

Fox Valley Knitters' Guild NEWS

A newsletter by and for FVKG members

January 2015

President's Letter

For those of you who haven't been members of the guild long enough to remember Mary Stowe well, I can only tell you that her knowledge of knitting was like having all of the help books sitting right next to you. Asking her a question got a faster answer than searching in Ravelry. She was the first member of the guild who offered advice to me.

The first advice: Always make notes about what you've done. This way you can come back to your project and know what's happening. Great advice. I even acted on it. I made notes. Here's what she forgot – write them in a way that they won't seem like an obscure Mongolian dialect when you return to them 15 years later. I don't know of anyone who could translate the few notes that I made about my WIP, that I'm convinced is going to win the 'Oldest WIP Completed' for the contest.

I can say that I now have several more needles that I thought were lost. They made such wonderful stitch holders for the last – 15 – years. Fortunately, one of them seems to have actually been the correct needle with which to knit. Now the stitch pattern, well I had to guess where that came from. Fortunately, it's in more than one book - because the pattern works even though the even numbered rows are on the right side of the fabric.

I'm not even sure how I feel about finishing the project. I've thought about it and planned many different ways to finish it. Once it's done, I won't be able to change it. I will; however, have gained the use of the first bag I ever felted as a knitting bag again. Maybe I'll move one of the other WIPs into it and see if it helps me actually finish it.

~ Christie Cunningham

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2014-2015 Meeting Dates:

September 10, 2014
October 8, 2014
November 12, 2014
December 10, 2014
January 14, 2015
February 11, 2015
March 11, 2015
April 8, 2015
May 13, 2015

St. Charles Episcopal Church
994 N 5th Ave.

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.



Anticipated Program/Vendor Schedule (Subject to change)

January 14	Using our Local Library Resources Teri Larson	Wool & Co.
February 11	To be determined – Advanced Heather Winslow	Needle & Things
March 11	Lace – Specifics to follow Sarah Ocepek	Mia Bella
April 8	Socks –Specifics to follow Janet Avila	String Theory
May 13	End-of-Year Party (Potluck)	Members Sale

~ Nicky Jo Herner

Fine Line Show – Natural Inclinations

OUR REALLY BIG SHOW IS FAST APPROACHING!

Our bi-annual show at the Fine Line Arts Center is from February 14 through March 14. INSTALLATION DAY is FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

You may bring your items for this show to the upcoming regular meeting on January 14 or deliver to me at 1717 Waterford Road, North Aurora 60542. Because we must provide the Fine Line with a list of items INCLUDING PRICE/VALUE prior to installation and display labels must be printed in advance, the LAST DAY to SUBMIT ITEMS is TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Call me at 630.460.8362 to arrange a delivery day/time. NOTE: I am not available on Wednesday until after 2 PM nor on Thursday between 11 AM and 7 PM.

The Guild will provide tags which must have all fields completed by you and pinned or tied securely to the item. Tags will be available at the January meeting. If you will be delivering any items after the meeting, please take the number of tags you will need when at the meeting.

A list of jobs to be filled will also be available at the meeting. Please sign up. WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

The theme/title of the show is **Natural Inclinations**. If you have any smooth branches, natural fiber cloths in deep/bright colors (so light color items will show better than against the white walls), nests, wood curtain rods/poles, twig or natural color rattan furniture or any other natural items that will enhance the theme, please e-mail pictures to me at jananhudek@yahoo.com.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

~ Janan Hudek
Show Chair

Special Yarn Shops

These shops are special because they offer discounts to FVKG members

Elgin Knits Works (10% off on regular priced yarn)

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

Gene Ann's Shop (10% off on regular priced items)

117 East Station St., Barrington
847-842-9321
www.geneannsyarns.com

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

Never Enough Knitting (TBD)

119-121 North Main, Wheaton
630-221-1007

Stitches in Time (20% Discount)

300 W. Washington, Oregon
815-732-4599

*Wool and Company

107A West Main Street, St. Charles
630-444-0480
www.woolandcompany.com

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

2014 – 2015 FVKG Board Members

President: Christie Cunningham

Vice-President: Nicky Jo Herner

Secretary: Tami Stencil

Treasurer: Ruth Dykstra

Gallery Show: Janan Hudek

Hospitality: Bridget Christianson

Library: Teri Larson

Membership: Ellen Gilmartin

Newsletter Editor: Karen Haley

Website: Dee Heavington

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 fvkgnews@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

Tunisian Crochet Skills Class

Members: I am making a Tunisian Crochet afghan. If anyone would like to learn how to do this technique, I will offer a demo before next guild meeting (January 14th) starting at 6 PM. (This will be a "drop-in" activity, in other words, people don't have to be there at 6 PM to participate.) Tunisian Crochet is also called Afghan Crochet. If you have a hook, bring it, or I will have some on hand and some yarn to practice with, as well as some books with samples of patterns. You really do need to know how to do the crochet chain stitch to start. One of the things I like about this type of crochet is that the resulting material has more drape and is softer than traditional crochet.

~ Shirley Remes

FVKG Board: 2015 – 2016

Members: It is time to start thinking about being on the Guild board for next year. In other words, it's time to think about having a lot of fun! Being on the board is so much fun that Christie Cunningham was President for two terms, and Nicky Jo Herner, (Vice-President); Ruth Dykstra, (Treasurer); Bridget Christianson, (Hospitality); Dee Heavington (Website); have all signed up again for next year. Teri Larson, our Librarian, is staying on by moving over to Membership. Karen Haley will be our Newsletter Editor, starting with the February issue, to fill the vacancy due to Michelle Smith's recent move to Iowa.

So . . . for next year, the following two positions are waiting for you:

- President
- Secretary

(It has been recommended to eliminate the position of Librarian.)

First come, first served. Let us know.

Your nominating committee,

Shirley Remes, Lorraine Tompkins, Claudia Frost

December 2014 Meeting – Cowl Exchange



~ Photo furnished by Michelle Smith

Treasurer's Report

November 2014 Budget Report

Beginning Balance	5,783.33
Expenses	
Program Expenses	250.00
Newsletter Printing	30.60
Door Prize	39.00
Room Rental	75.00
Income	
Membership Dues	270.00
Ending Balance	5,658.73

December 2014 Budget Report

Beginning Balance	5,658.73
Expenses	
Hospitality Expenses	54.00
Room Rental	75.00
Income	
Membership Dues	0
Ending Balance	5,529.73

~ Ruth Dykstra