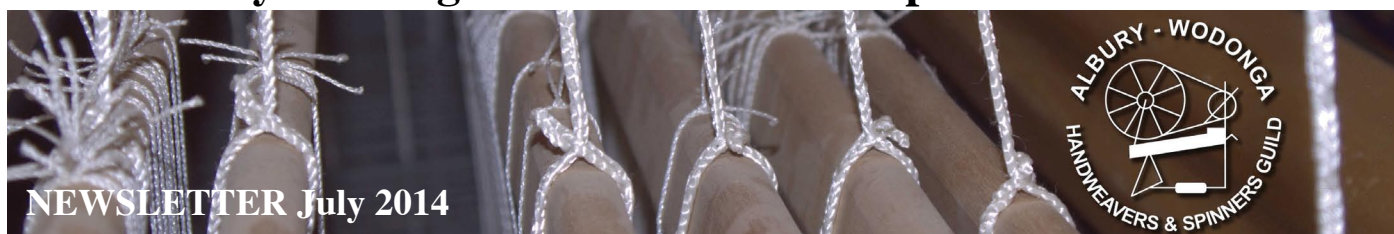


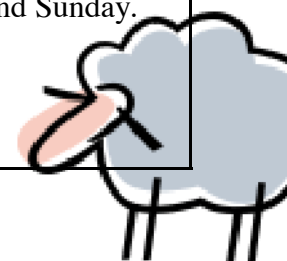
Albury/Wodonga Handweavers and Spinners Guild Inc.



NEWSLETTER July 2014

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President's Report	Committee						
<p>May 2014</p> <p>Although numbers were down at our May meeting, we were able to plan ahead for the year. Topics for our workshops will cover in no particular order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • crochet, • weaving on a 4 shaft loom, • preparing fleece for spinning, • felting • and of course a dyeing day. <p>Come along and learn a new skill, refresh an old skill, or help out others with your knowledge.</p> <p>The project for the Bendigo Wool and Sheep show is progressing very well and we have packaged up our display to be shown at the Victorian Guild in Melbourne.</p> <p>It is not too early to be thinking about our weekend with the Tumut Guild members to be held at Yerong Creek on September 12th-14th. Christine will be letting us know the details shortly.</p> <p>Enjoy the cooler weather. Heather</p>	<p>President: Heather Mulqueeny 0260 246579</p> <p>Secretary: Ruth Mitchell 0402 019869</p> <p>Treasurer: Debbie Carpenter 0400 612237</p> <p>Newsletter: Kathy Wheeler 0439 696878</p> <p>Public Officer: Helen Spears</p> <p>Publicity Officer: Ruth Mitchell 0402 019869</p> <p>Library & Equipment Officer: Vicki Law</p>						
<p>June 2014</p> <p>With Heather absent due to prior commitments, the report for June is drawn from the Minutes of the June Meeting.</p> <p>Membership renewals are now due. For your convenience you can now pay yearly memberships and other payments to the Guild by bank transfer. Contact the Treasurer (Debbie) for details.</p> <p>Alpacas fleeces donated to the Guild by SoftFoot Alpacas have gone to good homes. We have 3 left in the Guild rooms should members like to try their hand at processing or spinning alpaca on any of our Workshop days.</p> <p>Our items for the Affiliated Groups exhibition in the Carlton rooms of the Victorian guild have been handed in and should be on display. Ruth will visit the Victorian Guild rooms and take a photo. Meanwhile, the Diorama for Bendigo Sheep Show is progressing well. Pam has very generously offered to deliver it to the Bendigo Sheep Show Office.</p> <p>Heather has organised demonstrations by the Guild in both Albury and Wodonga libraries. See "Call for Volunteers" on this page.</p>	<p>Hostess Duties:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>Helen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>Liz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>Christine</td> </tr> </table> <p>Call for Volunteers:</p> <p>The Guild will be running demonstrations in both Albury and Wodonga libraries.</p> <p>Wodonga library - Wednesday 16th July 10 to 12 noon</p> <p>Albury library - Thursday 14th August 10 to 12 noon</p> <p>It will be a casual session with members showing some spinning or weaving. <i>Volunteers needed!</i></p> <p>We have been asked if we would consider doing a demonstration and/or display at the Albury Show in early November. This would cover the Saturday and Sunday. Volunteers welcome!</p>	July	Helen	August	Liz	September	Christine
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Show and Tell

May 2014

Ruth has finished the yellow cowl for her younger daughter and is now knitting a navy cowl with the same pattern for her older daughter. The pattern is reversible cables and is nice and easy.

Kathy has completed 3 hand spun skeins from her first 3 alpacas. She also showed a skein where she used a variegated fleece with a terrific effect of cream and brown.

Maureen has completed a beautiful white crochet baby shawl. It was from a 1928 pattern in a 3ply white yarn.

Christine has been experimenting with different effects using a twill set up on her 4 shaft loom. The different designs and colours looked very smart in a cute little bag that she made with an inkle loom strap in matching colours.

Debbie showed a lovely boys jumper in a wide rib. It will be for her grandson.

Heather has knitted up some fun yarn bombing for our diorama tree. She has been busy spinning her fibre for the scarf exchange. Heather showed some cactus yarn which was very interesting. It had a feel similar to silk and the process of making it is similar to linen rather than being a reconstituted fibre like bamboo. The plant used is an Agave.

Cactus silk, Sabra silk is a natural fiber harvested from sustainable sources of Saharan Aloe Vera Cactus (the Aloe Vera plant being part of the Agave family).

The fabric is a 100% vegetable silk blend of extracted filaments from the aloe cactus grown in Morocco. It is sought for its quality, strength and beauty since millennia. The process to produce sabra silk has not changed for centuries. Once the Cactus plant is collected from the long agave plants, the long spiky leaves are crushed and the fibres washed and hammered, then the leaves are soaked in water to separate the fibres & filaments and then these are spun and woven to make "silk thread" which are then dyed in different colours. The textile produced has a high elasticity and this makes Sabra-Silk free of wrinkles.

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June 2014

Rhonda has her lovely Alpaca fibre for sale. It has been commercially spun and is ready for any type of craft.

Kathy showed some beautifully hand spun, hand dyed skeins of alpaca. She used stringy bark which gave a pale brown colour using a white fleece. She also showed some flexible, elongated crochet hooks. Very unusual!

Pam is back from a trip to Gumeracha where she attended a couple of their Guild meetings. She has an interesting circular cushion and a rug on the needles.

Christine has been experimenting with food dye using the microwave. She had several skeins and the colours were particularly bright and intense. Very interesting!

Ruth finished another kumihimo braid using handspun merino. Although the yarn was quite uneven the braid was surprisingly smooth and quite regular.

From the Editor

To try to bring you relevant news faster and in a more timely fashion, the Newsletter should return to monthly mail-outs shortly.

Newsletter Contributions

Can be emailed to awspinners@gmail.com or the editor at kathyw@albury.net.au

Sunday May 4th

Alpaca Open Day at Amistad Alpacas

David Horn and Bronwyn Mills opened their alpaca farm in Lavington, north of Albury, to the public on Sunday the 4th of May.

As well as escorted tours of the alpacas, there were displays of spinning, knitting, crochet and weaving using alpaca fleece, with two ladies giving spinning demonstrations.

Albury Wodonga Handweavers & Spinners Guild members Rhonda and Kathy had displays of spun and unspun fleece, and Rhonda also had her lovely woven alpaca scarves on display and for sale. Julie Hofer also dropped by for a while and discussions amongst spinners and weavers turned to included hand carders, combs, fleece pickers and cleaning up spinning rooms.

There were a lot of visitors through and a lot of genuine interest shown by the public in the spinning demonstrations and alpaca product including completed knitted and crocheted rugs, and displays. A number of people wanting to learn to spin asked for and were given the Guilds contact details.

There were also enquiries about learning to weave, and how much spinning wheels and weaving looms cost.

All in all, a very busy and rewarding day.

Victorian Guild Affiliated groups exhibition

The Victorian Guild Affiliated Groups Exhibition is currently on and can be seen here:

handweaversandspinnersguildofvictoria.org.au/photos

Our display is the one on the bottom right hand corner, and here is a photograph taken by our Ruth!



"The Woolgatherers"



Phriday Phunny cont.

Rural Australian Computer Terminology. A little bit of Aussie culcha.....

LOG ON:	Adding wood to make the barbie hotter.
LOG OFF:	Not adding any more wood to the barbie.
MONITOR:	Keeping an eye on the Barbie.
DOWNLOAD:	Getting the firewood off the Ute.
HARD DRIVE:	Making the trip back home without any cold tinnies.
KEYBOARD:	Where you hang the Ute keys.
WINDOW:	What you shut when the weather's cold.
SCREEN:	What you shut in the mozzie season.
BYTE:	What mozzies do.
MEGABYTE:	What Townsville mozzies do.
CHIP:	A bar snack.
MICROCHIP:	What's left in the bag after you've eaten the chips.
MODEM:	What you did to the lawns.
LAPTOP:	Where the cat sleeps.
SOFTWARE:	Plastic knives & forks you get at Red Rooster.
HARDWARE:	Stainless steel knives & forks - from K-Mart.
MOUSE:	The small rodent that eats the grain in the shed.
MAINFRAME:	What holds the shed up.
WEB:	What spiders make.
WEBSITE:	Usually in the shed or under the verandah.
SEARCH ENGINE:	What you do when the Ute won't go.
CURSOR:	What you say when the Ute won't go.
YAHOO:	What you say when the Ute does go.
UPGRADE:	A steep hill.
SERVER:	The person at the pub who brings out the counter lunch.
MAIL SERVER:	The bloke at the pub who brings out the counter-lunch.
USER:	The neighbour who keeps on borrowing things.
NETWORK:	What you do when you need to repair the fishing net.
INTERNET:	Where you want the fish to go.
NETSCAPE:	What the fish do when they discover the big hole in the net.
ONLINE:	Where you hang the washing.
OFFLINE:	Where the washing ends up when the pegs aren't strong enough.

For the Diary:

Wednesday 4th June, 2014-Saturday 2nd August, 2014.	<i>Affiliated Groups Exhibition</i> (Victorian Guild). Victorian Guild, Nicholson Street, Carlton North.
Bendigo Sheep and Wool Show 18th – 20th July	Prince of Wales Showground, Bendigo
Friday August 15th, Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th, August 2014.	<i>Affiliated Groups Conference.</i> Hosted by Waverley Spinners and Weavers at Mt. Eliza. Further details later.

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

Wednesday 2nd July, 2014:	<i>Closed</i>	Guild rooms closed due to other commitments
Wednesday 9th July, 2014:	<i>Meeting</i>	
Wednesday 23rd July, 2014:	<i>Workshop</i>	