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# Albury Wodonga HandWeavers & Spinners Guild Inc.



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - June 2015

It has been a cold winter so far, but to look on the bright side, it is great weather for spinning, weaving knitting and so on.

Our rooms are warm, so it is a good place to meet and spend some time, the more bodies the warmer it gets.

Our guild's 45<sup>th</sup> birthday will be celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> August, so please save the date, 45 candles should warm us up.

Spring is on the way and so is the annual get together with the Tumut spinners, check out the newsletter for details.

Please join in for all or some of our meetings and events.

Heather.

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## Our 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!

The Albury Wodonga Handweavers and Spinners Guild are holding an open day celebrate our 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

The open day will be held on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 from 10am – 2.00pm, at the Guilds Rooms.

Morning Tea will be provided. Please bring your lunch and a tea/coffee mug.

Tea and Coffee will be available all day.

**You are asked to bring a recent item for 'Show and Tell' and your current project to work on.**



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## Yerong Creek Weekend September 2015

It's on again! Join in with our friends from the Tumut Group at the Hanericka Farmstay, Yerong Creek for a weekend of spinning, felting, sharing and lots of fibre-fun.

The weekend will start about 4pm on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, and finish up after lunch Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Christine Meng for further details or to make your deposit.

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## Committee 2015-2016

**President:**

Heather Mulqueeny  
0260 246579

**Secretary:**

Position vacant.  
*Volunteer nominations welcome.*

**Vice Secretary:**

Ruth Mitchell  
0402 019869

**Treasurer:**

Debbie Carpenter  
0400 612237

**Newsletter:**

Kathy Wheeler  
0439 696878

**Public Officer:**

Helen Spears

**Publicity Officer:**

Ruth Mitchell  
0402 019869

**Library & Equipment Officer:**

Position now vacant

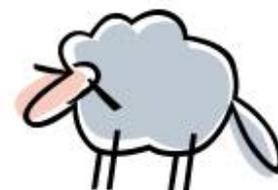
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## Hostess Duties

August 26<sup>th</sup> T.B.A.

September 9<sup>th</sup> T.B.A.

October 14<sup>th</sup> T.B.A.



## Show and Tell – July 2015

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**Fay** had a knitted rug

**Rhonda** a felted scarf

**Ann** had a jumper made by her mother.  
It was spun from alpaca wool.

**Kylie** had some rag weaving

**Christine** had a scarf made from the  
wool she dyed. Christine also had an  
sample of work she had done on her  
loom – crammed and space weaving

**Heather** spun dyed mohair and wool  
she got from Tarcutta

**Helen** a knitted scarf



## Weaving Workshop 2015

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For the last work day in June, Christine ran a Weaving Workshop using the Guild's 8 shaft table loom. Kathy got to practice warping it.



## Knitted Squares

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The knitted squares had been sewn together into a blanket and donated to the ABC Blanket Appeal with the Uniting Church.



## The Australian Sheep and Wool Show – Bendigo 2015 - by KathyW.

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It's three days of all things fleece and fibre! From Angora Goats to huge Merinos, scrumptious fleeces, rovings, batts, blends, skeins, balls, a rainbow of colours, felted, knitted and woven garments, hats, spinning wheels, carders, pickers, spindles ... it's all there at Bendigo – or as it's referred to on FaceBook - “Spendigo”!

We left Albury for Bendigo shortly after 6am on the Saturday of the show, with a singular purpose in mind – to speak to as many breeders and judges as possible about English Leicester sheep. English Leicesters are also known as Leicester Longwools, are one of the strong wool breeds of sheep, and also an endangered heritage breed.

After months of enquiries we had taken delivery of six English Leicester ewes the Wednesday before Bendigo and I was on a mission to learn as much as I could about general husbandry, and what to look for, and breed for, with my lovely English Leicester Ladies (four pictured at right).



Our first stop was at one of the many fleece and fibre display and product halls to catch up with Shirley Unthank from Corowa – secretary of the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders Association of Vic. Off course it's hard to move through any of the packed halls without admiring the products on display, and wishing my pockets were deeper and lined with \$\$\$ ... Shirley's display included a Champion Black and Coloured fleece I was privileged to get hands on with – and it was an English Leicester fleece!



Shirley also connected us up with some more Black and Coloured breeders as I would love to add some coloured English Leicesters to my currently white flock in the future. Gorgeous curls still attached to one of my girls pictured left.

Next stop was the main sheep hall where luscious fleeces from many breeds were on display, and animals were being paraded and judged. We were fortunate enough to catch up with the tail end of judging in the English Leicester section, and speak to the breeders and judge Brenton Heazlewood from Tasmania. Brenton took the time to show us what constitutes a good fleece and lock style with English Leicesters, what to look for in conformation plus general and breed specific husbandry tips. During discussions with Brenton and the breeders it was remarked that English Leicester fleece can grow up to an inch a month in length!

Then after a short diversion via another display and trade hall to catch up with Julie and Joe Hofer at their Petlyn Products stand, and a detour past the Angora Goat judging, it was back to the Black and Coloured Sheep Breeders tent. Judging had been going on all morning and they were still at it. It was fascinating to listen to the judges comments, and wonderful to see the number of young people involved obviously in training as handlers and exhibitors! During the lunch break we were able to chat and network with more coloured English Leicester breeders and admire their beautiful animals and lustrous fleeces.



Sadly the short daylight hours of winter forced us to leave Bendigo early in order to be home in time to check and feed our own animals before dusk. It was a long drive for a short stop, but we packed so much into it! An opportunity not to be missed.

Postscript: we believe we may have spotted another “Spendigo” attendee on the way home – stopped for lunch at Glenrowan north-bound and one of the other vehicles in the car park had 2 brand new water troughs in their trailer and a brand new spinning wheel on the back seat!

## Suppliers List

### Karoa Fibres Corowa

Email: [karoa@ipstarmail.com.au](mailto:karoa@ipstarmail.com.au)

Phone: 02 6035 1727 Mob: 0427 302 209 / 0427 334 611

### Fairfield Finns

1275 Bacchus Marsh Road, Bullengarook, Vic, 3437

Ph: 0345 289 428 Mob: 0407 884 446

### Bendigo Woollen Mills

4 Lansell St. Bendigo 3550

Ph: 03 54424600

### Tarndwarncourt Polwarth Wool ( Wendy and David Dennis )

41 Roseneath Rd. Warncoort, Vic, 3243

Ph: 03 5233 6241

### First Edition Fibres and Yarns

16-18 Charles St. Euroa. / PO Box 201 Euroa Vic. 3666

Ph: 03 57 95 3578

### 10-4 Gallery Glenrowan.

<https://www.facebook.com/tentofourgallery>

### Kajiko Fibre Works ( carding etc)

[www.kajiko.com.au](http://www.kajiko.com.au)

## Locally made



### Wooden spindles

\$15.00 each,  
contact Heather

**02 60 246579**

## For the Diary:

August 28 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	Cobram and District Spinners and Weavers Inc hosts the <b>2015 Victorian Spinners and Weavers Guild Weekend Workshops</b> . Like their FaceBook page for updates: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930">https://www.facebook.com/pages/Handweavers-and-Spinners-Guild-of-Victoria/272841322813930</a>
August 28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Affiliated Groups Conference – Cobram</b>
September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exhibition of Scarf Exchange, Peppermint Grove Library, WA</b>
Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> , Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Albury Show</b>

## Workshops, Work Days and Meeting Days:

August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Causal Workday
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of the Guild's 45 <sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Closing date for return of Scarf Exchange
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Casual Workday
September 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
September 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yerong Creek Weekend
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Workshop
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Casual Workday
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rooms closed due to the Albury Show