

Handweavers Spinners and Dyers Guild (Tasmania) Inc.

President's Precis

Please distribute the news to all in your group. If members wish to be on the mailing list individually, get them to email me eva@ruzicka.id.au, thank you, and I will include them in.

DATES TO PENCIL IN

**Bothwell International Highland Spin-In AGM
followed by a General Meeting 2 July, 2017 11:30am**

Council Chambers, Bothwell

Guild Members are welcome to attend

Guild 46th Birthday Party

August 24, 2017 9:30 for 10:30 speaker and morning tea

Guild Rooms, St Georges Battery Point

Bring your wheel/loom as usual and join us in the general fun

Parking is limited due to building works so please consider car pooling with members

Guest Speaker: Sylvia Parr, on weaving and the Guild

Bicheno Weekend – A Weekend Craft Retreat

Friday 8th September to Sunday 10th

For news and registration go to our website. Accommodation and venue: Beachfront Motel

<http://www.hwsdguilddtasmania.org/>

Royal Hobart Show 2017 “A Walk Down Memory Lane”

Exhibition and demonstrations showcasing Guild talents and skills

Wednesday 25 October to Saturday 28 October

Please consider volunteering for a half day – I can vouch for it being a lot of fun!

Convenor: Maree Cowen 0418399804 or mareecowen@bigpond.com

Tassie Felters Exhibition

Kingston Art Hub, Beach Road, Kingston

Friday 10 November to Monday 20 November

Opening Friday 10th at 5pm

Contact: Kerrie Parsons 6265 2898 or parsonskerrie@gmail.com

And Some Dates for the Future from Bothwell:

March 3rd 2018 SpinOUT 10-4 Market Street Park Bothwell, on the Patrick Street end. Alternative venue for inclement weather...the Town Hall. Theme "De-Stash Market Day" byo card table and the fibre, wool/textiles and crafted products you'd like to swap or sell so that your stash cupboard door can finally close! Gold coin donation. Registrations essential for catered light lunch. Orders to Secretary Liz Rapley bothwellspinin70@gmail.com

The **SpinIN** dates are **March 1st and 2nd 2019**. "Meet and Greet" Thurs Feb 28th 2019.

AND NOW FOR THE NEWS.....

Our congratulations to Audrey Bradley

Burnie Group recently held a very successful Open Day and it was also the occasion to recognise the lifetime work of Audrey Bradley for the Guild. It is such a pleasure to let Guild members know their efforts and goodwill and generally all round selfless sharing is so appreciated by a Certificate of Appreciation or even a Lifetime Membership. Audrey was

both surprised and thrilled to receive it. Do you have such a person in your group? Do let the Committee know with a paragraph or two.

Wanted: A Web Elf

We, all of us Guild members, need to consider that *our Web Elf is likely to move on and we need a replacement*. I have to say the Valeri does a sterling job on the website and personally I can't thank her enough for her initiative and great skills in getting information out there. When Guild Members provide content, Valerie has done an excellent job of presenting it. A lot of effort goes into providing seamless web content and with Valeri moving on, we are going to need a replacement Web Elf. Our interim Web Elf is an IT techy nerd with a personality but he's on a short string and we can't keep him long. He has given us some good advice on migrating to a more user friendly system and timelines for that. Nonetheless, we need someone who is self-motivated, enjoys communicating with Guild members and telling the stories to the rest of the world of the Guild, with some IT skills in websites. Know anyone?

Storing Guild Photos and the Guild Calendar

Unfortunately the best laid plans and aspirations "gang awry" so no Guild Calendar for sale at this year's Deloraine Craft Fair. However the Calendar sub-committee is powering on to have one ready for next year. At the same time, the Guild is working on a photo storage site for both the Calendar and archiving of Guild photos for ready use. More news on this as the Committee sorts it out with the Interim Web Elf to supply an email address and work out managing storage and retrieval.

New Equipment

Our Equipment Officer Di McPherson advised that three Ashford knitters looms are in the process of being marked with HWSG Guild identification. They will be available to members for hire at \$20 per month or \$5 per week. Di also advised that she is currently working on updating the Guild's equipment policy. Knitters looms are a simple effective introduction to weaving and help build skills and technical proficiency that helps moving to shaft looms a happier process.

Certificate of Competency in Spinning

Just letting you all know that while we've had expressions of interest in both a convenor and participants from around the State, the likely convenor is not available until after September, so once the good lady is, we can start the process of convening and organisation. More participants are welcome. Please go to the website for details and if you want to take part, let me know to add you to the list.

<http://www.hwsdguilddtasmania.org/blog/certificatecourse/>

Statewide Meeting at Bicheno?

The Committee was approached to canvas the Groups whether they wanted a short Statewide Meeting at Bicheno. While some thought this would work, others have since the Committee meeting expressed the opinion that Bicheno is a Retreat and not for meetings. Others quietly suggested that previous such meetings were at times not happy and ruined the Bicheno event for them. There is another option of simply having Committee members present who may be willing to set some time aside in the evening while we're all having a quiet drink to mull over issues and report back to the Committee. As I intend to go this year, I'd be happy to do that. Nonetheless, I've been asked to canvas the groups. What do you think?

All the best, Eva