
Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



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AGM 2015 PRESIDENT'S REPORT April 2014- April 2015

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We have enjoyed a steady year with 19 financial members and 2 life members.

Workdays have taken place on the first and fourth Wednesdays of each month and meetings on the second Wednesday of each month.

Our guild now follows an amended Fair Trading Model constitution and a new 5-year Showground's Licence was signed.

Members of our guild have over the year participated in the Victorian Guild's Affiliated Groups exhibition held in Melbourne, entered a wonderful piece of work into the competition held at the Bendigo Wool and Sheep Show and joined in with the International Scarf exchange.

We have displayed items and demonstrated our skills at the Wodonga Show, the Albury Library Museum and the Wodonga Library. We also participated in one of the Wodonga Council's "Fridays on my Mind" events.

Five of our members enjoyed the annual gathering at Henericka Farmstay with Members of the Tumut Spinning group.

In addition to our "outings" we had visits from two guest speakers, one sharing her knitting skills and tips and the other updating us on the progress of the Albury Art Gallery and ideas for a weaving donated by members of our guild many years ago and for the time being in safe storage.

Albury Wodonga Handweavers and Spinners Guild were invited to be the feature group at the recent Wangaratta Wool Day. An interesting display of our work was put on show with five of our members attending.

I would like to thank all the office bearers, for their work during the last year, special thanks to Christine for stepping in for me when I wasn't able to attend, and all for attending meetings, sharing ideas and generally contributing in small ways to make our meetings enjoyable and worthwhile.

Heather Mulqueaney
President.

P.S. We need a Secretary for this year or a creative way of covering the secretary's role. Thank you to Ruth who has done a wonderful job for the last two years in this position.

Committee 2015-2016

President:

Heather Mulqueaney
0260 246579

Secretary:

Position vacant.
*Volunteer nominations
welcome.*

Vice Secretary:

Ruth Mitchell
0402 019869

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Debbie Carpenter
0400 612237

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Kathy Wheeler
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Helen Spears

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**Library & Equipment
Officer:**

Vicki Law

Hostess Duties

May 13 th	T.B.A.
June 10 th	Kathy
July 8 th	Helen
August 26 th	T.B.A.



Show and Tell – April 2015

Audrey showed a slipped stitch vest which used three colours to good effect.

Jenny was wearing a lovely, natural alpaca, handspun knitted vest.

Carol has purchased a spinning wheel and has some alpaca fleece to spin with. We are looking forward to seeing her efforts.

Ros is doing a very pretty scarf in large and small crochet motifs using Noro 2 ply. She also completed her first weave it square. Well done!



Kathy has made up a delightful sample box of her alpaca fleece colours from last years shearing. There are 22 officially recognised natural colours in Alpaca fleece.

Pam donated a pattern for a Noro Silk Garden vest. Thanks Pam!

Kylie showed a beautifully coloured skein of yarn in greens and blues. She had spun one single on the spinning wheel and plied it with a different single. Kylie also kindly donated 2 bags of yarn from her stash.



Debbie bought a lovely deep purple, knitted lace shawl which she will give as a gift. She has some purple merino fibre and llama fibre to spin. Very interesting! The slip stitch child's jumper she is knitting is coming along nicely.

Heather is doing more experimenting with spinning and knitting the linen fibre. She explained that the bleached linen fibre had short fibres so required quite a short draw when spinning whereas the unbleached linen had a longer fibre. She has also plied the linen with silk. Heather is knitting a back scrubber with the coarser unbleached linen. Perfect!

Ruth is working on a Fibonacci striped vest using commercial yarn. 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34 is the series (the number is added to the one before it to get the next number) and she is using the numbers doubled and repeating from 16 to avoid the stripes getting too large. The Fibonacci series is used by nature in all sorts of spirals from sea shells to flowers so it gives a lovely effect.

Wangaratta Wool Day by Christine Meng

Members of our Guild attended the Wangaratta's Wool Day, where we were invited to mount a display of our work. Our display consisted of a variety of handspun fibres, knitted, crocheted, woven and felted articles. Heather took her spinning wheel and demonstrated spinning linen. I showed weaving on my inkle loom. The hall was filled with many people, spinning wheels of different designs, displays of Wangaratta Guild's members work and many stalls of fibres, yarns and all items related to wool.

It was a good opportunity to meet other spinners, weavers and crafts people. Thank you to the Wangaratta Guild for the invitation.



For Sale

COUNTERBALANCE FLOOR WEAVING LOOM

This floor loom is a counterbalance 8 shaft, 8 treadle with a weaving (reed) width of 122cm. Ideal for weaving rugs or shawls.

Handmade in 1981, the loom has been carefully looked after. It comes with weaving stool and various shuttles.

Assembled size – W: 1.22m, D: 1.5m, H: 1.85m.

Currently assembled, it will need to be dismantled for transporting and collected from Wagga Wagga area. Ute or van needed for pick up. Asking price \$870 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.



CANADIAN ROCK MAPLE SAXONY SPINNING WHEEL



This Saxony spinning wheel was designed by Peter Tooth in 1992. Crafted from Canadian Rock Maple and finished with bees wax. Carefully looked after.

Wheel diameter 460mm (18") and spindle orifice measures

10mm (3/8"). Ratios: options of 6:25, 8:5, 10:0, 12:4.

Comes with six bobbins and Lazy Kate.

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$175 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.



CASTLE SPINNING WHEEL

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$100 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.

SAXONY SPINNING WHEEL

To be collected from Wagga Wagga area. Asking price \$70 or near offer.

Please email mae.googan@gmail.com or phone Mae Boadle on 0433 761 928 if interested.



ASHFORD TRADITIONAL WHEEL

With 2 bobbins, Price \$80.00

Please contact Astrid Phone... 0414318162

3 TRADITIONAL SPINNING WHEELS

Price..\$100.00 each.

For further details, please contact Cathy. Phone.02 60241346 or Email: juliasfabricboutique@hotmail.com

For Sale (continued)



COUNTERBALANCE FLOOR WEAVING LOOM (DARK WOOD)

This floor loom is a dark wood, counterbalance 4 shaft with a weaving (reed) width of 152cm. Ideal for weaving rugs or shawls.

Previously owned by renowned weaver and teacher, Marcella Hempel, the loom has been carefully looked after. It comes with weaving stool and various shuttles. Assembled size –

W: 1.66m, D: 1.46m, H: 1.84m.

Currently assembled (as seen in photos), it will need to be dismantled for transporting and collected from Wagga Wagga area. Ute or van needed for pick up. Asking price \$990 or near offer.

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For the Diary:

July 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Craft Alive, Wodonga
July 17 th – 19 th	Sheep and Wool Show, Bendigo
August 28 th to 30 th , 2015	Cobram and District Spinners and Weavers Inc hosts the 2015 Victorian Spinners and Weavers Guild Weekend Workshops. Like their FaceBook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

May 13 th	Meeting. NOTE: Annual Fees Due. May be paid at the Guild rooms or on-line payment also available – contact our Treasurer, Debbie for Banking details. NOTE: The Caravan and Camping show will be set up in the Showgrounds during a week that corresponds to the May meeting but we are able to hold our meeting as usual.
May 27 th	Workshop (Dyeing Day)
June 3 rd	Casual Workday
June 10 th	Meeting (Kitchen duty – Kathy)
June 20 th	NOTE: The Woven Garter Workshop with Lynne Johnston to be held in June has been cancelled .
June 24 th	Workshop (8 shaft Weaving – Christine)
July 1 st	Casual Workday
July 8 th	Meeting (Kitchen Duty – Helen)
July 22 nd	Workshop