



Spinning by the River

During our November Guild Rooms closure for the Albury Show, the weather smiled and we had two glorious sessions down at the Noreuil Park Foreshore.

Our November 1st and 8th meetings saw Guild Members making the most of the mild weather on the lawns between the River Deck Cafe and the Murray River.

The usual crew were there, with numerous spinning wheels - pedal-powered and battery



operated, drop spindles, hand carders, fleece sorting, knitters and lace making.

Many cups of coffee were enjoyed, as was the sunshine, fresh air and conversations, while the waters of the Murray flowed serenely past.

We had the occasional curious enquiry from passers by, especially parents of young children who as usual seemed intrigued.

It was a lovely opportunity to enjoy the season and get our Guild out into public spaces.



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The Albury Show & the Holbrook Show

It has been a busy few months for our Guild. Members again joined Rod and Rhonda Doig and their alpacas in shifts over the Friday and Saturday of the **Albury Show**. Ann writes:

"Jane and I were there on the Friday evening. We had an enjoyable evening as usual with Rod and Rhonda and their alpacas, and the people who came in were quite interested, especially in the process of how the wheels work and how the yarn is created.

"We used our new banner for the first time and it looked great. Looking forward to next year!"

Jane adds:

"The number of (Show) entries in the categories that interest our members were very low. Also, all of our ladies have produced much better articles throughout the year than those that were entered for judging. Let's support our local shows! Otherwise it will disappear."

Well, there's a challenge thrown down!

We also had a presence at the **Holbrook Show**, as well as a number of our Members that successfully entered articles in the Show, taking out many prizes!

Debbie writes:

"AWHW&S were invited to do a spinning demonstration at the Holbrook Show on Sat 11 Nov. Pam, Debbie and Jane spent a lovely day in the Arts and Crafts Pavilion amongst all types of handcrafted items and the fleeces. Many children were fascinated with the spinning particularly the boys, Jane even taught one very keen lad to spin, he was a natural.

"Quite a number of pieces submitted by Pam, Debbie and Gail all winning many prizes in the relevant sections.

"Our demonstration was very successful and the Show Committee are very keen to have us back next year."



Mirambeena Craft Fair

18th November - We were pleased to be invited to participate in the Mirambeena Craft Fair again this year. Our stall was overflowing with beautiful scarves, hand spun yarn, hand-made looms and Christmas items all for sale and which were very quickly sold. The spinners attracted many people – most were intrigued by the electric wheels that Pam and Jill tirelessly demonstrated. Kylie and Anne

used their traditional wheels and along with the rigid heddle loom demonstration by Sue we were able to show the great variety of ways of using fleece and yarn.

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Show. Many people stopped to admire the skill and work involved but the most ardent admirer was a toddler who dragged her grandmother back 3 times to see "the birdies".

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Needlefelting Workshop

October's Needlefelting Workshop saw a small but enthusiastic group learn the stabbing arts, multiple layers, wire wrapping and wool painting - creating colourful flowers and armature based sheep. A number of multi-needle tools were also available to try out.

Kathy Wheeler.



Show & Tell - October

Pinky: core spun yarn from workshop finished!

Kathy: Gorgeous felted animals for the felting workshop on 25 October.

Robyn: knitting her Wangaratta wool 12ply shawl.

Pam: Jacket finished!

Jane: Ivory Shawl from Rachel's suri, green lace vest of silk/corridale, gloves and beanie from leftovers.

Julie: brown suri fleece to be spun.

Heather: commercial wool scarf!

Faye: donated two badges

Debbie: shawl in for Holbrook show.

Ann: beautiful teal socks in merino 2ply

Amanda: sock loom and cone yarn winder

Kylie: baby woven blanket (white) navajo ply spun yarn and first edition yarn

Ella: 1st edition -
springtime
skein,
single ply
with
metallic
embroidery
thread.



Show & Tell - November

Pinky: has been running classes in weaving on her hand made mini looms and showed 3 mini tapestries. She hopes to run another class for Mums 'n Bubs soon. She has also been going to markets with her hand made spindles, frames and dyed yarn. Pinky also told us that Ashford Australia has changed its name to Auntie Jenny. They will still be the Ashford dealer.

Heather: knitted new born baby beanie from handspun llama.

Debbie: showed her winning entries from Holbrook and donated the "Knitting Brioche" book.

Robyn: showed her beautiful knitted 12 ply mauve shawl.

Jane: using yarn she spun from Rachael's Suri she has made a cowl for Rachael. She is also knitting socks from yarn spun at Yerong Creek weekend away together with a pair of green sparkle socks from the art yarn workshop. Jane also showed the black alpaca gloves she has made. Jane also donated mugs to the kitchen.

Kathy: showed the needle felted sheep and flower made at her recent workshop together with books she has recently purchased – "Japanese Knitting Stitch Bible", "A Heritage of Colour" and "Natural Dyes".

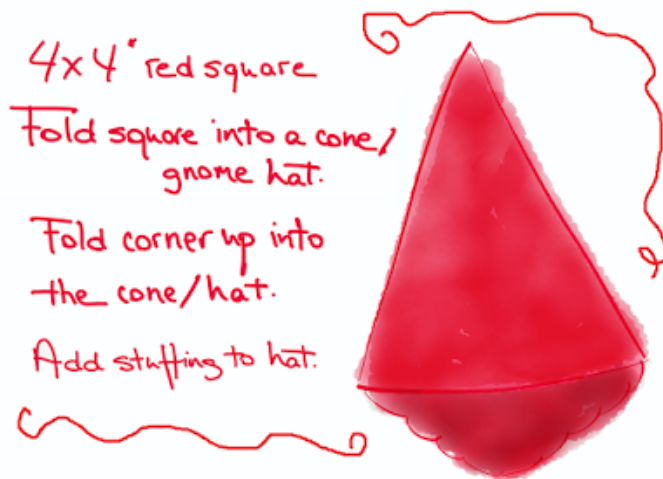
Ann: is knitting another pair of socks.

Kylie: showed a new beanie she made together with the Addi Click Lace Set of needles she recently purchased.



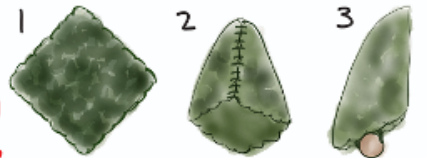
A Christmas Gnome

Julie H. shares this cute and simple to make gnome pattern with us just in time for Christmas. They are made with Weave-It looms, which are available in various shapes and sizes from Julie. <http://www.petlyn.com.au/weaving-pin-looms/>



4x4 square for body
Fold like this, stitch,
put in stuffing, then fold
the top corner down and
stitch closed.

Make two arms -



- 1) Weave two 2x2" squares.
- 2) Fold in and stitch closed.
- 3) Add a wooden bead for a hand.

12 mm
wood
bead

Stitch arms to body.



Weave a 2x2 for a nose.
Add running stitch and
gather the edge to make a ball.
Put in stuffing, stitch to top
of body.
Add the hat and stitch in place.
Add soft white yarn
or roving for beard.



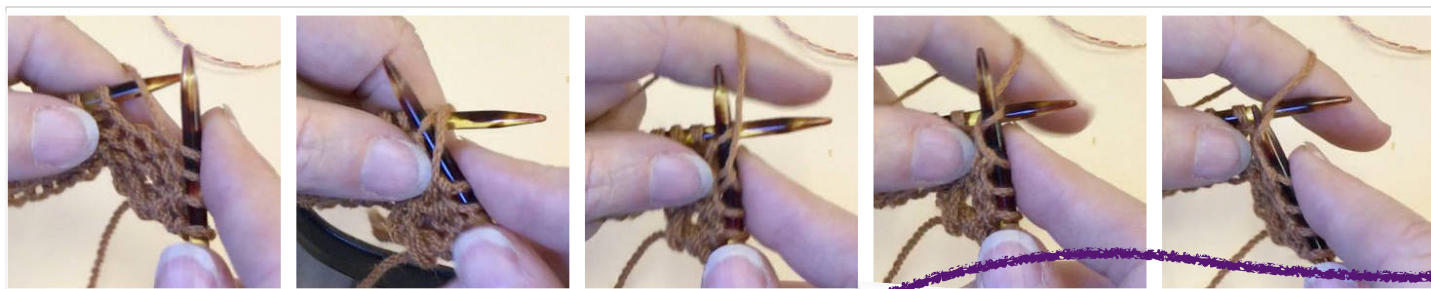
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Christmas!

Let's go continental

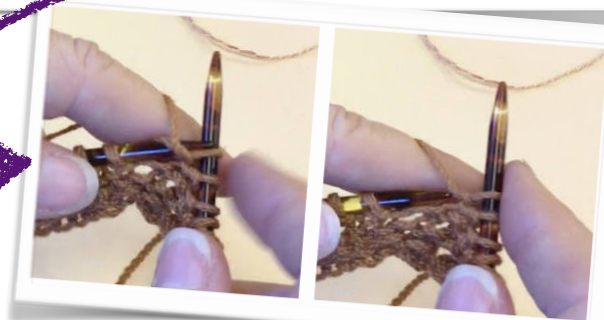
One of the things I really enjoy about our Guild, is the willingness of members to share their skills and experiences. I was struggling with my first attempt of knitting in the round with double ended needles and at one of our October meetings asked Ella, who was also knitting round on multiple needles for advice. She patiently watched my fumbling attempts, and somehow we got around to talking techniques and Continental knitting, which is supposed to be a kinder on the hands as well as a faster way to knit. Kylie also pricked her ears up and next thing you know we're having a mini-workshop, watching Ella who made it look so easy, and recording some video on my phone. Some captured stills and Ella's transcribed instructions below.

Kathy Wheeler.

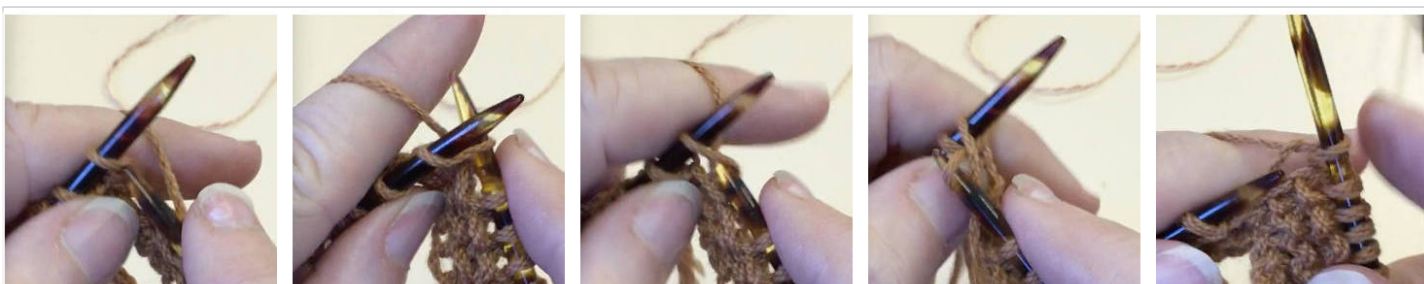
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"Needle underneath, flip, and push it down"



Knit



"In from underneath and push it down."

Program - December 2017 - February 2018.

Please note: Workshops are a Work In Progress - watch your Guild emails for notifications.

December 13	Last meeting for the year, followed by a shared Christmas Lunch.
February 8, 2018	Casual Workday