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Guild 70th Anniversary Braid Exchange

We welcome all members of the Guild and all members of our network groups to participate in a braid exchange, as part of our 70th year celebrations in June 2017.

Guidelines

There is no set theme for the braid exchange. The braids may use any fibre, any technique or equipment. Possibilities include braiding, weaving, finger weaving, plaiting, cordage, passementerie, macramé or lace. Equipment can include a braiding stand or disk, weaving loom, card or tablet weaving, lucet, inkle loom, rigid heddle loom or bobbin lace pillow. Simply challenge yourself with a new technique or perfect an existing one.

Instructions for entry:

- braid any “narrow wares” (a thin, narrow textile or fabric);
- keep a braiding record (attached) to be returned with each braid;
- create a long braid, band, cord or plait that measures at least 1.3 metre/50 inches and no wider than 15 cm (no minimum width requirement);
- cut the braid into seven (7) equal sections at least 15cm/6 inches in length;
- retain one braid for yourself; and,
- send in the remaining six with a copy of the braiding record for each and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope by **14th June 2017**.

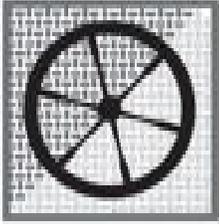
In August 2017, we will return to you (in your self-addressed envelope) five (5) different braids with their weaving records. The sixth braid will be retained for Guild archives.

If you need to discuss your braid in advance or need support while braiding it, don't hesitate to contact Rod Byatt (rodbyatt@hotmail.com).

Your package of braids, record and self-addressed return envelope should be dropped off at the Guild rooms or sent to:

Rod Byatt
28 Stanley St
Tempe NSW 2044

We hope to organise an exhibition of the braid samples at our Birthday Weekend, 24-25 June 2017. Your entry is taken as consent for your work being displayed and, perhaps, photographed for publicity purposes. If you are enthused, multiple entries are permitted and encouraged.



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Guild 70th Anniversary Braiding Record

Your Name

Date

Description/Name of Braid:

Braid Structure

Braid Pattern Source

Braid Technique

Materials

Yarn

Ends per element

Warp length

Colour set up

Takeup

Equipment used

Commentary

(include response to materials; success or problems with technique; learning experience; description of braiding method; finishing method; functional purpose)