

Handweavers Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania Inc

President's Precis November 2018

From the Guild 2020 Exhibition Sub-committee

Following are some suggestions for a convenor to facilitate as many members as possible in your group to be involved in the making of a cloak:

Your group programme for 2019 could include mini workshops to explore processes for the making of the cloak.

For example: Dyeing sessions for specific colours or colour effect; Learning a weaving structure that could be integral to the design or construction of a cloak; Exploring the possibility of designing a knitting motif to enhance an idea. When thinking about embellishment; the list is endless and this could enable the involvement of more people. While it is envisaged that as many as possible be involved in these collaborations, if there is an idea which involves more control for the execution of the cloak within a group, in the spirit of collaboration there could be an opportunity to learn together even in a small group. People can be involved with documentation of inspiration, processes, or writing a story to accompany cloak.

If there is a theme chosen for your cloak, then Group creative/learning activities could be organised around the theme.

The number of up to 15 cloaks was designated so that galleries for the exhibits would have an idea of what to expect. This number was also realistic as the invitation went to 24 groups and not all groups will contribute.

If there is more than one creative idea from a group (within reason) this is great, and meeting the expression of interest deadline will determine the final number. Feedback to contributors will be given after all preliminary forms are received.

It would be appreciated if questions and correspondence about the exhibition could come from the convenor of each group.

Note: Cloaks can be loose coats!

New Yarn Store Co-ordinator found. Projects/Workshops Officer needed.

Sue Hastie from the Battery Point Group has volunteered and been accepted by the committee as our new Yarn Store Officer – thank you Sue! It does of course mean that we are now looking for a Projects/Workshops Officer. As I understand it Sue has already done much of the Workshops planning for next year.

So, once again - Can you help? If you can, please let me know as soon as possible (contact details below) – thank you.

Web Elf Karen Mathieson from the Oatlands Group will be our new "Web Elf". Thank you Karen and thank you to Valerie for all your years of wonderful service.

Guild Closure the Guild Rooms and Yarn Store will close for the year on 13th December (the same day as the Battery Point Christmas Party) so if you want a lot of supplies to keep you going it would be wise to come in before then. **Reopen** Thursday 17th January

Ross Summer Day – 19 January Full details are in Island Yarns.

My best wishes to you all,

Margaret Miller

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