



Another year has flown by ...

... and many things have occurred at the guild this year.

Most importantly we have many new members which has brought new and interesting ideas and conversations to the guild from the varying backgrounds and skills of the new members. As your current president I would like to again welcome all of our new members to the guild and encourage them to try all things new and exciting in the fibre world.

This year we undertook some renovations to the guild rooms which has had a major impact on the amount of space and ambience of our rooms. Light and bright springs to mind! I would like to especially thank Vivian Naimo for dealing with the grant from the Albury City Council and Ann Leonard for undertaking a great deal of the sorting/moving equipment/painting and most importantly the finance. We are extremely lucky to have these two motivated ladies at our guild. Thanks.

This year members of the guild set up and demonstrated at a number of craft fairs and market days within the district. All have been successful for the promotion of the fibre activities we undertake at the guild, as evidenced by the number of new members.

The workshops this year have varied and extremely interesting, we have learnt to spin silk, make weave squares on the diagonal, knit berets, and felt. We also had a very successful 2 day formal weaving workshop with Elizabeth Calnan which introduced some members to the world of weaving. Thank you to Julie Hofer for organising this for us.

In October this year we had an extremely friendly get together with some of the members of the Wangaratta guild. It was great to sit and chat with like minded fibre geeks. It was such a success that we will definitely be organising another of these events for next year.

Thinking of next year.....we are turning 50. This means that some special events will be organised and I encourage all of our members to participate as part of our celebrations.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe.

Jane Manning
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Show & Tell - December 2019

Georgia – asked for identification of the purpose of a strange device she had. It looked like it could be for winding yarn. Jill suggested it could be for hairpin crochet.

Joy – showed her weaving work-in-progress

Sheena – as a (re)new member, displayed the first piece of weaving she did at an Albury workshop 50 years ago with Lillimore Johansen. The rug is still in daily use.

Robin Walker – beautiful hand spun ball of yarn

Pam – Entrelac scarf in multi-colour wool. Just washed and laid flat to keep texture of knitting.

Heather – Pin loom bag and Christmas decoration made from beaded squares (workshop with Julie)



Viv – showed off a knitted farm set complete with cow, sheep, horse, goat, duck, chickens, pigs and farmer. This was knitted by a friend of Viv's and is a present for Christmas. Viv felted the base for the set, complete with duck pond. Let's hope her grandson enjoys this as much as she has making it! The friend also knitted a glove with monkey fingers.



Show & Tell - December 2019 cont.

Bev – stunning bobbin lace tablecloth. Bev has been working on this piece for 4-5 years and the result is worth the wait.

Deb – crochet rug with large hexagons. Warm & colourful!

Gail – Jumper knitted in a chevron pattern, triangular shawl

Janice – large hook/bulky fibre work in progress chunky scarf

Rhonda Delahoy – Entrelac scarf, pin loom scarf, both in commercial pure wool. Both in autumn tones, very pretty.

Jane – Three brioche cowls in hand spun wool with cute butterfly buttons, knitted hand spun wool scarf, woven wool poncho/tabard with inlaid wool lines.



Many thanks to Viv and Rhonda Delahoy for getting these Show and Tell details to me in time for the Christmas edition.

Also many, many thanks to Heather for being my proof-reader throughout the year!

Ed.



Hardly a day goes past that I do not see a post on my Face Book feed where cats and sometimes dogs have decided to help (or is that hinder) with our fibre projects.

If you have a few moments over Christmas/ New Year (and a box of tissues) this bitter-sweet cartoon Black Cats by Jenny Jinya is worth the read (<https://imgur.com/gallery/aZ1DUcl>).



This time of year is a not happy for all creatures. Many dogs, cats, puppies and kittens are dumped or abandoned when owners go on holidays, or are frightened by New Year's fireworks. Keep your pets safe, watch out or your neighbours pets and consider adopting from a pound or rescue to save a life!



Last Word

Our shared Christmas morning tea was yummy as usual with plenty of nibbles for all. Many members had other Christmas functions to attend as well so there were many early departures.



It's a busy time of year, but please remember the most important thing is to stay safe, and well. We want to see you all in the New Year!

Albury Wodonga Handweavers & Spinners Guild Holiday Program - 2019 - 2020

December 18th	Rooms Open for Casual Workday
January 8th	Rooms Re-Open for Casual Workday*
January 15th	Rooms Open for Casual Workday*
January 22th	Rooms Open for Casual Workday*
January 29th	Rooms Open for Casual Workday*
February 5th	Rooms Open for Casual Workday*
February 12th	Business Meeting - first meeting for 2020

**Dependent on member interest and key holder being available.*

Christmas/New Year - Morning Tea

Date	
18 th December to February 15 th	Please bring your own milk!

