
Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



NEWSLETTER - February 2016

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - February 2016

Welcome back! I have just been adjusting the program for this year and it is shaping up to be a year with plenty of variety and hopefully something to interest everyone.

Please put your name on the Morning tea Roster if you have not done so.

I would also love to hear from anyone interested in running a workshop or with ideas for someone else to run one. The more the Merrier! Thanks in anticipation of a great 2016.

Heather.

Looking ahead in 2016

This year is shaping up to be a busy one. Heather is putting together a program with dates for the year. Suggestions for workshops were discussed. These included dyeing, butterfly weaving on a pin loom, a visit from or to sheep breeders to investigate the different types of fleeces, and beginner weaving instruction.

The Wodonga Show is on March 19th. Volunteers are sought for the display table in the Alpaca shed. More details will be available at our next meeting.

Our usual weekends away are running again this year, as it the Scarf Exchange, and Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show.

Setting up a trading table at meetings was suggested, and an impromptu trial with items members had brought in went off pretty successfully. The items would be clearly marked with a price and the sellers name and the money taken would be the responsibility of the member selling the items. There would be an option to donate a portion of sales to the guild. Any unsold items would be taken home at the end of the meeting.

Our AGM will be held on April 13th so mark your calendars. All positions will be vacant and interested members are encouraged to consider taking on a position.



Committee 2015-2016

President:

Heather Mulqueeny
0260 246579

Secretary:

Position vacant.
Volunteer nominations welcome.

Vice Secretary:

Ruth Mitchell
0402 019869

Treasurer:

Debbie Carpenter
0400 612237

Newsletter:

Kathy Wheeler
0439 696878

Public Officer:

Helen Spears

Publicity Officer:

Ruth Mitchell
0402 019869

Library & Equipment Officer:

Position now vacant

Hostess Duties

9 th March	Heather
13 th April AGM	Ros
11 th May	Sue, Kylie
8 th June	Rhonda
13 th July	Rachael
10 th August	
14 th September	Debbie
12 th October	Robyn
9 th November	Rachael, Kylie
14 th December	(Christmas Party)

Show and Tell – February 2016

Kathy showed her beautiful fawn alpaca fleece which has been hand carded. She has been using her new electric carder and was very pleased with the results of the first batch.

Robyn has been knitting a very cute puppy with white yarn.

Ros showed a divine scarf knitted from Rowan kidsilk haze.

Kylie has been spinning alpaca and has plans to dye it.

Sue has finished her first woven scarf on a rigid heddle loom. Great effort!

Rachael showed several lovely skeins- a silk and alpaca mix, hemp and fleece mix, black alpaca, recycled silk and alpaca and black finn sheep. Some very interesting mixes.

Christine has been doing some butterfly weaving on the bias on the weave it loom. She noted that it gave a neat edge when done on the bias. A nice new technique to try. She also showed an aptly named tennis scarf which used up some of her stash and had the odd mistake when she became overly interested in the tennis game on TV!

Debbie had a cloud like shawl knitted in Rowan kidsilk haze which she plans to take on a cruise. Perfect for a coolish breeze on the deck. She was also researching ways to make a jumper with a digger design in intarsia. She found some spreadsheets on line to help make picture designs. The squares of the graph are wider than tall so that the picture is not distorted when knitted.

Heather finished a smart pair of socks in purple tones using a commercial yarn. She had knitted a very cute pastel green and white jumper and a gorgeous little pink baby bolero. Acrylic was used to ensure that they survived the washing machine.



Scotland the Brave

Unless you've been living under a rock you would be aware that the Edinburgh Military Tattoo has recently performed in Melbourne. Five sell-out shows of approx 30,000 people each (the Show was fabulous by the way!). So continuing the Scottish theme, this wonderful YouTube gem is well worth a look. D.C. Dalgliesh, is Scotland's last artisan tartan weaver, still weaving tartans in the traditional way:

[Scotland's Last Artisan Tartan Mill: A Tour of D C Dalgliesh](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2W9UBVjx_QQ&feature=youtu.be)
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If you'd like your own custom tartan, the D.C.Dalgliesh Website is at: <https://dcdalgliesh.co.uk/>

The Outlander series, set in the early 20th century and 18th century Scotland, has also triggered a surge of interest in hand woven and knitted fashions with many patterns for the characters costumes appearing on the likes of Ravelry and Pinterest (although they may not be historically “accurate”). For a fascinating look behind the scenes of the costume design and challenges, see Terry Dresbach's blog www.terrydresbach.com/.

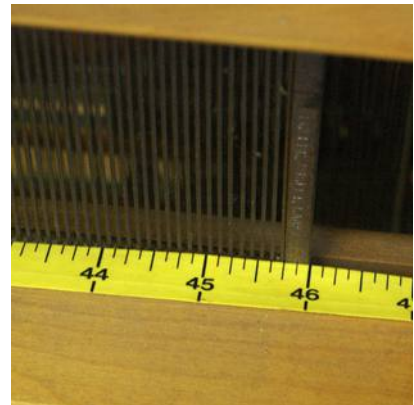
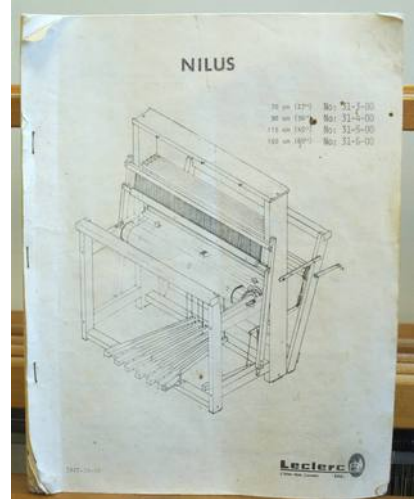
For Sale by the Guild - four shaft Le Clerc Nilus Jack Floor loom

In the interests of freeing up some floor space at our Guild rooms, the Guild's four shaft Le Clerc Nilus Jack Floor loom, returned recently by Kit Ley, is to be offered for sale.

The loom is in good condition, with very little rust on the 46" reed and that could be easily removed. The timber is all sound and very solid!

It is available as is, with the manual and accessories as pictured, for \$600.00 - pick up only from the Guild rooms.

Contact the Guild by eMail: awspinners@gmail.com or by post at PO Box 629, Albury NSW 2640.



Suppliers List

Karoa Fibres - Corowa

Email: karoa@ipstarmail.com.au

Phone: 02 6035 1727 Mob: 0427 302 209 / 0427 334 611

Fairfield Finns - 1275 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook, Vic, 3437

Ph: 0345 289 428 Mob: 0407 884 446

Bendigo Woollen Mills - 4 Lansell St. Bendigo 3550|

Ph: 03 54424600

Tarndwarncourt Polwarth Wool (Wendy and David Dennis) - 41 Roseneath Rd. Warncoort, Vic, 3243

Ph: 03 5233 6241

First Edition Fibres and Yarns - 16-18 Charles St. Euroa. / PO Box 201 Euroa Vic. 3666

Ph: 03 57 95 3578

10-4 Gallery Glenrowan.

<https://www.facebook.com/tentofourgallery>

Kajiko Fibre Works (carding etc)

www.kajiko.com.au

For Sale

Locally made Wooden spindles

\$15.00 each. Contact Heather on 02 60 246579

Four shaft Le Clerc Nilus Jack Floor loom

See the article on P3.

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

March 2 nd	Casual Workday
March 9 th	Meeting (Kitchen duty –Heather)
March 18 th	Scarf Exchange registration due
March 19 th	Wodonga Show – Spin with the Alpacas
March 23 rd	Workshop
March 25 th – 29 th	Easter
April 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	Harrietville Weekend (Vic Guild)
April 6 th	Casual Workday
April 13th AGM	(Kitchen duty)
April 16 th	Wangaratta Wool Day Venue to be confirmed
April 27 th	Workshop
April 30 th , May 1 st	Mudgee wool and Natural Fibre Muster
May 1 st	Strong Wool Breeds Sheep Show in Benalla
May 4 th	Casual Workday - Dianne McNamara- Weaving, looms etc.
May 11 th	Meeting, Annual Fees Due (kitchen Duty Sue & Kylie)
May 25 th	Workshop