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Art Yarn Workshop

On Wednesday 6th September we were very fortunate to have Janet Knoop conduct an art yarn spinning workshop.



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Janet, who runs "My Spin on Things" in Melbourne, is a very experienced spinner and we benefitted from her knowledge and wonderful communication skills as she explained to the group the subtleties of spinning art yarn with pizzazz.



Even the non-spinners (like myself) learnt so much about not only yarn but also the degree of skill required to spin beehives and other art yarn.

Everybody got into it with great enthusiasm, fun and much laughter and some fabulous yarn was created.

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We were also able to buy fleece and yarn that Janet had dyed and spun as well as select from a range of dyes, knitting needles and other accessories that most of us couldn't resist.

Janet had also held a workshop in Milawa for the Wangaratta Group the day before so we were very lucky that she continued her trip a bit further north.

We will definitely be holding another workshop with Janet in 2018.

Many thanks to Pam Jowett for providing Janet with overnight accommodation.

Sue Braun.

Day Out at Tallangatta

The Wednesday of the 27th of September saw our regular meeting replaced by a day out at Tallangatta, visiting the Hub Cottage Crafts Co-Op set up by members of the Tallangatta spinners and weavers. The day including a picnic lunch in the Park.

Thanks Pam for the photo!



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YerongCreek 2017

Our annual get together at Hanericka Farmstay, Yerong Creek was again a most fun and relaxing get together. Our Guild had 8 attendees and Tumut had 5, it was a pity that a couple of our friends from Tumut couldn't make it due to illness.

As usual there was a variety of crafts on the go by all concerned, as well as the chatter, banter and of course laughter!

The weather was very kind to us for a change and it is the most picturesque spot not only to do our craft but to go for walks around the grounds to work off some of what we had eaten.

Bonnie showed us a great way to use folded paper from junk mail to make beads which participants then used to make earrings and brooches.

Rachael had everybody making a very practical bag from used chook feed bags. So recycling was high on the agenda.

We have made a tentative booking to hold the 2018 event on the second weekend in September.

I wish to thank Christine who has been our organiser/coordinator of this event for quite a few years, she has done an amazing job in making sure we have been well informed and also working together with our Tumut friends. Early in 2018 we will appoint a new coordinator as it is our turn to be the organising group. Julie.







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Show & Tell - August

Amanda – blue "denim" scarf

Heather – slippers, dishcloths made from cotton stash. Spun First Edition teal merino/silk & merino

Rachael – spun beehive yarn from the merino/silk & merino fleece from the donated stock. Black/brown twill blanket woven on 8 shaft loom.

Julie – crocheted baby alpaca baby toy – pattern created by Julie

Faye – knitted 10 baby caps for premature babies which will be donated to Alpine Spirit

Pam – bought along the fibre sandwich made at Janet Knoop's workshop at Harrietville

Jill – large "corner to corner" crocheted rug made from her handspun yarn. Triangular scarf made at Harrietsville in Janet's workshop. Various skeins of yarn spun while Jill has been travelling.

Jane – Alpaca singles skein in orange & pink which she had dyed at our dyeing workshop. Knitted scarf and gloves. Very large merino blanket made from 182 squares on pin loom.

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Show & Tell - August cont.

Kathy – showed her completed felted Goudian finches and waterhole composition which won first place in Class 58 Handcrafted Article using Strong Wool Sheep (English Leicester) at the recent Bendigo Wool Show. Kathy also showed a wet felted black shawl made from her Suri fleece.

Kylie – backstrap weaving which she demonstrated at the last library evening meeting

Sue – charcoal/ Wool cream bamboo/merino scarf.



Show & Tell - September

Larissa – extra work on the art yarn she commenced with Janet at the workshop

Amanda – knitting cowl on round knitting equipment. Black and white houndstooth scarf

Christine – knitted scarf using yarn dyed from jelly

Faye – bought in bag of organic material for next dyeing day

Robyn – finished white knee blanket. Currently knitting jumper using stash from Heather

Julie – finished baby alpaca toy. Showed photo of 8 year old granddaughter's first attempt at needle felting.

Debbie – knitted lavender gossamer shawl – silk and mohair – together with grey and lavender shawl. Large crocheted bag using cotton/acrylic and Patons cotton blend

Jill – 3 balls of art yarn from workshop Ann – knitting socks

Kylie – more art yarn from workshop and spun cashmere and merino Raxor yarn.

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October Workshop

Learn how to make your own Needle Felted flock of sheep, field of flowers or Halloween pumpkin! Basic Needle Felting techniques - Wednesday, October 25 at the Guild Rooms. Kits available.



Web Links

Wet Finishes for Yarn, a very interesting piece by Judith MacKenzie McCuin, downloadable PDF file: <u>https://www.interweave.com/wp-content/uploads/Wet_Finishes.pdf</u>

A short set of hand exercises by an Australian physiotherapist for everyday use by anyone but especially people who use their hands for crafts (YouTube Video): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njZcu9NeRPM&feature=youtu.be

Program, October - December 2017.

Please note: Workshops are a Work In Progress - watch your Guild emails for notifications.	
October 4	Casual Workday
October 11	Business Meeting
October 18	Casual Workday
October 25	Needle Felting – Kathy Wheeler
October 26	Albury Library Monthly Meeting downstairs in the foyer - 5pm to 7pm
November 1	Rooms closed (Albury Show prep)
Weekend 3-5 November	Albury Show
November 8	Business Meeting
Saturday November 18	Arts & Crafts Fair Mirambeena (10am-4pm)
November 22	Casual Workday
November 29	Workshop TBC
November 30	Albury Library Monthly Meeting downstairs in the foyer - 5pm to 7pm
December 6	Casual Workday
December 13	Last meeting for the year, followed by a shared Christmas Lunch.
February 8, 2018	Casual Workday