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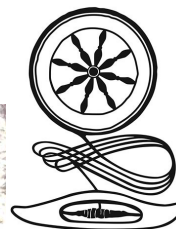
- **Alpaca Fleece:** Lovely soft luxurious natural colour alpaca fleece. Let me know the colour and quality you'd like so I can hand pick a fleece. We have a selection of processed 100 gram bumps from \$15.00 - \$30.00, in a variety of natural colours. Postage can be arranged if required. Contact Jo Rhodes 0414 782 277 or jorhodes1955@gmail.com
- **Ashford Traditional spinning wheels:** Two wheels, plus some extras. \$175 each. Contact Walter Wallenborn 0419 937 499 (Mundaring)
- **Rigid heddle:** for an Ashford Knitters Loom, 30cm wide, 7.5 dpi (threads per inch). \$20. Contact Anne Marie 0423 114 256 or annemariekeights@gmail.com
- **Linen and cotton yarns:** Unbleached linen yarns and natural khadi cotton Yarn for sale. Please contact Ann 0402 832 198 if you're interested
- **Spinning wheels:** Terry Cavill would like to reduce his large collection of spinning wheels, all in excellent condition. Contact Terry 9731 0947 (Donnybrook)
- **Ertoel Denise Electric Carder:** for sale by the Chidlow Spinners. These machines are very reliable and efficient and have been manufactured for close to 40 years. See the following website for details: <http://www.ertoel.com/ErtoelElectricCarder.html>. This machine is valued at \$700 but is negotiable. Contact Walter 0419 937 499

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 October YarnSpinner: 11 September 2021

Front cover: Making the most of the (almost) spring sunshine with some backyard weaving—Cecilia Jordan

The YarnSpinner



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COMING UP:

Saturday 11 September: Handweavers', Spinners' and Dyers' Guild of Western Australia General Meeting

09:30am Doors open

10:00am Library & Yarn Area open

12:00pm General Meeting

Coffee and tea available. BYO morning tea/lunch.

Contribution deadline for the October 2021 edition of the YarnSpinner: Saturday 11 September 2021

DISCLAIMER: Opinions expressed in correspondence in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Guild

Alexander Park Craft House Guild Groups

SPINNING GROUP: 4th 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: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30am

Anyone is welcome to join us! Contact Brenda Roy 9381 4870 or brenda@cadplan.com.au.

TAPESTRY GROUP:

Stephnie Cantoni stephniecantoni@bigpond.com or Jan Hunter wsf.jmhunter@bigpond.com.

Guild Membership Fees for 2021

General \$80.00	Concession \$60.00	Associate/Junior \$60.00
Student \$60.00	Family \$97.50	Group \$120.00

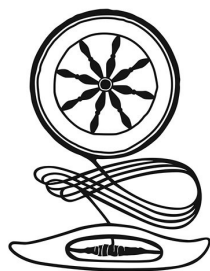
If a person applies for membership after 1 October, their fee will include membership for the current and following year.

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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Staying up to date

Unfortunately it is not always possible to include up-to-date information about changes to the meeting schedule in the Yarnspinner, but the Guild will always follow the Government's guidelines on gatherings.

If you need information about the Guild's activities, you are always welcome to contact Guild President Jenni Talbot or the Information Officer (details page 15).

The Guild is also on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/spinweavewa/>

And online:

<https://spinweavewa.org/>



WA Coronavirus Health Information Line: 13 COVID (13 26843)

WA Department of Health:

https://www2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus

Australian Government Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14



Coming up...

Saturday 11 September	HWSDGWA General Meeting, APCH, doors open 9:30am
Saturday 25 September	Spinning Day, APCH, doors open 9:30am
Saturday 25 September— Saturday 2 October	Perth Royal Show, Claremont Showgrounds (more information at perthroyalshow.com.au)
Saturday 9 October	Spin, weave or bring along your current project, APCH, doors open 9:30am
Saturday 23 October	Spinning Day, APCH, doors open 9:30am
Saturday 13 November	HWSDGWA General Meeting and Christmas lunch, APCH, doors open 9:30am
Saturday 27 November	Library and Equipment Room stocktake plus spin, weave or bring along your current project, APCH, doors open 9:30am

Editor needed

I will be retiring as Yarnspinner editor at the AGM in March 2022. Between now and then, I'm hoping someone will express their interest in taking over the role. I can provide information and assistance to anyone who might be interested—you can even try it out, to see if it's for you!

Some things to consider about The Yarnspinner:

- It is currently created using Microsoft Publisher, but you may have other ideas about how to produce it.
- It is published and distributed once a month, usually in the last week of the month (10 issues per year, February to November)
- It is both a printed paper newsletter (posted to some members) and emailed as a pdf, but the Yarnspinner Editor does not do the distribution (unless you put your hand up for that role as well!)
- The role includes writing articles, taking photos, requesting articles and photos from members, managing 'For Sale' ads, and staying in touch with the President and Committee about upcoming events.

Please get in touch (my contact details are on page 15).

Cecilia Jordan, Yarnspinner Editor

Notes from the President

Hi Everyone,

I visited the Tapestry group a few weeks ago and it was so good to see what they were working on and spend some time meeting members that don't always have the opportunity to join us on our Saturday Guild days. We have so many talented people around us and the tapestry group are very quiet about their accomplishments so I will be making sure they share a lot more in the future.

Sue and I are continuing on our tidy up of the Guild store room and clearing out surplus stock. We do have quite a lot of magazines which we will be offering to our members and country groups if they would like them for their library. I know I like going back through magazines or books and re discover patterns or ideas, I tend not to use the internet as much as many of our members as I prefer the paper version.

It is good to see we have some new members joining recently, new to spinning and also showing an interest in weaving and tapestry. If you see a face you don't recognise please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

I have also been giving some tours around APCH as many of us use the building but do not always know what resources are available, we have a drying area that can be used by felting or dyeing groups and the studio area has air-conditioning and heating. The new stove has now been connected along with the new hot water system.

We have our annual building inspection with the City of Stirling scheduled for this week to ensure we are all taking care of the facility.

Our APCH committee work closely with the City of Stirling and they are always supportive and do assist us with helping to promote all of the groups that use the hall. We know we are lucky to have the hall as there are very few buildings like ours available in local communities so we do value the space we have.

Take care and be kind to yourself.

Jenni

Gold medal knitting

The real story of the 2020 (well, 2021) Olympics in Tokyo wasn't the medals won, the records broken or the complications caused by covid-19—it was the knitting!

UK diver Tom Daley attracted world wide attention when he got the knitting needles out while watching his teammates compete, and waiting for his own events.

Tom has an Instagram account dedicated to his knitting and crochet with 1.4 million people around the world following his crafting—he has knitted clothing for both dogs and human, and even a 'cosy' for his gold medal, to stop it from getting scratched! (www.instagram.com/madewithlovebytomdaley). Tom has also raised money for charity by raffling his knitted creations.



Tom shows off his Team GB knitted cardigan
Source: The Telegraph www.youtube.com



Tom Daley knitting while watching a diving event at the Tokyo Olympics
Source: Getty—Clive Rose
www.abc.net.au/news/

Knitting is obviously good training for diving, as Tom won one bronze and one gold medal in Tokyo.

Says Tom in Instagram:

"The one thing that has kept me sane throughout this whole process is my love for knitting and crochet and all things stitching."

With a bit of luck knitting will become the new sport at the next Olympics...

Wise Owls...



When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.

Henry J. Kaiser

Let the beauty of what you love be what you do.

Rumi

The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.

Jonas Salk



Source: It Itches, Franklin Habit

A Natural Dyes Interest Group?

Are there any members out there interested in joining a natural dyes interest group? We meet in the studio on 4th Saturdays, to share work and experiences (rather than a hands on 'workshop' format). If you think you might like to be involved, please get in touch. Looking eagerly for any fellow natural dyers!

Brenda Roy (0437 904 223 or brenda@cadplan.com.au)

Making clothes—An Invitation for weavers

When: Tuesday October 12th, 10am - 2pm

Where: APCH

RSVP: Brenda 0437 904 223 or brenda@cadplan.com.au

The Tuesday weavers are having a day considering and sharing ideas, patterns, and techniques they have used making garments from hand-woven cloth.

Bring along those summer tops, jackets, waistcoats you've made, favorites you've worn for years, that you can't give away even though you no longer wear them. Pictures and fabric you've always meant to make, wonderful successes and dilemmas.

This is a day to air and share experiences and ideas and inspire clothing ourselves and other lucky people with what we weave.

Or come empty handed with dreams and intentions. We would love to see you.

The Tuesday Weavers



Perth Craft and Quilt Fair 2021

Where: Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

When: Wednesday 3 to Sunday 7 November, 10am– 4pm

Cost: \$21 for a one day pass if you buy it at the door (discounts for concession card holders, and if you buy tickets on line)

The Guild will have a stall, so come along and check it out!

For more information go to: www.craftfair.com.au/wp/Perth/

From the library

We are introducing a new cash free card system to the library!

The cards cost \$5 and will allow you 25 borrows from the library.

No longer will you need to search for coins in your bag – the cards will remain at the library and will be checked off with each loan.

For the remainder of this year, you have the choice of purchasing a card or paying 20c cash per borrow, however from next year we will be only using the card system.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask us.

Also, if you have any book recommendations that you would like the library to purchase, please come and speak to us and we will see what we can do.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gwen & Sue

***The Danish Octo Book* The Danish Octo Project**

Delight a child with a colourful crocheted or knitted Octo. Octos' twisty tentacles are calming and comforting – and they feel a bit like Mum's umbilical cord.

Octos started as a means to soothe and calm premature babies in hospitals, created by a group of volunteers called The Octo Project. Today they collect Octos for babies in every hospital in Denmark and the movement is spreading around the UK.

The Danish Octo Book contains lots of cute and inspiring knitting and crocheting patterns to help you make your own Octos for the children in your life. Combining the Danish way of life with the mindfulness of knitting, this is the perfect book for parents, grandparents and all those who want to cultivate their meditative passion for knitting, while at the same time creating the ultimate loving gift for a baby.



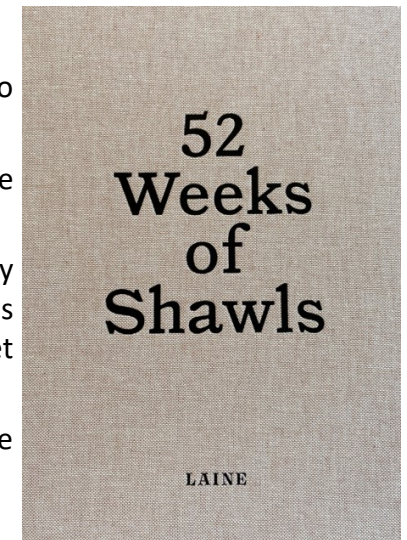
***52 Weeks of Shawls* Laine**

52 Weeks of Shawls is a unique look into contemporary shawl knitting.

The designers behind the 52 patterns come from all around the world.

This collection showcases an exceptionally wide range of yarns, techniques and levels of difficulty and also includes two crochet designs.

It is a true encyclopedia of shawls, a future classic for decades to come.



***Zero Waste Sewing* Elizabeth M Haywood**

Are you looking for a new sewing adventure?

Pattern maker and sewing teacher Elizabeth Haywood offers 16 wearable projects, cleverly designed to use 100% of the fabric, with no scraps or waste.

Zero waste pattern making is one strategy for making fashion more sustainable and can also result in innovative garment shapes.

This book presents a variety of zero waste cutting themes, some new, some historical, but all influenced by the cloth itself.

Follow the clear step-by-step instructions to maximise your fabric usage, grow in confidence and create versatile garments you'll enjoy wearing.

Sue Todd