

Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



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President's Report – March 2015

As part of Wodonga Council's "Fridays on My Mind" events, Albury/Wodonga Handweavers & Spinners had an opportunity to demonstrate skills and display items made from handspun fibres and handweaving.

Christine and I had a lovely evening, chatting to a wide range of people of all age groups and interests, answering questions and demonstrating our spinning skills. During the course of the evening we had university students and a mother and daughter duo try out spindle spinning, with some success. The highlight for me was a young lad who was "smitten" with the spinning wheel and kept returning throughout the evening to help me spin by pinching the fibre while I drafted it, then letting it go to twist and wind onto the bobbin.

Thank you to Christine for helping out on the night I am sure we spread the word to a few people out in the community.

Heather.

AGM

A reminder that the Annual General meeting of the Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc. is on 22-4-15 at the Guild Rooms. See you there!

Workshop – Woven Garter Stitch

You may have seen some info regarding this workshop in the Albury/Wodonga S&W newsletter. Lynne contributes to Yarn Magazine amongst others, you may have read her articles.

We are trying to get this workshop up and running for 20th June 2015 and invite interested members (and friends) of your guild to join in. Based on 10 people participating the cost will be \$45.00 each person for the day.

Participants will need to provide their own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. The venue will be at the AWHW&S Guild rooms, Albury Showgrounds. Participants need to let me know by April 30th of their intention to attend, (Heather 0260246579)

Workshop outline and requirements continued on page 3.

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June 10 th	Kathy
July 8 th	Helen
August 26 th	T.B.A.



Show and Tell – February 2015



Faye has been doing some wonderful poppies for ANZAC day. She showed lots of red ones but also purple ones which commemorate the horses involved in the war.

Audrey brought a stunning double sided woven wall hanging which she bought in Africa many years ago. It was made from goat mohair using natural dyes.

Ros showed a very pretty bracelet crocheted with clear beads and a coloured thread. Very effective.

Kathy brought in her new purchase of a 'Felt-O-Matic'. It is a cleverly designed and well made square instrument with multiple felting needles that allows quick felting of a large area. She also discussed her day as a fleece steward at the Alpaca Show which was very enjoyable.

Pam showed 3 trauma teddies and also a hat she is knitting straight from unspun roving. The hat looks great and Pam is planning to felt it a bit if needed to get the correct size. Good tip!

Helen discussed her visit to Peru. They still use spindles rather than spinning wheels and there is a return to using natural dyes. The cochineal beetles were being ground up to make the cochineal. Fascinating.

Kylie showed a spindle spun blue green skein using wool from the food colouring day. The colours were very vibrant. She also had a lovely skein which she had spun on the spinning wheel using several differently coloured fibres.

Christine has starting knitting a delightful wedding ring shawl using a fine yarn from the Scarf exchange and a pattern from the Guild pattern book.

Mal showed a knitted vest at a recent visit to the Guild. The yarn used was spun from a dark charcoal alpaca fleece that was gifted to the Guild after last years Alpaca Show. He knitted it in stripes with a contrast in red and it looked very striking.

Debbie is knitting socks in an English lace pattern. The commercial yarn is very pretty but it is splitting easily which is making progress difficult.

Heather has been spinning raw linen fibre on the spinning wheel. It is producing a fine strong yarn which will soften with washing. Very interesting.

Ruth is knitting a shrug from a pure silk slubby yarn. It is a simple garter stitch but the yarn is lovely to work with.



Woven Garter Workshop

with Lynne Johnson

In this Workshop the basics of Woven Garter* will be covered and activities will include using the stitch to make a variety of knitted fabrics and shapes for a variety of purposes. * Some participants may have learned the technique as Stranded or Super Garter in recent years – this workshop will include more recent applications and samples covering a range of interests and experience.

REQUIREMENTS

The ability to cast on, cast off, knit plain and purl rows.

Knitting needles. Any or all of the following: 3.75mm, 4.00mm or 4.5mm. Circular or straight. Other thick and thin needles that you may have.

Your favourite 'toolbox' containing wool needle, scissors or clippers, and tape measure. Don't buy these especially – we'll share.

Some yarns. You will be provided with yarn for workshop projects but you might like to bring any left over yarns to augment those provided. We will be using mainly 8 and 12 ply yarns and some 4,5,6,14s etc. They can be wools, mohairs, silks, cottons, occasionally synthetics, finger ply, crepes, boucles, ribbons, combinations etc. Multi coloured yarns are particularly suitable for these workshops.

For Sale

COUNTERBALANCE FLOOR WEAVING LOOM

This floor loom is a counterbalance 8 shaft, 8 treadle with a weaving (reed) width of 122cm. Ideal for weaving rugs or shawls.

Handmade in 1981, the loom has been carefully looked after. It comes with weaving stool and various shuttles.

Assembled size – W: 1.22m, D: 1.5m, H: 1.85m.

Currently assembled, it will need to be dismantled for transporting and collected from Wagga Wagga area. Ute or van needed for pick up. Asking price \$870 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.



CANADIAN ROCK MAPLE SAXONY SPINNING WHEEL



This Saxony spinning wheel was designed by Peter Tooth in 1992. Crafted from Canadian Rock Maple and finished with bees wax. Carefully looked after. Wheel diameter 460mm (18") and spindle orifice measures 10mm (3/8"). Ratios: options of 6:25, 8:5, 10:0, 12:4. Comes with six bobbins and Lazy Kate.

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$175 or near offer. Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.

CASTLE SPINNING WHEEL

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$100 or near offer. Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.



For Sale (continued)

SAXONY SPINNING WHEEL

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$70 or near offer.
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COUNTERBALANCE FLOOR WEAVING LOOM (DARK WOOD)

This floor loom is a dark wood, counterbalance 4 shaft with a weaving (reed) width of 152cm. Ideal for weaving rugs or shawls.

Previously owned by renowned weaver and teacher, Marcella Hempel, the loom has been carefully looked after. It comes with weaving stool and various shuttles. Assembled size – W: 1.66m, D: 1.46m, H: 1.84m.

Currently assembled (as seen in photos), it will need to be dismantled for transporting and collected from Wagga Wagga area. Ute or van needed for pick up. Asking price \$990 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.

ASHFORD TRADITIONAL WHEEL

With 2 bobbins, Price \$80.00

Please contact Astrid Phone... 0414318162

3 TRADITIONAL SPINNING WHEELS

Price..\$100.00 each.

For further details, please contact Cathy. Phone.02 60241346 or Email. juliasfabricboutique@hotmail.com

For the Diary:

April 4th to May 4th, 2015	Gallery 294 Corowa Small Works Exhibition For further information: Chris Upton, tupton@bigpond.net.au Marg Wilmot on 02 60 332 734 , margaret_wilmot@hotmail.com
August 28th to 30th, 2015	Cobram and District Spinners and Weavers Inc hosts the 2015 Victorian Spinners and Weavers Guild Weekend Workshops. Like their FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

April 22nd	AGM (Annual Membership Fees Due)
May 6 th	Casual Workday
May 13 th	Meeting, Annual Fees Due
May 27 th	Workshop (Dyeing Day)
June 3 rd	Casual Workday
June 10 th	Meeting (Kitchen duty – Kathy)
June 24 th	Workshop (8 shaft Weaving – Christine)
June 20 th	Lynne Johnson Workshop – Woven Garter