
Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



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Changes ...

At the meeting in July it was decided to return to regular monthly meetings instead of bi-monthly, but to keep the every Wednesday workshops/workdays. Monthly meetings thus resume on the usual second Wednesday of the month.

When needed, we now have access to the adjoining room for demonstrations and workshops. It has been well used already with Wednesday turn-out numbers still quite high.

At the Lavington Library

We were invited to take part in Albury Library's exhibition of "50 Years Off the Sheep's Back", a travelling exhibition of photography by Francis Reiss, at Lavington Library during August 2016. The photos were taken in 1951 at Burren Burren and reflected the life and times of a sheep station at the height of the wool boom.

We provided some spinning and weaving demonstrations with several display cabinets proudly showing off our equipment and projects over the years.



[Above] Our very talented President Kylie created the labels and layout of the display cabinets at the Lavington Library. Some traditional, ancient and modern techniques and equipment were displayed.

Committee 2016-2017

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Hostess Duties

14th September Debbie

12th October Robyn

9th November Rachael/Kylie

14th December (Christmas Party)



Lavington Library cont.

[Left] Sue Braun demonstrates the huge tapestry weaving loom set up by the Lavington Library for the public, especially children, to use and experiment with.

[Right] Pam Jowett demonstrates spinning amongst our free-standing displays. Pam was one of many volunteers who gave up their time to support the exhibition and promote our Guild.



Lamb-Ex Display

On Saturday 13 August, our Guild was delighted to take part in Albury's hosting of LambEx 2016 at QEII Square. Ladies Rhonda, Sue, Amanda, Kylie and Pam provided demonstrations of spinning, weaving and crocheting, plus some samples of our work and equipment for visitors to pore over. We had lots of interest and people trying out the wheel and weaving. It was a stunning day weather-wise, and an excellent crowd came along to enjoy it. Sheep shearing, kelpie trials, line dancing and a great country band filled out the day's activities.



Workshops and Demonstrations

The last few months has seen plenty of action at the Guild rooms too.

We had a wonderful talk from Carol Fenselau concerning her amazing button, clip and brooch collection. Carol is a real font of knowledge and has a very entertaining way of talking about her passion for collecting fashion ornamenta of all kinds. Styles ranged from Victorian through Art Deco right to the modern age of plastics. We learned about dress clips, Lea Stein's layered plastic buttons, uranium buttons (yes, they glowed!) and how families made them at home in the old days for the button-collector to sell. Thank you to Carol for a most informative and fascinating talk! For more photos from Carol's impressive collection please visit our FaceBook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AWHSG/?fref=ts>



Our annual Fibre Sandwich [below left] was inspiring and challenging, and a hands-on workshop on folding towel animals [below right] with our very own Anne a great hoot!



Morning Tea at the Guild Rooms

In the interests of safety - so as not to have too many cooks in the kitchen at once – we have a weekly kitchen duty/morning tea roster. Please put your name on the roster where you can. Morning Tea duty involves arriving early to turn hot water on, fill urn and switch on, set out cups, tea coffee etc. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share. Home baked beats commercial hands down :) but all contributions are appreciated.

During the day or at the end, dishes need to be washed and put away, urn switched off, hot water switched off, rubbish emptied and kitchen left clean and tidy. Thank you.

Guild Matters ...

With a tinge of sadness we bid farewell to Ruth, who is moving down south after many years with the Guild. We wish Ruth and her family all the best in their new adventure. Her cheery smile and wonderful skills will be missed.

Some of you may have heard that our Pam had a fall and was in hospital for a while but I believe she may have gone to stay with her daughter in Holbrook. We wish Pam a full and speedy recovery!

Show and Tell

13th July 2016

Faye donated box of dyes, book for library, humpty dumpty and peter rabbit toy patterns and a mohair & camel jacket which fitted Ros

Amanda showed her new Samplett loom and blue scarf

Ros plied up the two new skeins she has spun

Rhonda has finished the scarf she wove from her alpaca

Kathy bought fleece off her alpaca which is ready to wash

Ann has spun more fleece from her alpaca

Sue bought in the tartan she has woven to make into a dog coat

Heather has finished knitting her black shawl together with weave it squares pot mitt and patterned weave-it squares.

Debbie showed her Qiviut fleece purchase from “\$pendigo”.

10 August 2016

Faye showed a knitted dress to be displayed at AgFest; variety of soft toys

Heather completed fibre sandwich mittens and boots

Rachael had two scarves completed on her new 8 shaft table loom

Kathy brought samples of dyed English Leicester wool using acid dyes; currently working with the donated spotted merino fleece to fine spin; trying out Julie’s combs using the English Leicester.

Christine showed a sample weave of very fine cotton (10/2) and linen. Used two threads for weft and warp – explained when using two threads it is best to use 2 shuttles separately for the weft to even out the edges

Debbie has done a blue and white child’s jumper for grandson; home spun alpaca skeins; photos from her recent trip to Canada of the First Nations Cultural Centre at Whistler showing beautiful examples of their weaving and basketry.



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First Edition Fibres and Yarns - 16-18 Charles St. Euroa. / PO Box 201 Euroa Vic. 3666
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10-4 Gallery Glenrowan.
<https://www.facebook.com/tentofourgallery>

Kajiko Fibre Works (carding etc)
www.kajiko.com.au

For Sale

Please contact the Guild if you have any items you wish to list for sale or exchange, or are looking to buy.

2016 Workshops, Work Days, Meetings and Events:

September 9 th , 10 th , 11 th	Yerong Creek Weekend
September 14 th	Meeting (kitchen Duty Debbie)
September 21 st	Casual Workday
September 23 rd	Closing date for return of Scarf Exchange
September 28 th	Workshop – Basket making TBC
October 5 th	Casual Workday
October 12th	Meeting (kitchen duty - Robyn)
October 19 th	Casual Workday
October 26 th	Rooms closed (Albury Show prep) * alternative venue TBA
October 29th -30th	Albury Show Weekend
November 2 nd	Rooms closed (Albury Show clean up)
November 9th	Meeting (kitchen duty Rachael/Kylie)
November 23 rd	Casual Workday
November 30th	Workshop - TBA
December 7 th	Casual Workday
December 14 th	Last meeting for the year, followed by a shared Christmas Lunch
February 1 st 2017	Return, Casual Workday

