

# The YarnSpinner



Newsletter of the Handweavers', Spinners'  
and Dyers' Guild of Western Australia  
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## Coming up....

**Saturday 9 November 2019:** General Meeting of the Handweavers', Spinners' and Dyers' Guild of WA followed by Christmas Lunch

**10:00am** Library & Yarn Area open

**10:30am** Pop up workshop: TBC

**11:00am** Guest speaker: Sue Webb

**12:00pm** HWSDGWA General Meeting

Coffee and tea available, Please bring a share plate for Christmas lunch.

**Contribution deadline for the February 2020 edition of the  
YarnSpinner: Saturday 11 January 2020**

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## Alexander Park Craft House Guild Groups

### **SPINNING GROUP: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 10am**

Beginners welcome. Library and Yarn Area open. Bring your spindle or spinning wheel, your latest project, and lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Guild equipment is available for hire by members including hand and drum carders, spinning wheels, and dye equipment. Contact Information Officer (details page 15).

### **IN-HOUSE WEAVERS: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 9:30am**

Anyone is welcome to join us! Contact Brenda Roy 9381 4870 or [brenda@cadplan.com.au](mailto:brenda@cadplan.com.au).

### **TAPESTRY GROUP:**

Contact Stephnie Cantoni [stephniecantoni@bigpond.com](mailto:stephniecantoni@bigpond.com) or Jan Hunter [wsf.jmhunter@bigpond.com](mailto:wsf.jmhunter@bigpond.com).

## **Guild Membership Fees for 2020**

Full \$65.00	Concession \$52.00	Associate/Junior \$52.00
Student \$52.00	Family \$97.50	Group \$97.50

If a person applies for membership after 1 October, their fee will include membership for the current and following year.

**Renewing Members:** If renewing by mail, please include renewal form (or name, postal address and phone no.) and a stamped self-addressed envelope for return of your receipt and name badge. Renewing members no longer receive a name badge—members get a perpetual badge at joining. To replace a lost badge, contact Membership Officer (details page 15). A \$13 fee applies.

**New members:** For info on joining contact Membership Officer (details page 15).

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## Dates for your diary

Saturday 9 November	HWSDGWA General Meeting, APCH, from 10am Followed by Christmas lunch (bring a plate to share) Guest Speaker: Sue Webb. See page 6
Sunday 17 November	Day trip to Bailup Downs. See page 6
Sunday 17 November	Chidlow Tavern Antique Roadshow. If you are interested in demonstrating spinning, contact Katie 0475 796 113 or <a href="mailto:katie@chidlowtavern.com.au">katie@chidlowtavern.com.au</a>
Saturday 23 November	Guild annual stocktake, APCH, from 10am. See below
Thursday 28 November	Albany Spin In. See page 7
Saturday 30 November	Closing date for registrations for International Scarf Exchange. See page 8
Saturday 14 December	Destash Day at APCH. See page 6
Saturday 18 January 2020	Matilda Bay Spinning Day. See page 6
Saturday 8 February 2020	HWSDGWA General Meeting, APCH, from 10am This will also be the date of the ANNUAL SHOWCASE. Anyone who can help out on the day please contact Jenni Talbot or Charmaine Pedrick (see page 15)
<b>Saturday 14th March 2020</b>	<b>HWSDGWA Annual General Meeting, APCH, from 10am. See page 13</b>
Saturday 28th March 2020	Spinning Day, APCH, from 10am Spinning Study Group (APCH Studio) from 10:30am

### 23 November 2019: Guild Annual Stocktake

November is the time to return your library books and equipment hired from the Guild, and to volunteer for the annual clean up and stock take day: **Saturday 23 November from 10am**. All library books and hired equipment must be returned by this day (APCH will also be open for spinners).

**LIBRARY BOOKS:** If you'd like to volunteer to help with the stocktake, you can borrow books over the summer break.

**EQUIPMENT:** Wheels, looms, combs, carders etc. can be taken out for use over the holiday period but hire fees must be paid up until February.

# Sharing Table—Saturday 28th September and some Royal Show winners

*Delicious meringues of lofty hand-spun by Lorraine Stokoe*



*A skein of merino silk by MargPC*



*Luke Pearson with a length of fabric to make pants for a commission. This is the first piece Luke has woven on a loom, and it is stunning – almost too good to take a pair of scissors to! Let us see the final piece please Luke*



*Helen Dunn was the star of the Royal Show with not one but TWO "Best Exhibit" sashes!!!*



*One for spinning (right) and one for weaving (above).*



## Sharing Table—Saturday 12th October

*It was a special table this month, displaying our members' spectacular entries at the 2019 Royal Show. Every entry displayed was awarded a place. Not all entries had a Guild tag attached so we have done our best to describe everything accurately. Very special mentions go to:*



**Gail Hamilton**, who won several prizes for her beautiful shawls, mittens, citrus socks and skeins (above and right)



**Rachel Meissner** who entered a stunning space-woven wrap, a madder-dyed woven wool/alpaca scarf and cute “Trevor the Monkey”, and

**Avril Lilqvist** for her stunning Corriedale/silk lace hand-spun, hand-dyed shawl (below)



*Sharing table continued on page 9.*

# Upcoming Guild Events

## ***Guest Speaker for November:***

**Saturday 9th November 2019:** Sue Webb is a computer scientist and keen fibre artist and likes to combine her two skill sets. Sue will share her tips and tricks for using a computer and everyday programs like Microsoft Excel to help with everything from estimating yards per pound of handspun, to tracking progress in a pattern.

## ***Day-Trip to Bailup Downs Afrino Sheep farm, Wooroloo:***

**Sunday 17th November 2019:** Afrinos are a dual-purpose sheep, farmed for meat and fine wool. Our hosts, John and Geraldine Bennier will ensure there are selected fleeces and part fleeces for sale. Will be a BYO share-plate arrangement for lunch, with travel arrangements to be confirmed. Final details to be confirmed. Please register with Kirrin Lill via email to [kirisamba@gmail.com](mailto:kirisamba@gmail.com)

## ***Destash Day at the Guild:***

**Saturday 14 December 2019:** Personal destash only. \$5 per table. Feel free to buddy-up and share a table if you don't want a full one to yourself. To book a table, please contact Gail Hamilton either by mobile 0438382739 or email to [gburchell1@bigpond.com](mailto:gburchell1@bigpond.com)

## ***Spinning Day at Matilda Bay 2020 :***

**WHEN:** Saturday 18 January 2020,  
from 7:30am to about 4pm,  
come and go as you please

**WHERE:** The gazebo, Hackett Drive,  
Matilda Bay Reserve, Crawley

**BRING:** Your spinning gear, fibre,  
food and drinks.



*There is a café and public toilets are nearby.  
Hope to see you there!*



# ALBANY SPINNERS INC.

## Annual Spin In

Date: THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Location: EXHIBITION HALL,  
ALBANY SHOWGROUNDS,  
COCKBURN ROAD, ALBANY  
\$10.00 entry per person

Morning Tea, Light Lunch, and Afternoon Tea will be provided  
Sharing Table, Raffles, White Elephant stall, Door Prizes,  
Money Boards, and copy of Spoke Newsletter.

Short workshops and demonstrations – Microwave Dyeing,  
Needle Felting, using a Blending Board, Drop Spindle Spin-  
ning, Hand Carding, Washing your wool/skeins to name but a  
few. Roster available on the day.

Many and varied Trade Stalls, \$10.00 to set up a stall per per-  
son (to cover lunch) or just bring the piggy bank to add to your  
“stash”.

RSVP: [albanyspinners@gmail.com](mailto:albanyspinners@gmail.com) or 0411 244 902

The **Busselton Spinners and Weavers** are sad to record the passing of  
Life Member Joan Turner. She was a very active member of the club for  
over 30 years, spinning, knitting and creating beautiful woven fabrics,  
boxes, bookmarks and wall hangings. She passed away peacefully on  
3rd October 2019.

## Scarf Exchange

### **The 2020 International Scarf Exchange**

is organised by  
the Handspinners and Weavers Guild of South Australia.

The theme for 2020 is

*Botanical*

***Would you like to participate?***

***The scarf exchange is open to all***

Gail Hamilton has a couple of printed entry forms, otherwise entry forms are available online at  
<https://sites.google.com/site/handspinweavesa>

Online payment available from Friday 30th August 2019  
until Saturday 30th November 2019.

The scarf exchange will culminate in an exhibition to be held at the Auditorium Gallery of the Hamra Centre Library, 1 Brooker Terrace, Hilton SA 5033 from 22nd June until July 5th 2020. An invitation is extended to all crafters to visit during this period.

In addition, the SA Coordinators are looking for a group to come forward to coordinate the event for 2021.

Coordinators: Sharn Rowland and Janet Maughan

Contact: [internationalscarfexchange2020@gmail.com](mailto:internationalscarfexchange2020@gmail.com)



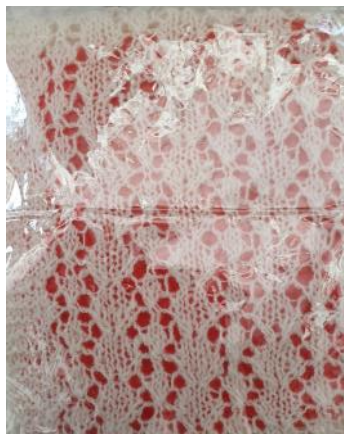
## Sharing Table—Saturday 12th October

Also on the table were **Gail Campbell's** double-weave tea towel (front cover), **Gail Hamilton's** wonderful 'Laboratory jumper' for her husband (as she put it, "just in time for summer") (right).

**Sue Webb's** merino/silk/ glitz lace weight skein, spun on her Nano E-Spinner (below)



**Brenda Roy's** plain weave, indigo-dyed, hand-spun scarf (not pictured)



**Giuliana Bond's** knitted lace scarf using Afrino fibre from John Bennier (left)

Giuliana knitted this for John's wife as a thank you for giving her the opportunity to try out this lovely fibre.

Also from Giuliana Bond, a 3ply (suitable for hardwearing socks) skein of **Valais Black**

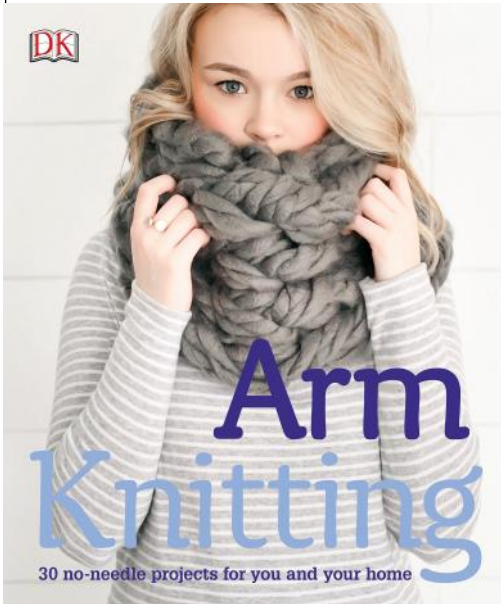
**Nose** fleece which Giuliana bought as tops from New Zealand.



### Note from the Acting Editor:

Just a reminder that from now until the February 2020 edition, Sue Webb is acting editor of the YarnSpinner. Sue's contact details are on page 15.

## From the library

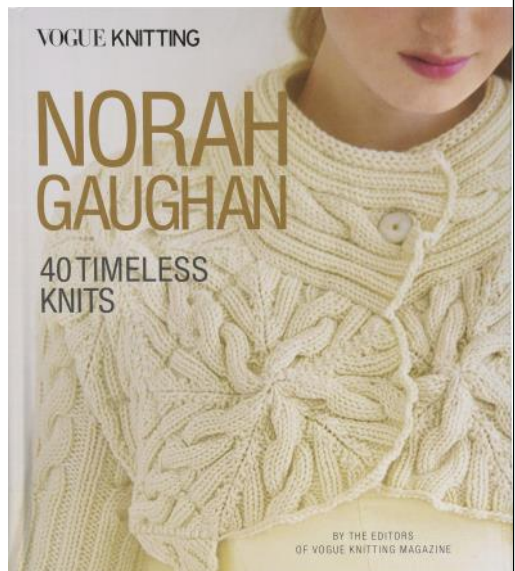


### **Arm Knitting Alpha**

Have you thought of creating beautiful projects with big stitches which will produce eye-catching, quirky designs? You will see quick results using chunky trans and your arms as needles and you can knit up most projects in an hour or less. Choose from 30 different projects ranging from scarves to sweaters to blankets and lampshades. Use chunky yarns, rope, roving and t-shirt yarns.

### **40 Timeless Knits Norah Gaughan**

Over the past 30 years, Norah Gaughan has contributed an astounding 120+ patterns to the iconic Vogue Knitting magazine. To honour her achievements and contributions in knitwear, collected here are 40 of Norah's most celebrated Vogue Knitting designs - including pullovers, vests, cardigans, and more - each as fashionable today as it was when originally published.



*Anne McAdam*

## New weaving group: Fremantle

Fremantle weavers—a new group meeting on Mondays 9am-4pm Legacy House, 17 Parry Street, Fremantle.

Hope to see you there!



### From Sue Greig:

*"The equivalent of our Matilda Bay spin-in! Travelling around Nova Scotia, Canada, last weekend we drove into the little coastal town of Lockeport and followed signs for Becky's yarns and fibres (who could resist) and when we finally found the shop it was shut with a sign on the door--- 'gone to knit-in on Big Beach'. So we asked around and found Big*

*Beach and sure enough, there was a circle of knitters having a great time."*



### October Pop-up:

At the October guild meeting, Candace Gibson shared her broad range of spindling skills with us, showing everything from how to make a leader through to chain plying. She demonstrated on a range of spindles including a top whorl, Turkish and supported spindles. Thanks again Candace for taking the time to share your vast experience with us. I know I learned a lot and I'm sure the other members did too.



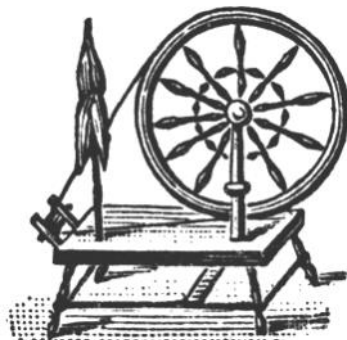
## Spinning Study Group 2020

The Spinning Study Group is a monthly gathering at APCH for those who want some company and feedback whilst doing the NSW Guild Certificate of Competence in Handspinning—find out more at: [www.nsweave.org.au/](http://www.nsweave.org.au/).

The group meets every 4th Saturday of the month in the Studio at APCH (from 10:30am), every month until December.

For more information contact Candace Cranston:

0424 984 883 or [candacegibson@yahoo.com](mailto:candacegibson@yahoo.com)



### From the Yarn Area

We have new stock trickling in all the time, so pop over to our tables to refresh your memories and restock your depleted supplies (secret word for “STASH”)... new cotton from BWM (Bendigo Woollen Mills) has arrived and new scrumptious hand dyed tops of assorted smoochy blends from local indie dyers are on their way too. The digital row counters are back too (at a great price).

There are assorted knitting/haberdashery accessories available on the swinging stands, along with beautiful hand turned spindles by Eastern Stater Frank Williams, and hand turned lucets by local craftsman Collin PC.

Checkout the basket of hand dyed silk tops by Treetops, and a comprehensive selection of Landscape Dyes to delve into DIY dyeing.

If you are interested in different fibres, there is a basket with a large selection of “nude” rovings for you to tryout.

We don't put all of these baskets out on the tables for display but please do not hesitate to ask us about any of these products - if they are in the cupboards.... you can pop in behind us to have a look.

*Happy spinning, weaving and dyeing—Sue & Sue*

## Time to put your hand up - we want you!

The Guild's next Annual General Meeting will be held on **14 March 2020**.

If there are any items members would like to put on the agenda for the AGM, they need to be submitted to the Secretaries (contact details page 15) by **11 January 2020**, for publication with the February 2020 edition of the Yarn spinner.

All Committee and Convenor positions (i.e. those listed on page 15) will be vacated at the AGM, and will need to be filled. Our Guild cannot function without the generosity of volunteers who give their time and expertise to Committee and Convenor roles. Please consider nominating yourself for one of these important positions! **Nominations forms are enclosed with this edition of the Yarnspinner**, and must be submitted to the Secretaries by **11 January 2020**.

Some positions have limited terms, and in 2020 the incumbent's terms are expiring for the positions of President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary/Secretaries—we will need new people to step into these roles! If you think you'd like to be involved but aren't sure what it would entail, contact the Information Officer (contact details page 15).

## Advertising in the YarnSpinner

**A note for anyone who currently has a FOR SALE ad on the back page of the YarnSpinner:**

As you may know the November edition of the YarnSpinner will be the last one for 2019. The next edition will be February 2020. The summer break is a good time to review the advertisements currently on the back page. Some of the ads have been there for a long time. There is no set time limit on how long ads can run, but they shouldn't stay there indefinitely if there are no interested buyers. Please check your ad, and confirm:

- Do you want it to continue running?
- Do you want to make changes to the price?
- Are the contact details and item descriptions correct?
- Would you like any of the wording changed?

Please contact me by **1 January 2020** to let me know what you'd like done with your ad (suewebb23@gmail.com or 0419 937 019) .

*Thanks, Sue (Acting YarnSpinner Editor)*



## Weaving workshops 2020

Belinda Rosee of FibreLicious has secured Stacey Harvey-Brown (The Loom Room, France), as the International Weaving tutor for 2020, and will be bringing Stacey to Australia in August 2020.

For those who are not familiar with Stacey, she has been teaching weaving since 2005, firstly at The Loom Room in the UK, and now from her new studio near Nerac, in the heart of Gascony, SW France.

Further information regards Stacey can be obtained from her website:  
<https://www.theloomroom.co.uk>

The two workshops being offered are:

1. **Three Techniques for Texture Workshop**—Texture in weaving can mean creating a flat tactile surface, but it can also mean so much more than that... What if you could create ruffles and seersucker, rocks and rills, lava flows and tree bark?
2. **Honeycomb Hybrid Workshop**—Honeycomb is very versatile and crosses many perceived boundaries in weave. This workshop is packed full of variations and forays into different subject areas such as DDW, honeycomb lace based on overshot threadings, huck lace, weft-faced motifs as well as designing for traditional honeycomb with a twist.

Both of these workshops are round robin style workshops over a two day period. The cost is likely to be around \$150 to \$200 per workshop.

If you are interested in either of these workshops, please let me know on  
[magnpete@activ8.net.au](mailto:magnpete@activ8.net.au)

Maggie Webb

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## FOR SALE

- **Alpaca Fleece:** Lovely soft luxurious natural colour alpaca fleece. Let me know the colour and quality you'd like so I can hand pick a fleece. Email Carolyn at emerys5@westnet.com.au or contact Jo Rhodes 0414 782 277
- **Ashford Traditional spinning wheels:** Two wheels, plus some extras. \$175 each. Contact Walter Wallenborn 0419 937 499 (Mundaring)
- **Warping board:** Handmade, approx 50 years old, sturdy and reasonable condition \$30 Contact Tracy Barker 0418 946 972 or tracy@barkerandhale.com.au
- **Mohair:** full fleeces, white or grey. \$20 per kg. Contact Barbara 0427 377 054, Bakers Hill, can deliver to Balcatta, Midland or APCH
- **From the collection of Barbara Thomas** who taught weaving at the W.A. Women's Society of Fine Arts and Crafts, and sadly passed away recently.
  - \* Weaving wools/threads: rug wools and finer threads (no silk). \$10 per kg (whatever the thread). Knitting balls \$1. Have been stored well
  - \* 1 old spinning wheel, 1x 4shaft loom, 2 loom stands, electric spinning wheel, and a few other odd bits
  - \* Files of weaving mags/newsletters, weaving books and filesContact Suzanne Vickery (Barbara's daughter) 0498 538 581 (Safety Bay).
- **Rigid heddle:** for an Ashford Knitters Loom, 30cm wide, 7.5 dpi (threads per inch). \$20. Contact Anne Marie annemariekeights@gmail.com or 0423 114 256
- **Linen and silk yarns:** \$12.00 / 100gms linen, \$15.00/ 100gms ecru / peace silk. Contact Ann Richardson aerichar@gmail.com 0402 832 198
- **Ashford 8 shaft Folding table loom:** 40cm wide \$400.00 Contact Ann Richardson aerichar@gmail.com 0402 832 198
- **Spinning chair:** with heart detail, freshly painted white. Would also be great as a bedroom chair! \$35, photo available on request. Contact Jane McCrea 0430 465 725 or 9446 1605
- **Weaving Loom:** \$450. 170cm, 4 Shaft, 6 pedal, floor loom with 2 spare reeds. Excellent condition, well crafted in jarrah by William Hall. Prev. owned by Peggy Whitewood. Contact Evana Beaton 0418 954 102
- **Wanted to buy: Speedweave loom** (or similar)—contact Beth on 0412 288 366

**Guild members** can advertise in the YarnSpinner events or items for sale at no charge. **Non members** may advertise but must pay \$5 per line, in advance. Contact the editor at the Guild address or by email as on page 15.

**Advertising deadline for February YarnSpinner: 11 January 2020**

**Front cover:** *From the sharing table, 8/2 cotton tea towel woven by Gail Campbell*