



Needlework Tool Collectors Society of Australia Inc.

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16th Biennial Conference Information Page

Needles and Thread

**Saturday 17 October 2020: Registration 8.00am, Conference 9.00am–4.15pm
Dinner (prepaid) 7.00pm – 10.30pm**

**Sunday 18 October 2020: Registration 8.00am, Conference 9.00am–2.00pm
Venue: View Melbourne (formerly Parkview Hotel),
562 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, 3004. Telephone: 03 9529 8888**

Conference activities include:

Speakers:

Karen and Brendon Kirk – *Aspects of Sampler Design and Stitching* - <https://linenandthreads.com/>

Karen Kearney – *Coats and Clark, the Great Thread Making Firms in Paisley*

Susan Webster – *Early Knitting Needle Packaging*

Laura Jovic – *Drapers to Department Stores*

Kerry Easton – *Baxter Needlebox Prints*

After dinner speaker: Doug Gale – *Antique Hunting in UK*

Original research by our UK member, Molly Pearce, will be presented: *The Development of Sewing Cotton in Britain 1798-1862*

Other events: Our speakers are only a part of the conference. Raffles, Sales Mall, Popularity Contest – all attendees are invited to submit your favourite needlebook. Voting is by gold coin. Also the ever-popular Guessing Competition – attendees will be invited to guess the number of threads and reels in a jar.

Morning tea, lunch each day and afternoon tea on Saturday

Sunday Sales Mall

Extensive raffles of tools and related items

Conference Dinner on Saturday night @ \$60.00 per person (drinks at own cost)

Guest Speaker – Doug Gale: an antique dealer sharing his stories of antique hunting in the UK

Attendance is by ticket only

Conference Registration ticket: \$150.00 per person

Accommodation - Special prices are available for Conference attendees. Advise the hotel when making your reservation that you are attending the Conference. If you wish to dine at the hotel on Friday evening, please book when registering at the hotel.

Contact the View Melbourne on 03 9529 8888 or www.viewhotels.com/melbourne

Parking is available at the View Melbourne for \$15 per night.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Friday: Members to make own arrangements

- Camberwell Antique Centre - Over 50 dealers in antiques, sporting memorabilia, collectables and ephemera. – 25-29 Cookson Street, Camberwell (opposite Camberwell Railway Station)
- Melbourne antique mecca at High Street Armadale – Tram to High Street leaves Cnr St Kilda Road & High Street – and several other antiquing opportunities

For Accompanying Partners not attending the Conference:

Within walking distance from the hotel are: The Royal Botanical Gardens, The Shrine of Remembrance, Sporting centres eg Melbourne Park (tennis centre), New soccer/rugby stadium, MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) where the National Sports Museum contains the Australian Football Hall of Fame, Australian Cricket Hall of Fame, the MCC Museum, the Olympic Games and the Sport Australia Hall of Fame, along with a host of other sports.

The Australian Racing Museum is currently undergoing a transition to become part of the National Sports Museum at the MCG.

The National Gallery of Victoria buildings - international on St Kilda Road and our Australian collection at Federation Square, cnr Flinders St and Swanston St.

QUICK OVERVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

Friday

3.00 – 5.00pm	Meeting of interstate representatives
5.30pm	Conference Registration and Informal Drinks at own cost – can be followed by Hotel Dinner at own expense - please book when checking in to Hotel

Saturday

8.00am - 9.00am	Conference Registration
9.00am	Welcome & information/housekeeping
9.15am - 12.00noon	Speakers/raffles/ activities
12.00noon- 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30pm- 4.15 pm	Speakers/raffles/ activities
4.15pm - 6.30 pm	At Leisure
6.30pm- 7.00 pm	Drinks at own expense
7.00pm- 10.30pm	Conference Dinner with speaker on ‘Antique Hunting in the UK’

Sunday

8.30am- 9.00 am	Conference Registration
9.00am - 11.00 am	Sales Mall, Show & Tell, Displays of Collections, morning tea 11.00am -
11.30	Speaker
11.30am- 12.30pm	Raffles/Guessing competition/ Major Raffle Conclusion & farewell
12.30pm- 2.00 pm	Lunch