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From The President:

SOS - A CALL TO ALL MEMBERS from your membership chairperson.

Notice there is no message from the President...because there is no President. Due to a family emergency the person elected cannot serve in the upcoming year. So we are once again searching for a president. **Can you help out?** The rest of the board met over the summer and did the annual planning, so we have a course charted – we just need a President. This is **your** guild and it is urgently in need of help now! We need someone to step up (...and the rest of us will gladly help you get up to speed.) Thank you!

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Next Guild Meeting **TUESDAY**,
September 18th **6:30 PM**
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
~ 401 West Ave., La Crosse

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."*

We're already over budget



But we can save \$1400 if we use your yarn stash for insulation

Charity Project

Need a quick washcloth before the next Guild meeting? This one's easy and fast. It's the first one I learned and probably you too.

Diagonal Dishcloth

Materials and Tools:

size 10 knitting needles
ball of kitchen worthy cotton yarn

Steps:

1. Cast on 4 sts.
2. Knit across.
3. Knit 2 sts, YO, knit to end of row. Repeat this row until there are 43 sts. on the needle. You will have a triangle shaped piece with eyelet openings along both sides.
4. To decrease: Knit 1 st., knit 2 sts. together, YO , knit 2 sts. together. Knit to end of row.
5. Repeat this row until you have 4 st. remaining. Knit across.
6. Cast off.



By Harriet Snow

KNIT THE RIVER CRUISE sponsored by Darn Knit Anyway, Stillwater, MN

Sunday, September 16th

Cruise time from 12 - 2:30pm

Boarding begins at 11:30am

The boat leaves at noon promptly. It does not wait for anyone...trust us, come early!!

The cruise has been sold out. A car pool has been organized and if you want to participate, **email Del Tuschl at dtuschl@gmail.com**. According to their website, a paper ticket will not be issued and you should get an email confirmation when you check out online. An email will be sent as the event gets close with more details on the day

By Harriet Snow

Area Festivals and Events

- September 7-9, 2018—[Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival](#)—Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI
- September 29, 2018—[Hickory Wind Farm Alpacas & Fiber](#)—Alpaca Farm Days Open House, Bangor, WI
- September 29-October 1, 2018—[North Star Farm Tour](#)—self-guided tour of twelve Twin Cities-regional fiber farms
- October 1-7, 2018—[Spinzilla](#)—Venues vary—check with local yarn shops—There were 5,163,890 yards of yarn spun in 2017.
- October 12-14, 2018—[Madtown Shop Hop](#)—Twelve shops in Madison, Verona, Mt. Horeb, Spring Green, and more
- November 9-11, 2018—[VogueKnitting Live](#)—Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN

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.

Thanks to Yarnology, Unwound, Fitting Knit, Ewetopia, Blue Heron Knittery, and Just Stitch It! For a very enjoyable first ever Driftless Loop Yarn Shop Hop! May there be many more.....





XO KISSES* XO

We gathered in June, and we crocheted our KISSES' strips together!

With 18 Guild Members working, we finished 11 blankets in just over an hour! What is that old saying... "many hands make light the work?" And many hearts made these blankets beautiful.

A big thank you to all our knitters!















**Keeping It Simple Strips for Kids*

--Jean Krueger & Del Tuschl

A Day at Norskedalen



Despite temperatures in the 90s and heat index over 100, Knitting Ambassadors—Karen Acker, Beth Schmeling, Dianne Bone and Cathy Ells represented the Three Rivers Knitting Guild at the Midsummer Festival at Norskedalen on Saturday, June 16. We were located on the porch of a charming historic cabin. Since we were participating in the Norwegian festival, we focused our displays on knitting with Norwegian designs. Samples of knitwear included several adult cardigans, a child's pullover, wrist warmers and hats all with Norwegian designs. We had opportunity to knit charity items as well as demonstrate

A teamster and his horses pass by the Holte Cabin on the grounds of Norskedalen Saturday at 35th annual Midsummer Fest.

Coon Valley's Norskedalen



ANGELA CINA
Vernon County Broadcaster

The heat and humidity Saturday didn't stop people from visiting Norskedalen for its 35th annual Midsummer Fest.

Visitors had the opportunity to listen to live music, watch a performance by the Wergeland Dance Troupe, eat lunch and watch art demonstrations.

Children could do their own rubber duck race down Poplar Creek for a first-, second- or third-place prize, go on a scavenger hunt, and create a bomb.

On the web: More photos



knitting with a Norwegian Rose pattern on a headband while promoting our Three Rivers Knitting Guild. We had many visitors interested in our knitting skills and several expressed interest in learning more about our Guild. We all had a delightful time sharing our love of knitting!

By Cathy Ells

Recap of May Meeting

President Kathy called the meeting to order at 6:30 welcoming everyone. We had one visitor named Joanne. Kathy then asked us to think about what programs we would like to see next year. She again reminded us of the membership discount available today until the end of the meeting and to let any board member know if we needed help with our knitting.

Knit in Public Day will be celebrated on June 9th. Kathy told us about Unwound's invitation to join them on Saturday from 10 to 12. Norskedalen's festival is that same weekend and Kathy Els will be there on Sunday.

Lisa, our treasurer, then gave her report that the Guild had \$3,578.20 in our checking account. Lisa has resigned her position and our new treasurer will be Linn Kotnour.

Del from the Charity committee announced that she and Jean were having a sewing party on June 5th at Cabin Coffee to put together the Kisses sleeves they had collected from us and everyone was invited. These Kisses are being made for the Family and Childrens Center.

We elected the following new members:

Ellen B - President

Beth AB – Vice President

Linn Kotnour - Treasurer

Beth S and Kathy S – Programs and Activities

Beth passed out paper and asked us to write program ideas and then she read them aloud. One of the favorites was "tension and gauge."

Lynn won the prize for posting her Stitch of the Month project on Ravelry – a book called 400 Stitches.

After a good Show and Tell, Jane won the monthly door prize of a coloring book by Franklin Habit.

Harriet Snow, Secretary

Tips, Tricks and Hacks

Do you have a favorite pattern book that you wished was more useful? I just bought a small soft cover book from Janie Crow with instruction for her newest afghan and I knew I wanted to use it without having to copy the pages to make it easier. I took it to Office Depot and had it "spiralized!" Now it lays flat and even folds back on itself. It cost a whopping \$3.79 plus tax! I plan to do a couple more in the future. So easy.....



By Harriet Snow

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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 Kathy Schnitzius at schnitz96@aol.com.

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