's Little Treasures Foundation please visit their website at <https://lifeslittletreasures.org.au/>