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Hello, Everyone!

Our Guild year is nearing its close, but we've had a great one! The highlights which I am so fond of were the UFO Retreat and the classes offered by Amy Detjen. We also had some informative presentations about Knitting Around the World-Who knew that Aran sweaters have a short history?

We're already planning for next year by having a turnover of some Board Members. I am happy to announce that we have a complete slate of nominees:

President-Kathy Schnitzius (I might as well be official for my last year!)

Treasurer-Linn Kotnour (2-year term)

Newsletter-Heather Jett (2-year term)

Membership Co-Chairs-Mandy Braun-Carson and Heather Mallady

Programs and Activities Committee members-Emily Sykora and Heather Jett (1-year term remaining)

Advertising and Sponsors-Barbara Bruneau

Cathy Ells has volunteered to fill in for Ellen Severson, who has resigned as Charity Co-chair. I foresee another great year coming up. My thanks to all the nominees!

Another informative program is coming up next week. We'll be learning how to make different types of buttonholes. Look for some homework to bring along to the meeting further on in the newsletter.

This is a great time to extend our sincere appreciation to Harriet Snow, who volunteered to be the newsletter editor at the first meeting which she attended! That was five years ago, and she has been doing a wonderful job ever since. Thank you, Harriet!

As President, I mostly look forward, but looking back at the past year has been fun, too.

Hope to see you all at the meeting on Tuesday.

Kathy

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Next Guild Meeting **TUESDAY**,
May 21st **6:30 PM**
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*I will remember that no one has
ever been killed or maimed by
being adventurous with
knitting, no matter how pointy
the needles.*

*Stephanie Pearl-McPhee—
The Yarn Harlot*

May Program—LET'S "BUTTON IT UP"!

We've come to the end of another year of Guild programming.....and it's time to "Button It Up"! Our program this month will focus on a variety of buttonholes, one of which you may use in your next baby or adult cardigan. We will use the format we have used in the past of demonstration stations. Four of your fellow guild members will show you various types of buttonholes and then you can try them out on your own swatch. To prepare for the meeting, please use worsted weight yarn to cast on 12-15 stitches and knit a few rows in stockinette. Buttonholes we will try include a few sizes of eyelet, one row buttonholes in two techniques, and a two row buttonhole. What a great year we have had. See you at the meeting as we "button up" our year.

By Beth Schmeling

Program Committee



Holland Michigan Tulip Time – by Dianne Bone

I decided to try some vacation themed knitting, so on my trip to Michigan for the tulip festival I decided to start the Meadow Flowers scarf by Natalia Moreva (available for purchase on Ravelry.) It uses the stacked increases and decreases that the Fox Paws and other patterns use to get the extreme undulating patterns. It is a lot of fun once you get the hang of it, but time consuming. It also works much better with something that stretches. (I used CoBaSi for all but the orange.)

I did made a mistake in going with too short a cable, thinking it would be easier (and did not read far enough ahead to know that I was going to need extra cable to magic loop.) I was able to work through it – but switched back to a long cable once back home. Live and learn! Hope to have it done in time to show it off next guild year!



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What a COOL TOOL!

A very cool tool is the Knitter's Pride Signature Wood Wool Winder. It is a pricey extravagance that is very easy to use and smoothly winds cakes. I was lucky enough to win a \$100 gift certificate and used it toward this bad boy. Awesome!

But the very coolest of tools I have seen this year were in the hands of Beth Schmeling and Nancy Cowgill. Beth is seen using her grandmother's size 13 purple straights to work on KISSES strip for charity. Gotta love needles with a history.

Nancy is using her noggin to sport her circulars...she seems to be sizing up a hat, but it looks to me that she is releasing a little knitter's tension!

Knit On Ladies, Knit On



Submitted by Jean Krueger

My Spot

(Next month it could be Your Spot!)

Warmer weather is upon us
and it's time to hit the road
with some yarn shopping tips.*



*Based on tips from BirdHouse Yarns

Watch for news about local
shop hops and plan some day
trips to visit our sponsors!

Packing tips for a yarn trip; oops I mean summer vacation:

Take control:
Take a large suitcase and minimal clothing (do you REALLY need underwear?) Yarn is light and squishy and can fill all the nooks and crannies of your whole family's luggage!

Be considerate:
Bring gifts for your hosts, your family, a yarn shop owner...everyone!
Knit them something. You'll have more space for yarn on the return trip.

Vacuum Pack:
Buy too much yarn? Get a vacuum bag (or two) to suck all the air out of your yarn or clothes for the return trip. Mail home a package if necessary.

Carefully consider your WIPs:
Take something simple to work on. Don't bring something that takes too much concentration and another knitter to help you through. Packing a color work project with three cakes of yarn may not leave enough room to bring yarn home! Bring something appropriate to the places you'll be knitting...sandy beach? Roller coaster?

Location, location, location:
If the hidden agenda for your trip is yarn shopping, finding nearby points of interest for the rest of your party is critical. A nice view of a national landmark is a good place to establish your base of operations.

-Submitted by riverats

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The 2019/20 programs have not been finalized yet, but we know that every year includes:

entertaining and informative presentations,
a monthly newsletter to keep you up to date on what's happening in the guild, sponsor shops, and the knitting world,
the annual UFO weekend,
a chance to get together with your fellow knitters,
special guest speakers / teachers,
AND DISCOUNTS AT ALL OUR SPONSOR SHOPS!!!!

Sounds like a great deal for just \$20. I've renewed...have you?

Dianne Bone

Membership Director

Mission Statement:

"The Three Rivers Knitting Guild brings knitters together.

" We provide learning opportunities from presenters, from each other, and through yarn and fiber adventures

" We offer charity knitting opportunities

" We cultivate and encourage our community of knitters."

Book Review: The Principles of Knitting by June Hemmons Hiatt

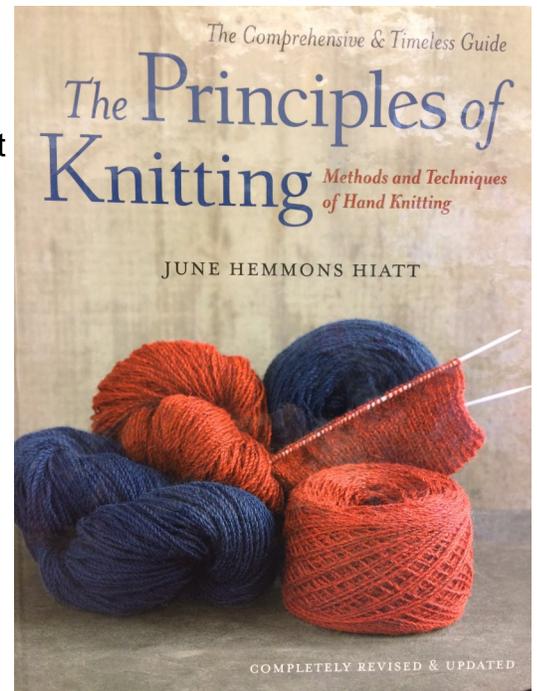
June Hemmons Hiatt has revised and updated her original tome which had been written more than twenty years ago and had gone out of print in the 1990s. Knitters had been paying large amounts of money to get their hands on the original book after it was out of print, so with the encouragement of other knitters, she set out to rewrite the original. In the process, she added 100 pages and more illustrations. The revision took about 10 years of rewriting every word and reworking every technique with modern additions and a couple of discoveries along the way.

This 712-page book includes eight Parts: Learning and Methods, Constructing a Fabric, Decorative Techniques, Special Fabrics, Stitch and Color Patterns, Pattern Design, Materials, and Working a Project. There are from two to five chapters in each part plus a glossary, a bibliography, and an index. The photographs and diagrams are all in black and white.

A criticism of this thorough book is that the author has settled on some names for techniques which are foreign to the average knitter. This can be confusing, although some of the common terms are in the index and refer the reader to the term which the author has used. However, not even a commonly-used term such as "Kitchener stitch" is in the index, although "grafting" is. Another criticism is that there are a plethora of words in this book, and although it contains more than 900 illustrations, it is a wordy volume.

If you love reading about the technicalities of knitting, you will love this book.

Submitted by Kathy Schnitzius



CHARITY COMMITTEE REPORT FOR MAY:

Nine washcloths were submitted at the April guild meeting! Thank you! With the summer break ahead, this committee wants to be sure that YOU have what you need yarnwise to keep knitting over the summer. If you are looking for or interested in a particular color, please let Susann know (608-792-3513) before the meeting and she will gladly see if that color can be found in the guild stash. We recently received a large yarn donation (thank you, Harriet!) and were informed that another large collection is headed our way.

It was suggested that the pet blankets might be a good summer project. We will have a couple of patterns for you at the May meeting, as well as an assortment of colors for you to choose from. Remember that these must be hot water washable and 12 x 12 or 15 x 15! One of our own guild members just adopted a kitten from the Humane Society and went home with not only the kitten, but a KNITTED PET BLANKET!!!

We also encourage those interested to keep knitting the KISS strips and wash cloths over the summer.

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH!

Susann and Ellen

Stitch of the Month~May 2019 ~ Scalloped Circular Dishcloth

Source: Whimsy-Love.com

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 – Knit & ALL odd numbered rows

Row 2 - K3, YO, K11 (1 st. left on needle) TURN

Row 4 - K3, YO, K11 (2 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 6 - K3, YO, K11 (3 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 8 – BIND off 3 sts. K2, YO, K8 (4 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 10 - K3, YO, K8 (5 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 12 - K3, YO, K8 (6 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 14 – BIND off 3 sts. K2, YO, K5 (7 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 16 - K3, YO, K5 (8 sts. left on needle) TURN

Row 18 - K3, YO, K5 (9 sts. Left on needle) TURN

Row 20 – BIND off 3 sts. Knit to end.

Repeat ROW 1 thru 20 six more times. (Row 1 thru 20 form one section of dishcloth. Complete dishcloth has 7 sections.)

Once completed, BIND off & sew ends together.

Note: You can go down 1-2 needle sizes to create a denser dishcloth & smaller size, I find these a nicer for a baby washcloth or spa cloth.

Submitted by Del Tuschl

End of the Year Drawing:

At the beginning of this guild year, you received your “Passport to Knitting”. Hopefully, you have been able to check off a good number of the boxes and along the way enjoyed a wide variety of guild activities. If you have been able to initial all the boxes during the year, you are eligible for the grand prize drawing. While you do not need to be present to win, your passport must be! Please send it along to the meeting with a friend if you can’t attend. If you don’t have all the boxes ticked off, but have at least half of them filled in, you are eligible for one of three, second chance prizes. Good luck to all!

By Beth Schmeling

Looking to connect between meetings? Want to find info on guild programs? Need help fast? You'll see information from guild members and our sponsors at these three sites:

- Three Rivers Knitting Guild website: <http://www.threeriversknitting.org>.
- Facebook group page (a private group for members only): <http://www.facebook.com/groups/threeriversknittingguild>.
- Ravelry (share tips, tricks, and knit-a-longs!): <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/three-rivers-knitting-guild>.

If you have any questions about the Guild’s online presence, contact Terri (thewolfgrams@gmail.com) or Mandy (mandersj27@gmail.com).



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June 8, Saturday - [“Purl On the Patio”](#) at YarnCakes for Knit in Public Day 11-3p Refreshments provided, bring your lunch & relax on the patio for a few hours with fiber friends

July 12-13, Fri/Sat - [Driftless Loop Shop Hop](#), 9a-6p. 7 shops, 2 days

Unlimited fiber fun! Swag gifts, drawings, special featured yarns. Start making plan!

Three Rivers Knitting Guild—APRIL MEETING RECAP

Kathy, our Acting President, called the meeting to order and greeted our visitors. Kathy discussed the open Board positions; a few vacancies still exist on the nomination slate for our May election. Kathy proposed instituting a “President in Training” where this volunteer would step up to the Presidency for the 2020-2022 term. Kathy will assist along the way. There is an opening for another volunteer for Programs and Activities; Beth will be available in the coming year for training these members.

Keep adding your “stamps” to your Passports – in May they will be collected for drawings. If you have ALL your activities stamped, your passport will be entered into the drawing for the grand prize. Passports with at least half the activities stamped will be entered into three “second chance” drawings.

Beth presented our program of favorite video blogs. We saw clips from the following:

- Grocery Girls
- Yarn Hoarder
- Very Pink Knits (she has sponsors who donate give-aways – worth following!)
- Kristy Glass Knits (see especially podcasts with Patty Lyons)
- Fruity Knitting (see episode 74 where they report on the Edinburgh Yarn Festival 2019)
- Kammebornia – a truly beautiful experience!
- East London Knit (podcast 51 has Nancy Marchant, of brioche fame)
- and of course..... Arne and Carlos

Kathy shared a cool row counter from twiceshearedsheep, an Etsy shop. Congratulations to Heather M, who won the door prize.

Submitted by Mary Seger, Secretary



Dye Monkey III: Return of the Monkey



Thursday, May 23rd, 3-6PM:

Open knitting/Cast on party/open house

Friday, May 24th, 4:30-6:30PM:

Jesse will be teaching a class on how to pair hand-dyed yarns with patterns. The fee is \$30 and class size is limited. Call or stop in to reserve your spot. Guild members get 10% off of class fees!

Sunday, May 26th, 10-noon:

Brunch with Ms. Monkey at Java Vino. Call or stop in to reserve your spot. There's no cost, other than your food.

Sunday, May 26th, 1-3PM:

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- May 23, 2019—Wine Walk—Sponsored by American Legion of West Salem—5 to 8 p.m.—YarnCakes is one of the newly opened businesses being highlighted
- June 8, 2019—[Knit in Public Day](#)—See local yarn shops for their activities
- June 8, 2019—[Three Rivers Fibershed Marketplace](#)—Rochester, MN
- June 14-16, 2019—[Iowa Sheep & Wool Festival](#)—Ames, Iowa
- June 19, 2019—[Zombie Knitpocalypse](#)—Rochester, MN
- September 6-8, 2018—[Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival](#)—Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI

Please let the Newsletter Editor know the dates of any festivals of interest to our members. There are comprehensive listings of events at <http://fiddleheadfibers.com/fiber-festivals-list/> and http://www.knittersreview.com/upcoming_events.

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by Beth Schmeling

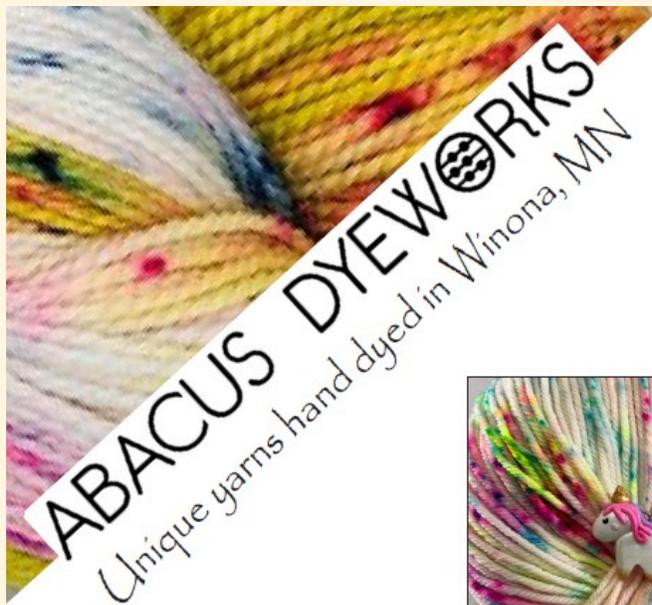


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