

# Fox Valley Knitters' Guild *NEWS*

A newsletter by and for FVKG members

December 2017

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Well, it's that time of year again. I read an article last week titled "Last Minute Knitted Gifts." My first reaction was "last minute?" You've GOT to be kidding – I haven't even decided what I'm making yet for several people on THE LIST! And then I realized the only kidding going on was in my fuzzy little over-optimistic brain.

I applaud those of you out there (and I KNOW you exist – I can tell by the lack of stress and sleep deprivation) who started working your lists, um, earlier than I. And that includes everything up to and including Thanksgiving Day. I have now reached that stage of controlled panic where phrases like "if I only sleep four hours and get a lot of takeout delivered" sound like a workable plan. And while I have your attention: does anyone know of a method whereby you can weave AND knit simultaneously? Surely there has to be a way.....

Okay – so maybe the panic isn't quite as "controlled" as I thought.

Fortunately, I have a very understanding nuclear family and enough makers in the extended one that I feel PLAN B will be workable. That means my son will finally get the completed scarf that he first got two Christmases ago in the form of three skeins of fingering, cleverly wrapped in the printed pattern. (He lives in California – there wasn't a pressing need.) My daughter most likely will get her socks still on the dpns – with a promise that they'll be done before the gifted sweater skeins from three Christmases ago. (In my defense, they're my very first socks and I want them to be perfect. I worry.) And once again, I will wrap yarn and a pattern for my husband. He will open it on Christmas morning, thank me for the thought – and then remind me that he doesn't care for "homemade stuff." (Seriously, thanks to his mother he appreciates acrylic machine-made items from Kmart far more than Rowan handknits.) <sigh>

However YOU chose to manage your gift knitting, and whatever holidays you celebrate, may you have love, joy and contented knitting now and in the year to come!

Lauren

**PLEASE NOTE: After a lengthy discussion at the last board meeting, the board voted unanimously to prohibit any alcohol at guild events. The FVKG carries no insurance that would shield us should there be a problem and we are not covered for that in any manner by the church's insurance.**

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### 2017-2018 Meeting Dates:

Dec 13, 2017	Mar 14, 2018
Jan 10, 2018	Apr 11, 2018
Feb 14, 2018	May 09, 2018

**St. Charles Episcopal Church**  
**994 N 5th Ave.**  
**St. Charles, IL**  
**Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



FVKG currently meets the second Wednesday of each month, September through May, in the Fellowship Hall of the St. Charles Episcopal Church in St. Charles. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

## 2017 FVKG SPEAKERS/VENDORS

### Anticipated Program

2017 / 2018	Speaker	Topic	Vendor
December 13	Board / Pot Luck Dinner	Scrappy Yarn Contest	Gift Exchange
January 10	Two Guys	Process of Knitting	Two Guys
February 14	Program Chairs	Mystery Knit-A-Long	Pattern TBD
March 8	Leading Men	TBD	Leading Men
April 12	Mystery Program	TBD	TBD
May 10	Stash Sale	End-Of-Year Pot Luck	Membership

### HOSPITALITY NOTE FOR DECEMBER MEETING:

Please bring a dish to pass for our December meeting. Also bring serving spoon or fork for your dish. Thanks

**BRIDGET CHRISTIANSON**

### FVKG HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE:

Bring a gift, receive a gift!

If you would like to be a part of our holiday gift exchange, please bring a gift in the \$15 price range to our December 13th meeting, and you will go home with a gift as well. The only requirement is that the gift be related to our love of knitting for example, a project bag (could be one you made), knitting tools or accessories, mug or coasters, or something hand-crafted or knit. No obligation to participate. This is just for fun!

### DECEMBER GUILD PROGRAM: SCRAPPY YARN CONTEST

As you all know, we will be sharing our Knit Scrappy projects at the December Guild meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, and members will vote for the winning project in two categories: Made with Scrappy Bits, and Made from Pattern Suggestion/Hand-out from Scrappy Summer Day event. Looking forward to seeing all the beautiful projects.

**YOUR PROGRAM CO-CHAIRS**

### JANUARY 2018 GUILD MEETING:

Just a tease for our upcoming January meeting – our speaker will be Gene, of 2 Guys Yarn Company, and he will be bringing his beautiful yarn to vend as well! Get ready to see some lovely Stephen West-designed shawls and to hear Gene speak about his thought process in knitting them.

### SPECIAL EVENT: JANUARY 20, 2018

Please mark your calendars for our fun event at String Theory in Glen Ellyn on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! Details to follow in the January Guild newsletter, but start thinking of carpooling!

## Special Yarn Shops

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

### Elgin Knits Works (Point System for Discount)

8 Douglas Ave., Elgin

847-627-4700

<http://elginknitworks.com>

### Esther's Place (TBD)

201 W. Galena St. (Route 30), Big Rock

630-556-WOOL (9665)

[www.esthersplacefibers.com](http://www.esthersplacefibers.com)

### Fine Line (10% discount)

6N158 Crane Road, St. Charles

630-584-9443

[www.finelineca.org](http://www.finelineca.org)

### The Fold (10% discount)

3316 Millstream Road, Marengo

815-568-5320

### Knitche (10% off most yarns)

5150-B Main Street, Downers Grove

630-852-5648

<http://knitche.com/>

### Loopy Yarns (10% discount)

47 West Polk St., Chicago

312-583-9276

[www.loopyyarns.com](http://www.loopyyarns.com)

### Needle Things (20% off yarn, patterns, & notions)

426 South Third Street, Geneva

630-232-9915

### Wool and Company\*

107A West Main Street, St. Charles

630-444-0480

\* Inquire about Special Membership

[www.woolandcompany.com](http://www.woolandcompany.com)

### THANKS TO ALL

Thanks to all who submitted info for this publication.

## 2017 / 2018 FVKG Board Members

*President:* Lauren Orr

*Vice-President:* Program Co-Chairs

*Secretary:* Marianne Zeman

*Treasurer:* JoAnn Mirenda

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*Newsletter Editor:* Karen Haley

*Website:* Jenny Bezingue

If you need to contact a board member outside of a meeting, visit the members' section of [www.fvkg.com](http://www.fvkg.com) for individual contact information. The password is printed on the back of your guild membership card; it remains the same as last year.

To notify the guild at large, simply email [fvkg-news@gmail.com](mailto:fvkg-news@gmail.com) to have your note distributed. Be sure to allow at least 48 hours' advance notice.

## 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.*

## Guild Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Set up
- 6:30 p.m. Gather to knit
- 7:00 p.m. Meeting begins:
  - Introduce new members/guests
  - Announcements/reports
  - Show and Tell
  - Door prizes
- 7:30 p.m. Break
- 7:45 p.m. Program
- 9:00 p.m. Lights out