

# Fox Valley Knitters' Guild *NEWS*

A newsletter by and for FVKG members

April 2018

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

We're winding down to the "end" of the Guild year – but you'll notice those quotation marks.....

Our current – and future – program people are doing a fabulous job of developing plans and events to make this a truly year-round group! Keep watching as they add ideas and events! I personally love knitting in the summer, and I usually explain that as because I don't knit with wool..... BUT there IS something satisfying (and a little evil, I must admit) in casually saying, "oh, this? I'm just getting a start on my Christmas gifts."

This month's meeting is a very important one to attend, as it is officially designated as our Annual Meeting. This is your chance to have a say in the running of the guild. We'll be voting for all new officers, set the yearly dues for the next year, and approve the proposed budget (see the budget later in this issue.) We will need a quorum to officially conduct this meeting, so please plan to be there. I promise to make it as quick and painless as possible, so that we can get on to the fun, yarny stuff!

One final reminder about next month's stash sale. This is a great way to clean out your hoard, and – I think this is the best part – create some space for someone else's great yarn! More about this at the meeting.

**Lauren**

### FOX VALLEY KNITTERS' GUILD PROPOSED BUDGET 2018-19

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

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### 2018 Meeting Dates:

Apr 11, 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.

## 2018 FVKG SPEAKERS/VENDORS

### Anticipated Programs

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

### APRIL'S MYSTERY PROGRAM

We will see what's planned by our wonderful programs chairs. I'm curious, aren't you.!



### THE GREAT GUILD STASH SALE

Start planning for our **May** meeting when our members bring yarns, needles, books and knitting related stuff to sell. Start cleaning your bins and bags and shelves and closets and wherever your stash is stored. There might be some stuff in there that you once loved, but now you realize you are never going to knit it. There might be some stuff that you wonder whatever you were thinking. There will be some stuff you wonder how it ever snuck into your house. Now is the time to pass it on so someone else can actually knit it. (Yes, it does hurt a little when you see your yarn next fall all knit up into something wonderful, leading the life it was always meant to have!) You will also want to start saving some money, because you will definitely want to shop!

Here is how it works.

1. Gather the stuff you are ready to sell. You will set the price. If it is something you really aren't sure you want to sell or you know it is selling for quite a lot on ebay or ravelry, then go ahead and see if it will sell at that price. You can always reduce the price before we all go home. But, realistically, this is more of a garage sale and sharing your great stash with your friends. Things generally sell for ½ price, or ⅓ price, or less. If you don't want to take it back home, then price it accordingly.
2. All the yarns and books, etc. need your name and price on them. They will all be put on tables and everyone shops, eats, looks at the finished shawls of our MKAL and finds the sellers to pay them. Wearing your name tag really helps! Your labels may include information about the yarn (e.g. name of the yarn, yardage, etc.) and the retail price if you like. Just make sure your name and your price are on everything you are selling.
3. At the end of the night, you will count up your sales. The total includes the money you turned around and spent on more yarn! You will give the guild 10% of your sales. All the money the guild collects will go into the program budget to bring you more wonderful programs next year.

Christy

## BOARD NOMINATIONS 2018-19

Here are the nominations for the board that will be voted on at the April meeting:

### FVKG 2018-2019 Board

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:	<b>YOU!</b>

### 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

## 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.

Christie Cunningham  
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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](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:* 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](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