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FVKG'S PRESIDENT'S LETTER

And now we come to the end of another Guild year.

Twenty-three years ago in 1988 our Guild was founded by Jo Fritter, Lee Olson and Heather Winslow. This Guild has had many members and officers over the years who have worked hard to advance our skills as knitters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank this year's board members for all their hard work this past year. Without volunteers like you, this Guild would not be able to continue.

At this year's Guild Retreat, we will again have a massage therapist on Friday night from 7 P.M. till 10 P. M.. The massage time and cost will be: 10 minutes for \$ 12.00 and 15 minutes for \$ 18.00 .

If you are interested in receiving a massage, please let me know as space is limited.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your President this past year. I know that all of our members will support the newly elected Board with all their projects and programs next year as they support this years Board.

May you have a Happy Mother's Day and a wonderful summer.

---Sandy Andrews

FOX VALLEY KNITTERS' GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Fox Valley Knitters' Guild is to promote and foster an interest in knitting, to provide the opportunity for study and sharing to broaden one's skills, and to encourage high standards of design and technique in various forms of knitting.

MAY PROGRAM NOTES

Hi Knitters! Can you believe that another Guild year is almost over and we are getting ready for our annual May Spring Cleaning Stash Sale and potluck? It seems to me that we just had May a few months ago.

May Meeting: End of the Guild Year Party and the Spring Cleaning Stash Sale.

I hope you have started going through your yarn stash, your knitting related books, magazines and equipment and have found things that you are ready to move out of your house and into someone else's! This is a great opportunity to sell or to give away those things that you know you will never use and, at the same time, know that they will be loved by someone else who "speaks your language," the language of knitting.

We'll have numerous sale tables set up so there will be plenty of room to show your wares and to look at other member's things that might need to go home with you. This is always a fun event. One knitter's trash is definitely another knitter's treasure. We'll designate a "give-away" area for those things you don't want to sell but want to give to a new owner.

Please label your sale items with your name and your asking price. Bring some change to help with the money exchange. And bring some money for buying those fabulous things that just don't fit in your friends' storage anymore.

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We have had a busy year, and I would like to take a minute to tell you how much I have enjoyed working on programs for you all. It could not have been done without a lot of help from my fellow Guild members. I had assistance brainstorming ideas, contacting speakers, rounding up vendors, arranging the room, providing supplies, and giving moral support. Many of you volunteered to be program presenters for the Socktoberfest in October, sharing with us your many sock talents, and I thank you for that. And thanks to everyone who came to the meetings and were the program audience. You had great questions of our speakers, and you always oooohed and aaaaahed at just the right times.

It has been a great year, but I'm telling you, you cannot even imagine yet how wonderful it is going to be in 2011-2012! The new board members and the incoming VP for programs are going to do a spectacular job. I have had a tiny peek at their plans, and I know you are going to love the coming Guild year.

---Gretl Kramer

MYSTERY KNITTING PROJECT PART FIVE

The knitting was completed in Part Four of the Mystery Knitting directions. Now we'll get ready to do the finishing at the May meeting, so here's what you need to bring:

- The two pieces you knit
- Some leftover yarn and a tapestry needle with a large eye
- A button that will go through the hole in the center of the curved edge of the larger piece of knitting
- Sewing thread and sewing needle (If you don't have these, don't worry. I will bring extra)
- Your best guesses about what you have made.

In addition to needle and thread, I will bring some other supplies that you might want to use. Also, I will have information about the actual pattern that we have been using, so you can make a printout of the real thing with no mystery.

I hope you have enjoyed the project so far. I have made 3 of them and plan to put them into my gift box to be ready for my next gift-giving occasion. At the May meeting you can decide if you want to do the same thing.

SHOW AND TELL

Every Guild meeting we have Show and Tell as an opportunity for our members to show projects they have completed. Frequently members want to know what pattern or yarn was used for your project. We would like to start including that information in either our newly enhanced website or the newsletter. To help gather this information a form for Show and Tell is available at the welcome table for you to complete for any item(s) you wish to show at the Guild meeting.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Hello Fellow Knitters,
We now have 106 members.
Here are the new members from April:

- Ashley Aguilas
- Jenny Bezingue
- Nancy Brody
- Tara Cesario
- Ellen Gilmartin
- Marianne Moye
- Virginia Palmer
- Stephanie Somerville
- Toni Watrobra

Welcome to our Guild!

---Judy Jasper, Membership

WEDNESDAY MORNING KNITALONG

The Wednesday morning Border's group is starting a new knitalong. Most of us will be working on one of Sally Melville's wonderful patterns. We're very excited to start one after hearing her speak at the April meeting. Here are a few of the patterns that will be worked on: Architectural Shawl, Einstein Jacket, Cross-Over Top. Work on whatever pattern is calling your name. We'll be officially starting the first Wednesday in May. If you're already knitting one of her patterns bring it to encourage others starting out. This is a drop-in group with no sign up required. We meet at the Borders store at 1660 S. Randall, Geneva. Borders has changed it's hours and now opens at 10:00 so we start when they open and we usually knit until around 11:30. Hope to see you there!

---Barb Harris

2011-2012 GUILD BOARD ELECTED

At the April Guild meeting the membership elected the following officers:

- Kathy Schooley, President
- Lorraine Tompkins, Vice-President and Website
- Jennifer Duncan, Secretary
- Deanne Karamanian, Treasurer
- Kathy Swenson, Hospitality
- Marge Clark, Membership
- Lisa Shroeder, Newsletter Editor
- Claudia Frost, Gallery Show
- Barbara Palmer, Library

Congratulations! We look forward to another great year for the Guild.

FVKG MEETING DATE

- May 11

We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the St. Charles Episcopal Church at 994 North Fifth Ave. in St. Charles and start at 6:30pm

UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS

May 21-22, 2011	Door County Shepherds' Market http://www.whitefishbayfarm.com/market.htm
June 24-26, 2011	The Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair at the Lake County Fairgrounds http://www.fiberandfolk.com/
July 27-31, 2011	TKGA 2001 Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota www.knitandcrochetshow.com
July 28-31, 2011	Sock Summit the Second in Portland, Oregon http://www.socksummit.com
August 17-21, 2011	Michigan Fiber Festival and Festival Workshops. Allegan County Fairgrounds, Allegan, Michigan. http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/
August 25-28 2011	Stitches Midwest Schaumburg, IL http://www.knittinguniverse.com/stitches/
Sept. 9-11, 2011	Wisconsin Sheep and Wool Festival. Jefferson County Fair Park, Jefferson, WI. http://www.wisconsinssheepandwoolfestival.com/

OUR GUILD LIBRARY

The Guild has a “traveling library” of knitting related resources that our new librarian Barb Palmer will be bringing to our meetings. Please see what we have, check out what you need, return items you are no longer using and plan on completing a brief survey at our meeting to make our collection even better.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The following Guild members are celebrating birthdays in May

- Sharon Coyer
- Jennifer Duncan
- Karen Haley
- Gretl Kramer
- Stephanie Lofland
- Ellie Swanson
- Toni Watrobra



FVKG WRAP DESIGN CHALLENGE, A REMINDER

Earlier this year Guild members were presented with a design challenge. We were challenged to create an original design for a wrap* that used at least three different yarns or three different stitch patterns (or a combination of the above such as 2 yarns, 2 stitch patterns) There are no restrictions on size, shape or style, but the design has to be your own creation (although other designers can certainly inspire you). The plan is for everyone to bring their completed wrap to the September Guild meeting for show and tell. So if you haven't yet started this challenge, perhaps this would be a good summer project. Please keep notes on the yarns and stitches you use to share with the other members.

*wraps can be shawls, scarves, cowls, snoods, ruanas, serapes, fichus, capes....

Happy Knitting!

Special Yarn Shops

- **Esther's Place** 201 W. Galena St. (Route 30), Big Rock
Phone: (630) 556-WOOL (9665) - Web: <http://www.esthersplacefibers.com/>
- **Fine Line** 6N158 Crane Road, St. Charles Phone: (630) 584-9443 - Web: <http://www.finelineca.org/>
- **Fishbed Knitting Emporium, Inc.** 320 N. River Street, East Dundee
Phone: (847) 844-YARN (9276)
- **The Fold** 3316 Millstream Road, Marengo
Phone: (815) 568-5320
- **Gene Ann's Shop**
117 East Station St., Barrington
Phone: (847) 842-9321 - Web: <http://www.geneannsyarns.com/TheShop.htm>
- **Knitche** 5150-B Main Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515
Phone: (630) 852-5648 - Web: <http://knitche.com/>
- **Loopy Yarns.** 47 West Polk St. Chicago
Phone: (312) 583-9276 - Web: <http://www.loopyyarns.com>
- **Needle Things** 426 South Third Street, Geneva
Phone: (630) 232-9915
- **Never Enough Knitting** 119-121 North Main, Wheaton
Phone: (630) 221-1007
- **Stitches in Time** 300 W. Washington, Oregon, IL
Phone: (815) 732-4599
- ***Wool and Company** 107A West Main Street, St. Charles, IL
Phone: 630 444-0480 - Web: <http://www.woolandcompany.net/>

These shops are special because they offer discounts to FVKG members.

*Wool and Company has switched to a Stash Cash card program instead of a traditional discount

2010-2011 FVKG Board

- President: Sandy Andrews
- Vice Pres./Programs: Gretl Kramer
- Treasurer: Diane Evinger
- Secretary: Kathy Schooley
- Hospitality: Stephanie Lofland
- Membership: Judy Jasper
- Newsletter: Linda McEwan
- Website: Lorraine Tompkins
- Gallery Show: Natasha Lehrer

The Agenda for Each Guild Meeting

- 6pm—set up
- 6:30pm—gather to knit
- 7pm—Meeting begins:
Introductions of new members/guests
Announcements/reports
Show and Tell and Door Prizes
- 7:30pm—Break
- 7:45pm -Program
- 9pm—Lights out

Thanks to everyone who has contributed newsletter articles and suggestions over the last few years. I have appreciated all your help.

---Linda McEwan