

# Handweavers Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania Inc

## President's Precis June 2018

### **Guild Exhibition June 2018 – PopUp Show and Sell**

What a fantastic display! There are already pictures up on our webpage (Gallery Tab →Exhibition 2018). My sincerest congratulations to everyone involved. The number hours you have spent crafting the garments and in organising the event are too great to count. It has come together brilliantly. Thank you.

### **Guild Birthday 16 August 2018**

We will be holding this year's Guild Birthday Party on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10am. All members are welcome so bring you wheel (or portable craft of choice), some show-and-tell and help us celebrate! There'll be birthday cake, food, lucky-door prizes, friends to catch up with and new ones to make.

### **Guild Exhibition 2020 – Travelling Cloaks**

The gallery at Burnie has already been booked – thank you Irene! And, the theme has been set – *Travelling Cloaks*. Our hope is to begin the exhibition in Burnie and then have it move to a number of different venues around the state culminating in a celebration for our Guild's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021. If all goes well this finale will be at the Inveresk Community Gallery and incorporate a showing of the Tapestry which was made by Guild members for Launceston City and presented to them in the 1980s.

As the original tapestry was collaborative we would like the cloaks to be collaborative. It is an opportunity for group members to get together and create something above and beyond what is normally possible. Your thoughts are free to roam (travel!) between the basic and functional to the most whimsical ideas you may imagine. And while the Launceston Tapestry was a woven fabric of course these cloaks can also incorporate spinning, dying knitting, felting, crochet . . .

In telling you this now, our organising committee hope you will begin to think about the theme and how you might like to interpret it. They will be sending more information to the group coordinators very soon which will include guidelines for collaborative groups to follow.

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

After some delay the sub committee to oversee our Anniversary will be starting work very soon. I want to thank all those groups who took the time to make suggestions – there are lots terrific ideas there for the group to consider.

### **Workshops**

**Learn-to-spin** If you know anyone who would like to attend a one-day workshop to learn to spin we are holding one in the HQ Rooms in Hobart on 11 August – details are on the website and the attached flyer.

**Poatina** – the pics from the weekend are up on the website

**Eco Dyeing with Linda Chee** – An additional workshop has been arranged for August 25<sup>th</sup> contact Sue for more details - [workshops@hwsdguilddtasmania.org](mailto:workshops@hwsdguilddtasmania.org) or HQ on Thursday mornings 62241526.

**Bobbie Irwin** (Weaving Iridescence) will be in Hobart in October and is willing to come to the Tuesday night weaving group October 2nd to talk about Iridescence and her experiences in weaving. It would be a great opportunity to come down/up/into Hobart to hear and meet her. <https://www.bobbieirwin.com/>

**Library and Equipment** There is some wrong information being passed around. Every single member IS entitled to borrow books from the library or hire the equipment. Distant members will have to make arrangements for pick up and return with Anne (library) or Jutta (equipment). You may ring the Guild on a Thursday morning 6224 1526 or email them directly (see Island Yarns).

**Library**

Two copies of the "*Ashford Book of Handcarding*" are STILL missing from the library and Anne would love to have them returned please.

**Longest Thread Competition (Bothwell SpinIn 2019)** Beth Hanson has told Ken that they will be offering one of their magnificent miniSpinners as a prize in the E-Spinner category – so it's not too late to start practicing!

**Facebook** – In the end I only received three responses to my requests in the last two newsletters (one group and 2 individuals – thank you). Consequently, the committee agreed that nothing further will be done at this time. If the people who were so enthusiastic at the Statewide meeting in March would like to think about how they could move this forward we would gladly hear from you.

**Island Yarns** is our premier publication, but if you have something to share that doesn't fit into the publishing schedule please send me the details so I can include it here.

This update is longer than I anticipated, but I guess there's a lot going on throughout your Guild right now.

My best wishes to you all,

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