



WARM TREES 2019

Hello all wonderful yarn crafters

Hooray, it is WARM TREES time again. The weather is starting to get cooler and it will soon be time for daylight saving to end (more time to knit and crochet in the evenings). In July we will make the National Arboretum even more spectacular than it already is and our efforts also go towards helping charities once the display is over.

Our diplomatic partner for 2019 is the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Our themes for this year will be colourful tulips and amazing bicycles. And the theme colour for the scarves will be orange (which is the royal colour for the Netherlands). The major display item will be a cargo bike (a bicycle with a very large pannier on the front) with a child in the pannier juggling tulips. We will have to think up a name for this exceptional child - please send in your suggestions. The cargo bike will be LARGE.

Thanks to all of you who have already started creating items. Again we are pleased to let you know contributions will be coming from yarn crafters in our region, from around Australia and from overseas, and from all age groups. We appreciate all the support for this exciting project and we know this year will be even more amazing than last year. This event just keeps getting better every year. Please encourage your friends and relatives and workmates to get involved. The more the merrier!

The goals for this year are:

1. To make scarves which feature orange - 25 cms wide and 1 m long. But remember, you can combine colours and use other bright colours, and this year applique/embroider tulips and bikes on scarves if you are inspired to do so. It will be a first to see tulips on the scarves on the trunks of the trees. The scarves will make a very bright display in the forests, along the Pod Playground fence and in selected areas. The whiskers from last year's kiwi have been re-purposed into wheels which will be decorated with colour for the Pod Playground fence too.
2. To create the world's largest knitted cargo bike scooting down the hill opposite the Village Centre. The child in the pannier will be juggling a cascade of colourful tulips. It will be a joyful sight.
3. To make two-dimensional and three-dimensional tulips to decorate the gabion walls leading into the Village Centre and to cascade over the wooden information columns inside the Centre (these three columns are called The Grove). We will need tulips of many colours and sizes to create an arresting effect, so let your creativity loose. We will also run some workshops so our knitters and crocheters can meet each other and we can all help each other in making the tulips.
4. To decorate old bike wheels to fix to the gabion walls around the Arboretum. This is open to anyone, perhaps something your children or grandchildren would like to do. The decoration must be yarn (paper won't last). Pedal Power is also joining in this activity.

This year's timeline is:

- March starting knitting and crocheting if you have not already done so.
- 4 and 11 May tulip workshops - come one come all.
- 15 June knitters morning tea - come and show us all what we have achieved this year and enjoy morning tea too.
- 15 June all knitting and crochet to be delivered to the National Arboretum Canberra – it can be left at the Welcome Desk in the Village Centre or sent to:
WARM TREES
c/- Friends of the National Arboretum Canberra
PO Box 48
Campbell ACT 2612.
You can deliver it before this time if you wish.
- 21 - 30 June install display - always a fun task and a free hot chocolate (or coffee or tea) in the Village Centre after each session.
- 2 July the launch of the display by the Chief Minister and the Ambassador of the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands with special songs from the children of the Dutch School in Canberra and a poster display of aspects life in the Netherlands.
- 3 and 4 August installation removed
- August and following months - knitting made into rugs for donations.

This is the first of five newsletters this year. Many thanks to you all for your involvement. We really appreciate your amazing yarn crafting and are glad you appreciate the project too.

Please let us know if you have any questions - Jocelyn on mob: 0407176163 or email: jocelyn@arboretumcanberra.or.au

Kind regards as ever
Jocelyn and Jenny

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