

# Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



NEWSLETTER February 2015

Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc. PO Box 629, Albury NSW 2640

## President's Report – February 2015

Happy New Year to all.

We have many exciting events on the agenda for 2015, so I hope you will find more than one thing to get involved in and excited about.

First up we have a demonstration at the Wodonga Library in March as part of the Wodonga Council's "First Friday" events. Hot on the heels is the Wangaratta Wool Day: it is always a great day out. Later in the year we celebrate the Guild's 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday, I would love to see a few photos of where you were 45 years ago.

Keep your eye on the newsletter to see when and where it is all happening and please join in.

Heather.

## Wouldn't you love to work with some of this ...

Anyone who follows any spinning or weaving groups on FaceBook will have no doubt seen photos of these little guys over the Christmas break. They have become quite an internet sensation. They are *Valais Black Nose sheep*, and they ARE real, not stuffed or needle-felted toys! Originally from the Valais region of Switzerland, and often kept in Switzerland and Germany, they are a dual purpose breed raised for meat and wool.

Unfortunately the animals are not available in Australia, however their fleece may be purchased on-line from stores on Etsy.



## Committee

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## AGM Note:

Annual General Meeting  
of the Albury Wodonga  
Handweavers and Spinners  
Guild will be held on 22-4-15  
at the Guild rooms.

## Hostess Duties

Would volunteers please put their names down on the 2015 calendar.



## Show and Tell – February 2015

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**Ruth** found an interesting book which showed the '*knit one below stitch*'. She had several samples of the resulting column like pattern which involves 2 colours and uses variegated and plain yarn ( commercial or hand spun) to great effect. The stitch is quite simple and she will demonstrate it the next work day 25/2/15. ***Bring along either double pointed or circular needles and two contrasting yarns.***

**Heather** showed a very effective scarf woven on a rigid heddle in a bamboo yarn from Bendigo knitting mills. It was a houndstooth pattern which draped beautifully. She also had a lovely knitted lace pattern using alternating brown and white spindle spun alpaca. Great effort with the spindle!

**Debbie** had a sweet little pale pink knitted baby jacket using a Bendigo mill yarn. She also showed a toddler size vest knitted in the round in a simple but effective basket weave pattern. A pair of socks knitted in a variegated orange and red yarn with a cabled pattern were very impressive.

**Pam** has been busy knitting trauma teddies which are very much appreciated by sick children. She also showed a very interesting cushion knitted in the stranded garter stitch. This was done when she attended the stranded garter stitch workshop some years ago. The stranded garter stitch makes good use of 2 colours.

**Christine** has been doing some amazing weaving on the 8 shaft loom. She showed samples using double edges to give a firm regular edge as well as double weave which gives a nice firm cloth but can also be used to make a double layer. We are looking forward to a demonstration later in the year.

**Kathy** could not attend the meeting due to family commitments, but in the spirit of Wednesdays being Guild Days took her spinning wheel along to make use of an indeterminate waiting time while running “family taxi”. Kathy set up in the shade of the van in a quiet and empty end of a carpark, enjoying a cool breeze while spinning thin singles. After about 15-20 minutes, a polite and bemused security person approached to enquire what was going on. Apparently a “woman spinning in the carpark” was causing no end of distractions in a nearby office! He seemed genuinely interested in the existence of the Guild, and the spinning (alpaca off course!). The offer of a coffee in their canteen was too good to pass up on so the wheel was all packed away.

### 'Knit one below'

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The 'Knit one below' workshop was held on Wednesday February 25th at the Guild Rooms.

A small group tried their hand at knitting a small sample on circular needles with contrasting yarn.

Photo: work in progress from Wednesday's workshop.

### Wish list for Seniors - Part 1

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*Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!*

*Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!*

*The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about!*

*I don't trip over things, I do random gravity checks!*



## Items from the Minutes

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*Some things bear repeating. Articles below have been drawn from our most recent Meeting Minutes, and in some cases sub-edited or elaborated on:*

### Workshop – Woven Garter Stitch

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An interesting work shop teaching woven garter stitch was discussed at our first Meeting for the year. The cost is \$45.00 per person for the day if 10 people or more are attending and a date of the 13th or 20th June was suggested. The workshop will need a minimum number of 10 participants to go ahead. Anyone interested, Guild Members and non-members, are encouraged to contact Ruth.

### Fridays on my Mind

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**Fridays on my Mind** is a very popular event run by Wodonga Council that we are to participate in on March 6th. It involves setting up a display in the library and showing the public our spinning and weaving skills. Heather is looking for helpers and items ( modern and bright ) to display. We will be there from 5.30 to 8.30pm. March 6th.

### No Sharing Day 2015, instead a 45th Birthday Celebration

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As reported in the February Meeting Minutes, the Sharing day was discussed. It was agreed by all present that our Guild did not have sufficient resources at this stage to hold a formal Sharing day.

It was proposed instead that we have a special day on Wednesday August 12th, 2015, for our 45th birthday celebration and invite other Guilds. We would provide morning tea and ask people to bring their own lunch.

This would replace hosting a Sharing day in 2015.

### For Sale

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An **Ashford 24cm, eight shaft table loom** for sale. Brand new, still in original packaging. Originally retailing for \$1270.

All new:

- Eight Shaft 24 "/61cm Table Loom Qty. 1
- Boat Shuttle 29cm Qty. 2
- Warping Frame 11m Qty. 1
- Nylon Bobbins 10 Pack Qty. 1
- Boat Shuttle Bobbin Winder wooden Qty. 1
- Ashford Book of Patterns 4-8 Shaft Qty 1

Price \$1000.00

Contact Ian Hay on 0401626088 or email [ianramhay@westnet.com.au](mailto:ianramhay@westnet.com.au)

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Mal Goldie has an **Ashford mini drum carder** for sale. \$300.00 Phone 60232593


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A number of **basic spinning wheels** are available for sale. All in good condition with accessories. Priced from \$120 - \$125 each.

Contact the Guild for more information.

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<b>Fibre Suppliers for Spinning</b>	<b>Locally made</b>
<p><b>Karoa Fibres</b> ( Corowa )            Email: karoa@ipstarmail.com.au            Phone: 02 6035 1727    Mob: 0427 302 209 / 0427 334 611</p>	 <p><b>Wooden spindles</b></p> <p>\$15.00 each,            contact Heather            02 60 246579</p>
<p><b>Fairfield Finns</b>            1275 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook, Vic, 3437            Ph: 0345 289 428    Mob: 0407 884 446</p>	
<p><b>Bendigo Woollen Mills</b>            4 Lansell St. Bendigo 3550            Ph: 03 54424600</p>	
<p><b>Tarndwarncourt Polwarth Wool</b> ( Wendy and David Dennis )            41 Roseneath Rd. Warncoort, Vic, 3243            Ph: 03 5233 6241</p>	
<p><b>First Edition Fibres and Yarns</b>            16-18 Charles St. Euroa. / PO Box 201 Euroa Vic. 3666            Ph: 03 57 95 3578</p>	

### For the Diary:

<b>March 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	<u><a href="#">Grampians Fibre Forum</a></u>
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	Gallery 294 Corowa Small Works Exhibition For further information: Chris Upton, <a href="mailto:tupton@bigpond.net.au">tupton@bigpond.net.au</a> Marg Wilmot on 02 60 332 734 , <a href="mailto:margaret_wilmot@hotmail.com">margaret_wilmot@hotmail.com</a>
<b>August 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015</b>	Cobram and District Spinners and Weavers Inc hosts the 2015 Victorian Spinners and Weavers Guild Weekend Workshops. Like their FaceBook page for updates: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930</a>

### Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Workday
March 6 <sup>th</sup> (Friday)	First Friday Display, Wodonga Library
March 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Alpaca Show, Wodonga
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop (Knit One Below – Ruth)
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Scarf Exchange registration due
March 27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Harrietville Weekend (Vic Guild)
April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Casual Workday
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop
April 18th	Wangaratta Wool Day (AWHW&S display)
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>AGM (Annual Membership Fees Due)</b>