
Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



NEWSLETTER September 2014

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President's Report - August 2014

On August 14th three members of our guild met at the Albury Library Museum to demonstrate spinning and weaving and exhibit a display of our work. Today (August 20th) five members arrived at the Wodonga Library to do the same.

Both days were entertaining and interesting for us, as I hope it was for the steady stream of onlookers, from pre-school age through to senior citizens. On both days it was the little boys that were fascinated with our wheels, not exactly our target audience, but little boys grow up to be big boys, who may one day still be fascinated enough to fix our wheels and mend broken equipment and may even take up spinning themselves.

Thanks to both Albury and Wodonga Library Staff for making us feel welcome and thanks to Win news for the coverage they gave us. Thank you to the Guild members who came along on one or both of the days.

Heather.

[*Library demonstration photos on following page. Ed.*]

Workshop for September

In September we will have a "Fibre Sandwich" day. If you want to participate please bring along 100g of clean, carded, fibre, natural or dyed. The idea is to sandwich it together and then divide it up between the participants, so that 100g is given back to be spun, felted or whatever. It is interesting and sometimes challenging as you may end up with fibres or colours you may not normally choose to work with.

If time permits we will also look at "Scrumbling".

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[*For more on Scrumbling see Article on P3*]

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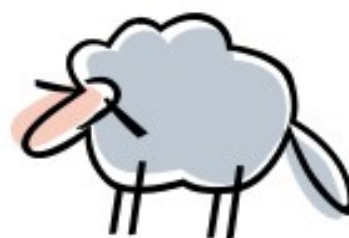
November 12th

December 10th Heather



Albury and Wodonga Library Demonstrations

WIN news caught our guild volunteering at the Albury library on the 14th of August. The footage was shown on the news that night. Many thanks to our volunteers!



Show and Tell – August 2014

Audrey is knitting a handspun jumper in a natural grey.

Pam is close to finishing her amazing magic square rug.

Liz is knitting cute little hats for premature babies

Vicki has knitted 10 hats for the care van in a variety of styles. Well done Vicki!

Helen has made good progress on the lovely pastel green baby rug for her new grandchild.

Kathy is doing a surface embellishment course via the internet. She is sourcing various fibres including throwers waste, cashmere, milk fibre, rami and different types of fleece. Very interesting.

Heather has finished her weave it square baby rug. It is lovely and soft. The scarf she has made for the scarf exchange is very creative with a garden theme running through it. Fabulous effect.

Ruth has been experimenting with spindle spinning after seeing the DVD 'respect the Spindle'. Although it is slower than using a spinning wheel the portability of the spindle and the increased movement required compared to spinning makes it a lot of fun.

Scrumbling

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There really are no rules in this multi directional type of work although certain methods and yarns may be more suitable than others to achieve a certain effect.

Crochet stitches tend to be firmer, knitted stitches tend to drape well. Wool tends to be softer and drape better than acrylic yarns, so if you were making a vest that might be the better choice.

Some people prefer no gaps between the patches of work (perhaps a good idea for a bikini) some times a few gaps and loops can look great.

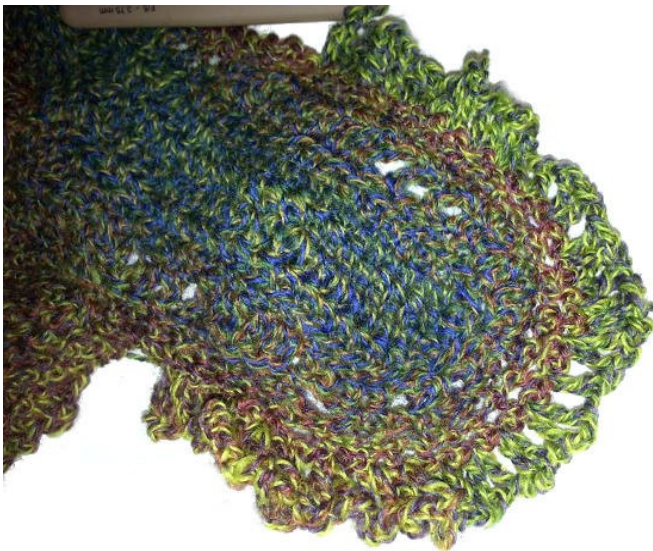
A fancy stitch worked in a fancy or textured yarn can get lost, too many textured yarns together can also get a bit overwhelming. Changing the size of your crochet hook or knitting needles will change the size and the look of the piece you are working on.

Don't be tempted to use all of the yarn available, choose tones and contrasts and a little texture thrown in for good measure. If you do not like what you are doing either pull it out or add to it, sometimes experimentation can lead to surprisingly good results.

Work over loose ends or sew them in from time to time, otherwise it becomes a “chore”.



[Photo courtesy Brandi A. [Fiber Artists and Yarn Spinners FaceBook Group](#)]



[Photo courtesy Roxanne J. [Fiber Artists and Yarn Spinners FaceBook Group](#)]

Work your stitches in all directions, lay the piece flat from time to time to see how it is going, give it a light press with an iron if necessary. Once a piece of work is roughly 150 – 200cm across it might be time to start another piece to join on later, if however you are on a roll keep going. Do not stress over little mistakes in scrambling, I don't.

If you get a bit stuck for ideas refer to the stitch guides, have a look at what others are doing or ask for help to get going again.

Have fun, enjoy scrambling, it often develops a mind of its own, so let the work take you on an interesting ramble.

So bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, an assortment of yarns and join in the fun on the 24th September!

P.S. Don't forget your 100g of clean, carded, fibre for the “Fibre Sandwich”.

For Sale

A number of Spinning wheels are available for sale.
All in good condition with accessories. Priced from \$120 - \$125 each.

Two basic Ashford Spinning wheels are being sold by
Mal Goldie 60232593 malcolmgoldie@tpg.com.au

One Ashford is being sold by Elizabeth Crapp 0400264440.

One Ashford is being sold by Janet. Phone 0419 495474 for details.

Lisa has this cute little wheel (pictured) for sale at \$120.00.
Phone 60213998.



For the Diary:

September 28 th to October 4 th , 2014	TAFTA's Geelong FORUM Enrolments are accepted until 15th September 2014.
March 14 th to 19 th , 2015	Grampians Fibre Forum

Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

Wednesday 3 rd September, 2014	<i>Casual Workday</i>
Wednesday 10 th September, 2014	<i>Meeting</i>
Friday-Sunday 12 th , 13 th and 14 th September, 2014	<i>Yerong Creek Weekend!</i>
Friday 19 th September, 2014	<i>Scarf Exchange</i> , closing date for return of articles to Gumeracha, Sth Aust.
Wednesday 24 th September, 2014	<i>Workshop</i> Fibre Sandwich

And finally for the Funny-bone ...

'MANYANA'

Spanish singer Julio Iglesias was on UK television with British TV host Anne Diamond.

He used the word "manyana" (pronounced "man -yana").

Diamond asked him to explain what it meant.

He said that the term means:

"Maybe the job will be done tomorrow;

Maybe the next day;

Maybe the day after that;

Or perhaps next week;

Next month;

Next year.

Who really cares?"

The host turned to Albert Yatapingu from the Gumbaingeri Tribe (Australian aboriginal) who was also on the show.

She asked him if there was an equivalent term in the Australian language.

"Eh" he replied, "In Australia we don't have a word to describe such a high degree of urgency."