



Everything you need to know to help get the best out of your Perth Festival of Yarn experience.

FESTIVAL GUIDE



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Welcome

This past year has been one of steep learning following our humble, 'accidental,' one-off yarn festival in October 2016! I'm delighted to say that the support from you – our festival-goers – and our amazing vendors has meant that Perth Festival will be an annual celebration of all things knitting, crochet, spinning, felting, dyeing, weaving and more.

Relocating to the Dewars Centre means that we are able to support more of the vendors you want to see in a well-lit, open-plan space that's easy to manoeuvre around. We have a Podcast Lounge where you can meet up with friends from forums and catch your favourite on-line celebrities. There are a number of classes delivered by much sought after tutors – including Nathan Taylor, The Sockmatican. We're also delighted to be joined by internationally respected knitwear designer Di Gilpin, who will deliver this year's keynote lecture.

The Festival Team and I are sure that you will find something to inspire you all further on your own yarn crafting journeys. Thank you for joining us and we hope to see you again in September 2018.

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Yarn Fest Survival 101

Everyone loves a yarn festival but it's extremely easy to feel overwhelmed by the riot of colours and smells once you step into the Vendors' Gallery. Here are our tips and tricks for having the best possible experience you can at Perth Festival of Yarn.

Check out the vendors before you go

Pop over onto www.perthfestivalofyarn.uk and have a look at our vendor profiles.

Each vendor was invited to send us their personal story and favourite product photos.

You can also look at the daily updates we make on Facebook and Instagram or check out the floor-plan and key at the end of this guide.

Print off the floor-plan and dust off your highlighter

Once you've decided who you must see, find out where they are on the floor-plan and highlight their table so you won't miss them on the day.

Bring cold, hard cash

We have a lot of very small indie dyers who simply cannot afford to absorb the costs of PayPal, debit and credit card charges. For those who will be able to take online payments on the day, please be aware that there will be a heavy demand on the public wi-fi so you may have to patiently wait for a connection and also be at the mercy of the internet gods. Cash never lets you down. Small change is always appreciated. If you run out of pennies then the nearest ATMs are located at Aldi - directly opposite the Dewars Centre - and Morrisons on the Caledonian Road, PH1 5XD, which is a 5 minute stroll away.



Pattern Planning

We all know there are some skeins that you just have to re-home the moment you lock eyes on them. The flip-side to that is seeing a sweater-quantity that charms its way into your heart but you have no idea of what pattern you'll make with it. We've witnessed many a frantic attempt to connect to the already stretched wi-fi in a desperate bid to find that perfect pattern on Ravelry. Pick out those perfect patterns and note down the meterage and yarn weights before you go. Download the picture of the design to help you visualise it in your choice of yarn at the Festival.

Eat. (And drink too.)

It's so easy to get caught up in all the action that before you know it you're feeling a bit light-headed (and not from the yarn-fumes this time.) We have a large break-out crafting café in our venue and a second coffee bar which will also serve cold food. All food preferences and intolerances are catered for.

Di Gilpin Keynote Lecture

Hand knitting, sustainability and slow fashion – the future? -



This will be delivered on **Sunday 10th September at 1pm** by internationally respected Fife-based knitwear designer, Di Gilpin. **Ticket price £10.**

After 30 years of working in the industry, Di's client and collaboration black book boasts some of the very best labels in couture and innovative fashion; Nike, Mark Fast (for Kanye West), Margaret Howell, April Crichton, Hancock VA, Topshop Unique, Cabbages & Roses, Paul Hardy, Sophia Kokosolakis, Graeme Black, Meadham Kirchhoff and Erdos 1436.

Di continues to design pattern collections under her own name which can be worked in her luxury Scottish yarn brand, Lalland Lambswool. Her patterns explore

and create new symbology through deep-rooted gansey stitch patterns, combine techniques such as intarsia and circular knitting with traditional stitch patterns and cables.

With support from her Production Manager, Sheila Greenwell, Di Gilpin Ltd has recruited an elite core of knitters who live within a 15 miles radius of her Studio – a lovingly restored 16th century stone bothy just outside of St Andrews. Individual catwalk pieces or bespoke items can take as long as two months to complete.

Among her well deserved accolades, Di was named Balvenie Artisan of the Year 2005, and presented the Balvenie Masters of Craft Award in Textiles 2012.

Lagom Felt Studio Podcast Lounge



We are delighted to be supported by fellow Perthshire textile business, Lagom Felt Studio, who are sponsors of our Podcast Lounge this year.

All festival-goers are invited to check-out the Lagom Felt Studio Podcast Lounge at any time, but we do have some very special meet-ups happening there and other wonderful surprises.

12pm – 1pm Podcaster Meet-Up

Meet your favourite knitting and crochet podcasters and bloggers.

We're delighted to be joined by Nathan Taylor (the Sockmatican), John Glen (Beardychiel's Knitting Banter), Pip and Cia from The Tippy Knits Podcast, Inga Rós from The

Knitting Diaries, Kirsty from Little Bee Podcast, David Raikes from This Boy Podcasts, Helen of Stitch With Sprite966, Tania from TJ Frog Podcast, Rosie from Pixel Atlantis, Diana from Lovebug's Yarns Podcast, Candace from The Buckets of Tea blog, and Lise of the TréLiz podcast. Our festival Director, Eva also records the Eva Christie Hand Knitting Podcast, so she will also try and pop along.

1:30-2:30pm Tour de Fleece Team Perth Yarn Fest Meet-Up

Did you spin along in Perth Team Yarn Fest this year or just fancy meeting up with other spinners to talk fibre? This is the meet-up for you.

3-3:30pm Tatting Demonstration

with Katharine Hugget

4- 4:30pm Drop Spindle Demonstration with Katharine Hugget

SWI Centenary Blanket



South Harris SWI will be displaying their Centenary Blanket (as seen on BBC Alba) which is being raffled off for MacMillan Cancer Support.

The blanket has been over 6 months in the making and the wool has mostly been hand-spun on Harris. Our vendors, Uist Wool, also generously donated 5 skeins of their yarn to help with its construction. We are delighted to support such a labour of love and community.

Tracy Markey, owner and artist behind Lagom Felt Studio will have some of her felt installations on display in the Podcast Lounge.

About our lovely sponsor

Lagom Felt Studio is a fibre and yarn emporium, working felting studio and celebration of all things fibre based in Crieff, Perthshire.

We focus on ethically sourced supplies for felting, spinning, knitting and dyeing. Specialising in British and local fibre we are delighted to now offer an ever expanding range of indie dyed yarns. Visitors will find plenty of inspiration to choose from with a wide range of fibre, silks, yarns, embellishments, textile craft books, kits and some rather lovely beads and buttons.

From our dedicated felting studio, Tracy offers a regular schedule of workshops as well as bespoke tuition – a chance to have a workshop experience created around precisely what you would like to learn

Other stuff that's good to know

Car-parking

There are 200 car-parking spaces available at the Dewars Centre. We are working hard to secure overflow car-parking nearby, please watch our social media pages for updates.

Council owned car-parks are free on Sundays. The nearest to the venue are found at the AK Bell Library (York Place), Milne Street, Thimble Row and West Mill Street.

There is space for 100 cars at Perth Train Station. This is a privately owned car-park.

A Park & Ride facility for 400 vehicles is available at the Broxden roundabout. This is situated at the junction of the M90/A9 bypass with the A9 Stirling Road. A second Park & Ride operates from a car park adjacent to the A94 at the north end of Scone. Kinross Park & Ride at Junction 6 on the M90 allows motorists to link with coach services to Perth and Edinburgh. Not all Park & Ride services operate a Sunday timetable but there are connecting coaches from Park & Ride sites into Perth. Please check your route with Scottish City Link before travelling

Coming by train

If you're travelling by train then please leave from the car-park in the centre of the station instead of out the front entrance. This route will lead you to the Glasgow Road and to the Dewars Centre in 5 minutes.



When in Perth.....

Perth is a culturally vibrant place with many attractions. We've put together a list of other events and our favourite places to check out while you're here.

[Perth Museum & Art Gallery – Costume Collections Review \(Free\)](#)

Uncover the secrets of the historic costume collection live in the museum while the curators work on them. The collection spans five centuries and contains over 3000 items, including a 17th century doublet, a rare survivor from the period and a Jacobean waistcoat section, intended for use by Bonnie Prince Charlie on becoming King. The review is a two year project to unlock the magnificent collection held at Perth Museum and Art Gallery before it closes for redevelopment late next year. See the Museum's curators working on the costumes, learn about the meticulous processes behind the review and take the chance to pose your questions to our experts as they work.

[Perth Museum & Art Gallery – The Study of Nature: 150 Years of Perthshire Society of Natural Science \(Free\)](#)

Celebrate 150 years of encouraging interest in the environment, nature and cultural heritage of Perthshire with Perthshire Society of Natural Science. Take the chance to see some of the exhibits from the very first museum as well as following the fascinating history of the society from Victorian naturalists and collectors to 21st Century Curious Minds.

[The Fergusson Gallery – Modern Scottish Painting: J.D. Fergusson \(Free\)](#)

This 18th Century Festival seeks to celebrate the fabulous and very interesting 18th century history of Perth and surrounding districts. The 18th Century in Perth encompasses both the Jacobite and Hanoverian histories of the area and includes such important developments as the influential Scottish Enlightenment.

The Festival includes a range of activities including conferences, exhibitions, talks, walks, visits, street celebrations, a ceilidh, a ball, and water-based activities on the Tay. The Festival runs from Friday 8th September to Sunday 17th September with a Jacobite street festival on Saturday 9th.

[Popular Culture Meets History](#)

Fans of Outlander may wish to take a wander around the North Inch. Although now one of Perth's main recreational green spaces, it saw many a Jacobite battle during 1715 and 1745. Tibbermore Church, which was featured in Season 1 Episode 11 when Geillis Duncan and Claire Randall stand accused of Witchcraft can be found 4 miles to the west of Perth.

[Perthshire Open Studios - 10th Year Anniversary](#)

This annual nine day event is held between 2 and 10 September this year and involves artists and makers throughout Perthshire and Kinross-Shire opening their studios and workshops to the public, many of them giving demonstrations and all of them welcoming visitors!

[BLEND: 274 High Street, Perth](#)

One of our favourite places to knit and natter. This award winning old-school independent coffee lounge

serves tantalising teas and milk blends as well as cakes and vegan fare.

Espresso: 37 South Methven Street, Perth

A brilliant family friendly café and ice cream parlour.

Sub Rosa: 11 South St Johns Place, Perth

A small but perfect menu with hearty soups, milk rolls and delectable scones and tarts made fresh daily.

Bead Crazy: 55 George Street

The cutest, bead emporium that you will ever come across, with fantastically effervescent owner Maxine.

Precious Sparkle: 4-6 Bridge Lane, Perth

A lovely gift shop that specialises in semi-precious beads and jewellery, Kantha scarves and soft furnishings.

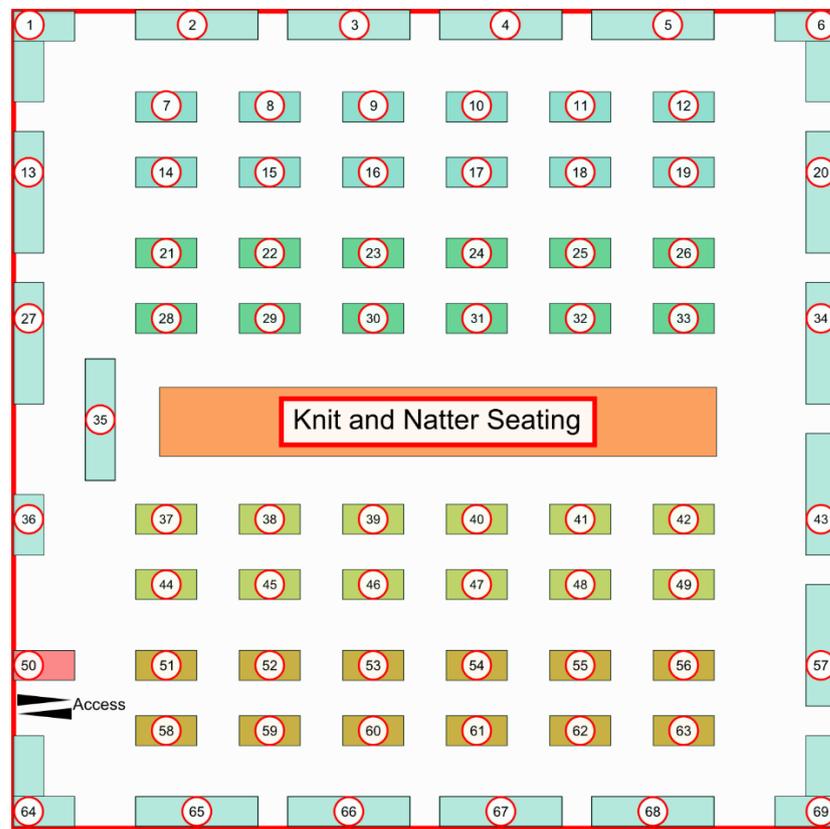
The Peacock & The Tortoise: 29 George Street, Perth

An award winning patchwork and quilting shop with an extensive selection of haberdashery.

Big Dog Books: 66 Scott Street, Perth

All your comic book, card game and pop culture needs met.

Festival Floor Plan



#A	#D	Karelia House (5)	North Child Knits (25)	This Boy (46)
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Alison Ruth Designs (11)	Dye Ninja (2)	Kingfishers Blue (17)	Ovis Yarns (14)	TJ Frog (54)
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Vendors Speciality Key

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