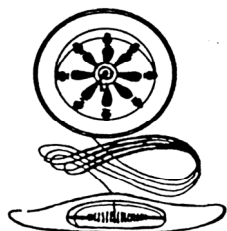


The YarnSpinner



Newsletter of the Handweavers', Spinners'
and Dyers' Guild of Western Australia

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Coming up: Saturday 8th October 2016

General meeting of the Handweavers', Spinners' and Dyers' Guild of Western Australia. Coffee and tea provided, BYO lunch.

10am Library and Yarn Area open

11am Speaker: Sr Naomi of the Good Shepherd Sisters (see p. 3)

12pm HWSDGWA General Meeting

**Contribution deadline the November edition of the
YarnSpinner: Saturday 8th October**

This will be the last edition for 2016

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 including hand & drum carders, spinning wheels, electric wheels and dye equipment is available for use by members. Contact Information Officer (details page 15).

IN-HOUSE WEAVERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 9:30am

Each month different members of the group take a turn being the 'boss', giving a small demonstration or talk of their choice of weave structure—a favourite weave, or something you have wanted to try, so a good excuse to warp up and 'have-a-go'. We will start at 10.00am, giving everyone a chance to settle in and get a cuppa.

Please note that there will be five Tuesdays in November giving us two weeks off in those months.

Please give some thought to being the 'boss' in following months, it would be wonderful to have a full calendar of keen helpers. I am looking forward to a busy schedule and hopefully lots of new faces, as well as all the 'old' ones. Happy weaving! Contact Sue Greig 9448 0840 or sue_greig@hotmail.com.

KUMIHIMO GROUP: 1st Thursday of each month 10am to 1pm

Beginners welcome. Contact Rosemary Skinner 9341 3037.

TAPESTRY GROUP

Contact Stephanie Cantoni stephniecantoni@bigpond.com or Jan Hunter wsf.jmhunter@bigpond.com.

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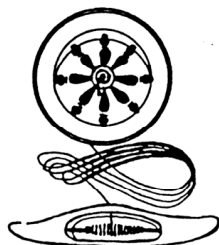
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Dates for your diary

Saturday 24 September - Sunday 1 October	Perth Royal Show
Saturday 8 October	HWSDGWA General Meeting, APCH
Saturday 22 October	Spinning Group, APCH, from 10am
Saturday 12 November	HWSDGWA final General Meeting for 2016 and Christmas Lunch, APCH, from 10am NOTE: all library books and borrowed equipment must be returned
Saturday 26 November	Guild Stocktake and Spinning Group, APCH, from 10am
Saturday 21 January 2017	Spinning at Matilda Bay (p. 13)
Saturday 11 February 2017	HWSDGWA Annual General Meeting, APCH

Speaker for 8th October General Meeting...

...is Sr Naomi of the Good Shepherd Sisters. Naomi is involved in projects to prevent girls being trafficked. She and the other sisters have been involved in establishing a community based project called 'The Trading Circle' (TCC) which enables women to earn a living making and selling handmade goods - mainly textile based etc - in places where this would otherwise be impossible. It creates opportunities for women and their families to be a part of a community, in places where they would otherwise be shunned. It encourages women to realise their self-worth and gives them the opportunity to love and to be loved in a world that had otherwise forgotten them.

The Trading Circle is now a Fair Trade operation and the income produced allows the women to stand independently.

<https://www.thetradingcircle.com.au/>

From the President

I wanted to start this month's report with a big thank you to everyone involved in the Project of the Year 2016. It was a very enjoyable day and everyone was delighted with the quality of entries and the opportunity to see other member's work so well done to everyone. There was a lot of done behind the scenes to make sure that everything ran like clock-work so a big thank you to the committee for everything they have done as I would not be able to do my job without their support and commitment. We were delighted to see Mrs Reid again and her enjoyment of the day was evident as was the pleasure of the judges at the level of work they were being asked to assess. Planning will start soon so that we can get the categories out to people hopefully before the end of the year in case anyone really can't wait to get started.

The Perth Royal Show is upon us and while I know that I will see many of you at the next spinning day on 24 September there will be plenty of us who are either just visiting or demonstrating at the Show. Do come by and say hello to the spinners at the Black Sheep Shop - Jim Horwood Pavilion , Creative Craft - Milton Ibister Pavilion and with the Alpaca Association in the Tom Wilding Pavilion. I am looking forward to visiting the Creative Craft Pavilion to see what people have put in for judging and wish you all the best of luck.

We also have members demonstrating at the Permaculture Festival on 2 October, 10:00am to 4:00pm. This will be taking place at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre, 58 Yule Avenue, Middle Swan. There will be over 70 stalls and it looks like being a great day out!

I would also like to let you know that the Swan View Show and the Toodyay Agricultural Show are both on Saturday 8 October. There is still time to enter both of these as they close on 1 October or it is simply worth taking a drive on the day to have a look at what they have put on. These are both fantastic events and I hope that many of us take the opportunity to support these shows. Spring is an exciting and busy time and I look forward to bumping into you at some of these events.

All the best,
Candace Gibson, President - HWSGDWA Inc.

Project of the Year: THE GALAXY

When it was first announced that the theme for the 2016 was “The Galaxy”, most of us found ourselves scratching our heads and wondering what on earth to do, so it was probably inevitable that the exhibition would turn up a considerable number of quirky numbers.

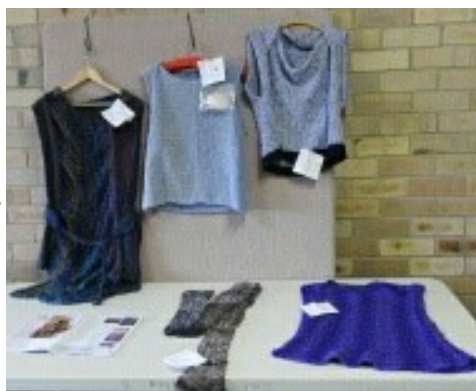
Our judges (thank you judges) commented on the colour and humour (Anne McAdam’s “Black hole” took the cake, and a certain husband enhanced a knitted cactus with a pinned spiral galaxy); feathers flew on a hand-spun knitted shawl and beads and glitter were very evident. It was nice to see an extra group entry from a tapestry group, in addition to the faithful regulars who always try to make a presence in that category. One young man was proud to take part in the new category for novices and juniors and is already hoping to take part again next year.

Equally impressive was the lunch table around which much jovial chatter took place.

Lastly but most definitely not least, thank you Mrs Reid, our patron who never fails to attend with grace and enthusiasm.

Margaret PC

The entries....



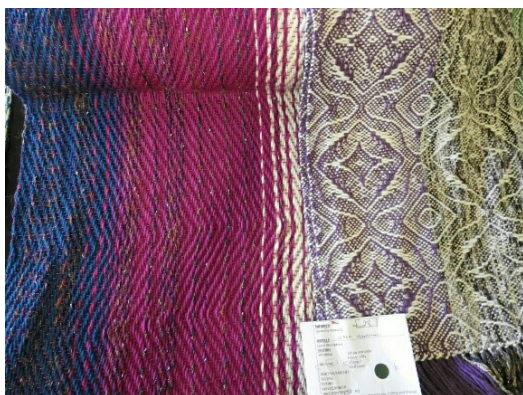
Project of the Year: THE GALAXY

The entries...



Black holes are dense
and therefore the detritus
of the galaxy is gathered
to them.





Project of the Year: THE GALAXY

The entries...

The Seven Sisters
watching over us,
remind us we are all
children of the galaxy,
spinning through the
universe, woven of
star dust -



Project of the Year: THE GALAXY

The winners...



Popular Vote (Anne Rain Trophy) and Knitting/Crochet: **Keilo Wise**



Spinning 5 ply and under and Overall Spinning (Cecile Dorwood Trophy): **Margaret PC**



Group entry (Turner Cottage Trophy) and Presidents award (Joy Skinner Trophy): **Tapestry Group (Jenny Archibald, Giuliana Bond, Anne Miller, Joy Skinner. Absent: Stephanie Cantoni, Jan Hunter)**



Novice/Junior: **Joseph Dennis**



Loom weaving and Overall Weaving (Lyn Waring Trophy): **Sue Greig**

Spinning 5 ply and over: **Ann Bancroft**



Off loom weaving and Dyeing: **Barbara Roy**

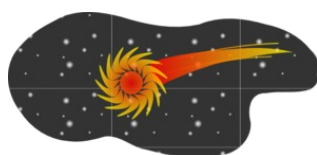
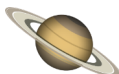


Patron's Choice: **Nicolea Savage**

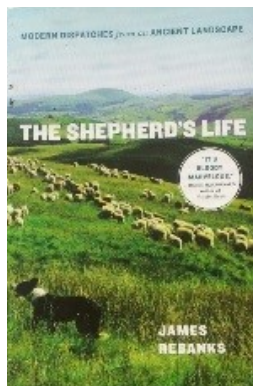
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What they were wearing...

(fabulous hand crafted fashions worn on the day,
or in the process of being created)



*Apologies to anyone I missed — and
to those photographed unawares! Ed.*



From the Library

***The Shepherd's Life* James Rebanks**

James Rebanks is the first son of a shepherd who have worked in the Lake District of Northern England for generations. This is the story of a deep-rooted attachment to place, modern dispatches from an ancient landscape describing a way of life that is little noticed. Richard Fidler interviewed him on Conversations:

www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/conversations/james-rebanks-and-the-shepherds-life/7788646

and he was on Big Ideas with Janette Winterson and Tim Flannery at the Sydney Writer's Festival:

www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/bigideas/let-nature-be-your-teacher/7625942.

Both broadcasts are very entertaining.

***Weaves and Pattern Drafting* John Tovey**

A concise text accompanies the numerous line illustrations, and the choice of photographs of worked examples is an important feature of the creative and stimulating approach encouraged by the author.



Anne McAdam



Sharing Table—
Saturday 27th August
2016

Sandra Melville shared a beautiful piece of silk dyed brown and orange shades in a rust pot.

AuNZ Tapestry Challenge 2017

The theme for 2017 is: **The Elements - Fire, Water, Air, Earth**. The challenge is open to all tapestry weavers, beginners to experienced. Maximum size of tapestry 20cm x 20cm. The tapestries are exhibited in New Zealand and Australia and all weavers will receive a CD of all the tapestries when they are returned. Entry fee is \$10. Contact Marie Clews for more information mclews@tpg.com.au

Twilight Markets in Armadale

Jull Street Mall (Jull Street, Armadale) will be transformed into a marketplace with homemade goods, creative and unique wares, children's activities and live music. The Twilight Markets will be run on: **Friday 28 October & 25 November 2016, and Friday 24 February & 31 March 2017, 5:00pm to 8:30pm**. If any Guild members are interested in selling their hand-crafted goods, stalls are available for \$55 (3m x 3m). Contact Wendy 9394 5629 or Rebecca 9394 5499 www.armadale.wa.gov.au/events/twilight-markets-october

Oops! Wrong date published in the last Yarnspinner. Correction below...

Quakers in Australia, inspired by the English Quaker Tapestries, have been stitching stories of their history in this country. Nine of the panels completed so far are on presently on display at the Quaker Meeting house in Mt Lawley. The pictures of early Friends (Quakers) are beautifully stitched in wool on woollen fabric sourced from Bilby Yarns after much consultation with June.

If you'd like to see these works of art up close, an **Open Day is planned for: Sunday 16th October, 2pm-4pm.**

Guild Membership Fees for 2016

Full —\$40.00	Pensioner—\$30.00	Associate—\$30.00
Student—\$30.00	Family—\$65.00	Group—\$45.00

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 year badge. Half fees apply after 1st July, those joining after 1st October have the option to pay in full which then includes membership for 2017. **New members:** For info on joining contact Membership Officer (details page 15).

From the Yarn Area

Be sure to come and see the newly arrived hand dyed merino tops . We are predominantly sourcing stocks from Australia and a little from New Zealand:

- Treetops - Perth
- Heavenly Wools - NZ
- First Edition - merino silk - Vic
- Space Cadets arty batts - WA
- Hand dyed silk rovings, cocoons & rods
- Rovings from Bendigo Woollen Mills - Victoria
- Alpaca rovings and small packs of fleece, all in natural colours - Perth
- Melanian wool rovings in natural colours - WA
- Hand turned drop spindles by Franks Williams - NSW
- New cones of threads for weaving and new cottons
- Re-stocked Landscape dye colours
- New selection of yarns, including new 4 ply cotton from Bendigo Woollen Mills
- Large selection of other fibres (undyed) to try
- **New selection of sock wool has arrived in stunning variegated colours.**

It's well worth having a look in the cupboards at all the treasures that can't fit on the tables. Don't be shy to ask to come behind and have a good look. If there is anything you would like us to source please let us know.

Happy spinning, weaving and dyeing—Sue & Jo

Spinning at Matilda Bay 2017

WHEN: Saturday 21 January 2017, 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.

The Bayside Kitchen café and public toilets are nearby.

Hope to see you there!

Arty and Crafty

Arty and Crafty sell steel reeds and metal heddles, amongst other things. Their email has recently been changed. It is now :coxon867@optusnet.com.au

Maggie Webb

8Plus Group

Source: Weavers Forum newsletter Issue73 August 2016

What is the 8Plus group?

8Plus group is a woven sample exchange group, open to any weaver in Australia. The group has been going for over 20 years with lots of different projects intended to expand our knowledge and skills in weaving on multi-shaft looms (8 shafts or more). It is all about being part of it, researching, supplying the samples and receive a huge bundle of ideas back in return.

How does it work?

The 8Plus group exchanges samples twice a year (April and October), woven with 8 shafts or more, and based on set topics for that project. When you take on a project, weave enough to cut into 10 good sized samples (approx 10cm square). There is no obligation to weave samples every six months (but if you do not contribute any samples, you will not receive any). The samples are collated, sorted, and mailed out to each contributor.

There is a schedule for upcoming projects on the Yahoo group website and the next projects on the timeline will be introduced in the outgoing letter with the samples. But the upcoming projects list is not set in concrete. If you have an irresistible urge to try a weave and to see what others would do with it, please let us know and we will change the list around.

How do I join?

A fee of \$10, used for posting samples, applies for joining this group. This fee may not necessarily be an annual one. Once funds get low, a request for another \$10 will be sent out.

This fee can be paid by a **cheque made out to Weavers Forum** and sent to Helen Halpin, 7 Sassafras Gully Road, Springwood NSW 2777 or by **direct debit** transfer to: Sydney Credit Union, Springwood branch

Name of Account: Weavers Forum

BSB 802 084 Account No: 734222

When you join the group you will be invited to the 8Plus Yahoo group. This website supplies information about the upcoming project, exchange with other members and you can have a look at all the latest photos from the previous sample exchanges.

Helen Halpin - tel: 02 4751 7441 or email: hhalpin@ozemail.com.au

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<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/8Plus/info>

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FOR SALE

- **Alpaca Fleece:** From Carolyn: October is shearing time again for Windella Alpacas. If you would like some lovely soft luxurious natural colour alpaca fleece please let me know the colour and quality you would like so I can hand pick the fleece for you. I still have some fleeces available and am currently destashing to make way for this year's shearing. I am away until the end of September so, please contact Jo Rhodes 0414782277 or email emerys5@westnet.com.au
- **Ashford traditional spinning wheel:** No lazy Kate, but has normal flyer and a lace flyer, which is currently installed. Have spun prizewinning yarns on this wheel. \$250 (price negotiable). Contact Fran 0466511886 or franydorus@westnet.com.au
- **Ashford drum carder, fine carding cloth:** Very good condition. Has only been used with clean fibre. \$350 (price negotiable). Contact Fran 0466511886 or franydorus@westnet.com.au
- **Louett drum carder, coarse carding cloth:** Has been used for greasy fleece, but still good condition. \$300 (price negotiable). Contact Fran 0466511886 or franydorus@westnet.com.au
- **Ashford Traditional spinning wheels:** Two wheels available, plus some extra bits and pieces. \$175 each. Contact Walter Wallenborn 0419 937 499 (Mundaring)
- **Jarrah floor loom:** made by Nedlands Village Weavers. In good condition, only used twice. New heddles. In pieces with plans. \$500. Contact Jane McCrea 9446 1065 or platypus@iinet.net.au
- **Treadle sewing machine:** Singer brand, 104 years old, from Glasgow. \$650. Contact Jane McCrea 9446 1065 or platypus@iinet.net.au

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.



Front cover: Project of the Year winner for the popular vote and knitting/crochet categories: shawl spun and knitted by Keilo Wise