

Hello fellow fibre enthusiasts and Welcome to Perth Festival of Yarn 2018!

Our boutique festival has certainly grown from it's humble first year at the Salutation Hotel, and I'm delighted to bring you a fantastic selection of the very best artisan dyers, suppliers, designers and tutors from the UK and beyond.

We're proud to offer a class programme that includes internationally esteemed tutors Karie Westermann, Anna Friberg, Janice Anderson and more. You are sure to find new skills to add to support you on your future textile journeys.

Take time to explore The Knitter Podcast Lounge where, alongside opportunities to chat to the editorial team behind the UK's best selling quality knitting publication and admire garments from past issues, you will also be able to meet your favourite podcasters and bloggers as well as participate in meet-ups and get snapping in front of our pop-up photo booth.

Our 2018 keynote lecture will be delivered by Fiona Wemyss from the Wemyss School of Needlework. The Wemyss School of Needlework was founded in 1877 by Dora Wemyss, inspired by the Royal School of Needlework in London, but with a philanthropic emphasis. The Wemyss School sought to teach a skill to local girls from which they would be able to earn a living. The school now houses an important and unique collection, including items made at the school, of designs and textiles dating from the 17th century to contemporary pieces collected and donated by the Wemyss family, past pupils and their families and friends of the School.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed when the yarn fumes hit, so make sure you relax and recharge in our large break-out crafting café on the second floor. We will have a Coffee Station and additional seating within our Vendors' Gallery Marketplace too.

We have 2 official social events this year; Gin Flight Friday at The Green Room and our Saturday Night Social at The Station Hotel. Both of these events are ticketed and available from our website.

Don't forget your commemorative Perth Festival of Yarn 2018 merchandice – all of which is available to pre-order on our website. This year we have collaborated with Amy from Stranded Dyeworks to create 50 skeins of the official colourway of the Fest which will not be repeated. We also worked alongside Karen from Sunnyside Handmade to

Finally we want to thank each and every one of you for nominating us for the Best Knitting Show/Event 2017/18 in the British Knitting and Crochet Awards and an even bigger thank you if you have taken the time to vote for us again to win this prestigious title (we believe voting is still open!) The Team is truly humbled by your love and support for us.

We wish you all an amazing Perth Festival of Yarn and can't wait to see your new stash on social media. Use #perthyarnfest18 so we don't miss it.

Eva and the Perth Festival of Yarn Team.



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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 and you'll find even more inspiration if you search #perthyarnfest18 and #peopleofperthyarnfest18.

Print off the floor-plan and dust off your highlighter

Once you've decided who you must see, find out where they are on our 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 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 the hard stuff 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.

Cloakroom

The Teapot Trust will be running a cloakroom for us this year (on Saturday only). Money raised from leaving your items here will be used to help support The Teapot Trust provide art therapy to children with chronic illnesses.

The Knitter Podcast Lounge

The Knitter Podcast Lounge is an area available to all attending the Festival and is situated on the second-floor, next to the cafe, overlooking our inspiring Vendors' Gallery.

The Knitter Podcast Lounge Programme Saturday

11:30am – 12:30pm	Caithness Croft Pop-Up
11:30am – 12:30pm	#menwhoknit Meet-Up (men who crochet, spin or weave also welcome)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Meet Your Podcasters and Bloggers
3:30pm – 4pm	#ExplorationPodKAL Meet-Up

The Knitter Podcast Lounge Programme Sunday

11:30am – 12:30pm	Grianaig Creations Pop-Up
11:30am – 12:30pm	#menwhoknit Meet-Up (men who crochet, spin or weave also welcome)
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Meet Your Podcasters and Bloggers
3:30pm – 4pm	The Knitter KAL Meet-Up

About our lovely sponsors

The Knitter is the premier magazine for confident knitters who are looking for beautiful, original patterns from the world's best designers. Each issue of this collectable magazine has more than 12 gorgeous, inspiring patterns which are aimed at expert knitters and those looking to stretch and improve their skills. The designs are supplemented by informative, in-depth articles from experts around the globe and advice on new yarns and products that are available to enhance their knitting hobby. Every month, The Knitter also delivers expert, in-depth Masterclass features which are aimed at learning new techniques and help readers to become more confident, proficient knitters. With its focus on high-quality designs and best-in-class photography, The Knitter is a hugely respected magazine within the knitting community and a must-read for all confident and creative knitters.

Other stuff that's good to know

Finding us!

Perth Festival of Yarn takes place at the Dewars Centre, Glover Street, PH2 0TH.

When entering Perth please follow any signs marked Leisure Pool or Ice Rink as these will take you to the Dewars Centre.

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 are spaces 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 (operational on Saturday only). 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.

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.

The Fergusson Gallery

<http://www.culturepk.org.uk/museums-and-galleries/the-fergusson-gallery/>

Perth Museum and Art Gallery: World Cultures, By Hammer and Hand, Vikings – Fearsome Craftsmen Exhibitions

<http://www.culturepk.org.uk/whats-on/>

Black Watch Museum: There But Not There Exhibition

www.therebutnotthere.org.uk

Scone Palace: Farming Yesteryear Vintage Rally

www.svttec.com

Perthshire Open Studios: 1-9 September

www.perthshireopenstudios.com

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.

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

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.