

HANDWEAVERS SPINNERS AND DYERS GUILD OF TASMANIA INC.
PRESIDENT'S PRECIS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Do I say often enough how much the Committee really appreciates Convenors passing on this information to your group members? Please continue to do so, and thank you. If you cannot do this, please nominate a member of your Group with an email address who can.

Meantime, from the Committee:

➤ *A reminder from our indefatigable Treasurer, Ken Wagstaff, that if you have people who are a part of your Group, they need to be paid up members in order to be covered by the Guild's public liability. Can Group Convenors please convey a request to all members to check if they have paid up? Subs are usually due each January with the AGM in March but you need to pay to be covered by Guild insurance so don't wait until disaster happens if your membership has lapsed. \$45 Members \$35 Country etc \$50 Family*

Library: Anne reports we have some new books! *Andean Pebbleweave, Warpface Pick Up Patterns* and *Dimensional Tuck Knitting* now grace the shelves, plus usual magazine subscriptions including *Felt*.

Yarn Store –Vivian and Glenys report the Yarn Store will close for Stocktake on 18th December so make sure you get all your purchases done before then. Further, Glenys will be laid up recovering from surgery for much of 2018 so Vivian is calling out for help with the Yarn Store. If you're confident to handle money, EFTPOS machines and sort stock, we need you. If you're willing to learn, we need you too.

And now, for your summer diary.....

St Distaff's Day – Sunday 7th January, 2018

On the Westbury Common/Village Green, Lonsdale Promenade, Westbury

Old trees, dappled sunlight, green lawns, spinning wheels and lots of friends. What's not to like? Bring your wheel and workbag, a chair and lunch and celebrate the formal start of the fibre year. An old tradition that Robert Herrick immortalised in his poem, "St Distaff's Day" where ploughmen and spinners played pranks on each other – "Partly work and partly play", as a way of celebrating the last holiday of Christmas, and then return to the serious business of ploughing and spinning as work the next day.

Summer Day at Ross - 20 January 2018

The theme is "LEFTOVERS"

Everyone has them. Those half balls of yarn, thrums from the end of weaving, bits of felt from a project and so on. We're not talking about recycling here, just using up those odds and ends that we keep 'just in case' or just throw into a plastic bag or the cupboard. They can also be cones of yarn, fleece dyed etc, bought for one project but with a surplus when that project is completed (or someone else's leftovers!!!!)

Now is the time to resurrect your discard stash and make something to bring to Ross Summer Day. Items need to have some elements of leftovers – 10% or more and we're aiming to see if someone can achieve something with 100% leftovers.

So that's all the news. Happy fibre-working from all of us at the Committee,

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