
Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT - March 2016

Recently I was lucky enough to meet Lorraine Cross and have a good long chat to her about all things spinning. Lorraine was instrumental in setting up a web site of Australian Spinning Wheels and their makers.

I have sent her photos of the Ray Ford upright wheel that is in our storeroom, a wheel she knew about but hadn't been able to track down. It is well worth having a look at the variety of wheels made in Australia over the years. Go to australianspinningwheels.blogspot.com

Heather.

Memberships and AGM in April

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.

A reminder that **Membership Fees will fall due on 1 April 2016**. In order to keep everything in the right financial year, we ask that payments be made **AFTER** the 1st of April 2016, but **BEFORE** or **ON** the 13th of April, as only financial members can vote at the AGM.

The 2016/2017 Membership Fee is \$35.00.

Fee can be paid by direct transfer to Albury Wodonga Handweavers and Spinners, BSB: 640 000, Account# 111096768; or by cash or cheque in person at the Guild rooms at the Annual General Meeting on 13 April. Payment by instalments is available for those on tight budgets. Please contact the Treasurer. Confidentiality is assured.

Less meetings and more Workdays!

We are exploring the feasibility of holding our Meetings every 2 months to reduce the workload on the Committee. This will also mean we get an extra Workday every other month!

Our AGM will be on April 13th and the next meeting will be June with no formal meeting in May. May 11th will be a work day!

Newsletters will be bi-monthly following the meeting, with short flyers sent out in-between for any special events.

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

13th April AGM Ros & Anne

11th May Sue, Kylie

8th June Rhonda

13th July Rachael

10th August Ann

14th September Debbie

12th October Robyn

9th November Rachael, Kylie

14th December (Christmas Party)

Show and Tell – March 2016

Pam was busy making a non- Christmas star from fabric.

Ros has been experimenting with the weave it squares with great results.

Ann has been making more progress with her purple jumper.

Christine has been practising overshot weave and had 2 very interesting samples to show. She was using a 4 ply cotton thread with one design called Star and Rose and one called Leaves.

Debbie has finished a very cosy jumper in a diamond pattern which she found in a "Treasury of knitting patterns".

Heather is bravely tackling a grey fleece with her spindle.

Ruth had the inkle loom out doing some lettering and pebble weave as inspired by Laverne Waddington who is holding a workshop at the Victorian Guild in August this year.



At the conclusion of the meeting Ruth demonstrated letter weaving on the inkle loom, and Christine and Kathy got to try their hand at it.



Visiting Weaver

Diane MacNamara will be visiting the Guild to look at our large looms and answer any general weaving questions. The date is Wed May 4th at 10am. Members and visitors are welcome. Gold coin donation to cover tea, coffee and biscuits.

Spinning at Wodonga Show

Saturday week ago a few of us represented the guild at Wodonga Show in the Alpaca Pavilion. We had a number of spinning wheels there, Heather bought our display items such as weaving and knitting done by the group and fibre samples for people to feel and Ann displayed (and sold) some of her beautiful felted scarves.

We had a lot of interest in what we were doing, what alpaca fibre felt like and what we would do with our yarn when completed. We also had a few ask about the guild and what we had available.

Congratulations to Julie Hofer, Kathy and Rachael who all had alpacas there for judging and got great results.



For Sale

Ashford Traditional Spinning Wheel - \$150.00

Please contact Elizabeth on 0400264440

Locally made Wooden drop-spindles - \$15.00ea

Contact Heather on 02 60 246579

Four shaft Le Clerc Nilus Jack Floor loom - \$600.00

The Guild's four shaft Le Clerc Nilus Jack Floor loom is 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

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

April 13th AGM	AGM (Kitchen duty – Ros & Ann)
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	Workshop Dianne McNamara - Weaving
May 11 th	Workshop (kitchen Duty Sue & Kylie)
May 25 th	Workshop
June 1 st	Casual Workday
June 8th	Meeting (Kitchen Duty – Rhonda)
June 22 nd	Workshop – Fibre Sandwich (Heather)
July 6 th	Casual Workday
July 8 th _ 10 th	Craft Alive, Wodonga
July 13 th	Casual Workday (Kitchen Duty –Rachael)
July 15 th – 17 th	Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo
July 27 th	Workshop
August 3rd	Meeting & Guild's 46th Birthday
August 10 th	Casual Workday
August 24 th	Workshop. Closing date for return of Scarf Exchange
September 7 th	Casual Workday
September 9 th , 10 th , 11 th	Yerong Creek Weekend
September 14 th	Casual Workday (kitchen duty- Debbie)
September 23 rd	Closing date for return of Scarf Exchange
September 28 th	Workshop