

Fox Valley Knitters' Guild *NEWS*

A newsletter by and for FVKG members

March 2018

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Wow! Where has the time gone? It seems like the “knitting year” just started – and here we are at nominations for next year’s officers and planning the budget for next year!

It’s been so exciting to see the Guild grow this year, with new members bringing such energy, and wonderful, dynamic programs that have taught us so very much. (Brioche, anyone? Come on – you know you love it!)

Lately, the real world has been a scary, horrible, sad and confusing place. We are so lucky to have our knitting world into which we can go to calm ourselves, to work through troubled thoughts, and yes, sometimes just to hide from the unimaginable things we see and hear.

As I’ve sat here for the last two months hoping my fibula would start knitting as enthusiastically as I have been, I’ve been so fortunate to have knitting friends who have brought lunch, wound skeins, brought unexpected gifts of yarn and knitting magazines, and most wonderfully, just sat and kept me company. There are so very many additional benefits to knitting that go so very far beyond just making something. We support each other, we help each other, and we teach each other – and sometimes it’s even about knitting!

I encourage you to reach out to the next person you see knitting and invite them to come to our meetings. Let’s spread this therapy far and wide to do our bit for a calmer world.

Lauren

My New Motto: STAY SANE – KNIT MORE!

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2018 Meeting Dates:

Mar 14, 2018 May 09, 2018
Apr 11, 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.

2018-19 FVKG BUDGET

FOX VALLEY KNITTERS' GUILD PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-19

	DUES	
INCOME FROM MEMBERSHIP (75)	30	
TOTAL INCOME	2250	
EXPENSES		
Facilities		
Rent	675	
Total Facilities Expenses	675	
Membership Expense		
Membership Cards	35	
Nametags	100	
Total Membership Expense	135	
Operations		
Hospitality Supplies	50	
Postage	15	
Office Supplies	10	
Website	500	
Bank Fees	25	
Total Membership Expense	600	
Program Expense		
Programs	2200	
Total Program Expense	2200	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3610	
TOTAL EXPENSE OVER TOTAL INCOME	-1360	



2018-19 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS PLUS REQUEST FROM NOMINATING CHAIR

We Want You!....for note taking!

Members, we have a full board for the year 2018-2019 except for Secretary!

This is not an intimidating position, you do not have to be a scribe, typing expert, or fabulous note taker. All you have to do is be able to pay attention, and write down bulletin points of what is discussed, and what action is taken.

You can do it! And at the same time have fun and meet more wonderful members.

We have a great group of new people. The board will be announced at the March meeting, and voting will take place at the April meeting.

Come join us! Let any board member (present or next year's) know if you would like to join.

Here are the people who have signed up so far:

President:	Jenny Bezingue,
Vice Presidents:	Gretchen Gibbons, Christine Rachke, Teri Denault,
Treasurer	Jane Gabrielse
Membership:	Sandy Smith
Communications:	Barb Young
Hospitality:	Laurie Anne Maska
Secretary:	YOU!

FVKG Treasurer's Report

As of February 2018

Beginning Balance	\$2,761.40
Deposits—Membership	360.00
Expenses	
Rent	150.00
Membership	204.25
Program	<u>173.41</u>
	527.66
Closing Balance	\$2,929.06

2018 FVKG SPEAKERS/VENDORS

Anticipated Programs

2018	SPEAKER	TOPIC	VENDOR
March 14	Leading Men	Color	Leading Men
April 11	Mystery Program	3rd Mystery Clue	TBD
May 9	Stash Sale Mystery Shawls Revealed	End-Of-Year Pot Luck	Membership

MARCH PROGRAM

Our March Guild program will feature Leading Men Fiber Arts as speaker and vendor! We first spoke with Leading Men at Stitches Midwest last August, and were immediately struck with their energy and the beauty of their yarn. If you follow Leading Men on Instagram, you will see that they have recently attended Stitches West, making the long drive to Santa Clara, California from Clinton, Illinois, and having a blast doing so. J

Please bring your questions! They will be speaking about their business, choosing and dyeing their beautiful colorways, and answering any questions Guild members would like to ask.

MEMBER SUBMISSION: BOOK REPORT

KNIT MITTS – Your Handy Guide to Knitting Mittens & Gloves
Kate Atherley (at the St Charles Library)

I always wanted to knit a pair of mittens with cables, but couldn't quite figure out how to center the stitch pattern on the back of the hand. When I tried, I seemed to either have 2 left hands of my own, or thought to make 2 pairs, 1 hand at a time. This book answers those questions. There are plain, fair isle, cabled, thrummed, and more. There is a chart for sizing for all the standard sizes. I think this is a good go-to book for quick gifts from stash yarn and/or small pieces of yarn. It also has a beautiful pattern to make yourself some fingerless gloves out of that single skein of cashmere you bought. Who could deserve it more!!

A STASH OF ONE'S OWN - Knitters on Loving, Living with, and Letting Go of Yarn
An anthology edited by Clara Parkes

I enjoy reading compilations of columns by a lot of different authors late in the evening. When they're good, it's just the right amount of reading good thoughts as I'm having my last cup of tea. This book fit right in there. Every different take on stash that you could possibly imagine. If your short on ways to think well of the size of your stash, it's there. If you're becoming overwhelmed by your stash, it's there. It was interesting to stop and think about a different take on it. I personally am from the position of: it's there and I love it. Well, I do think it may be time to gift some of it on to a person who will actually make something with it. I'll let you know when I do that.

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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

Fine Line (10% discount)

6N158 Crane Road, St. Charles

630-584-9443

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

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

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: Jane Gabrielse

Hospitality: Bridget Christianson

Membership: Barbara Lewis

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 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 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