

September 2006



Meeting Information

September 19, 2005 7-9 pm
University Lutheran Church
1020 S, Harrison Road
East Lansing, Mich.

Welcome Back- Show and Tell

Along with the normal business meeting and announcement the main focus of this meeting is sharing all the summer projects that you have been working on. The format will be a little different, but our Planning Committee thinks that it will keep things running smother and focused.

Clean out the Closets for Fall

Maybe not as through as Spring Cleaning, but we will again have tables set up for a **Garage Sale**. Bring your leftovers or "what was I thinking yarn", put a price sticker on it and trade with your fellow knitting friends. And – On a friendly note, NO, you cannot donate what doesn't sell to the Guild – more on that later. We have reached our storage limit. Give it away or home it goes!!

Clean Out the Guild Closet

This will be the **Last Call** to go through the piles of materials sorted out from the Library. Last year the Library Committee cleaned house. They are focusing the Library efforts on books and reference materials. We no longer have room for magazines or pamphlets. This is the last time the sorted material will be offered to Guild members.

Message from the President

Dear Knitters,

A toast to MMKG on its 21st birthday! Since 1985, MMKG has been a community of knitters in the Lansing area. A big thanks to all of our members, present and past, who have kept the guild going for all of these years. Members may come and go at different points in their lives, but I hope that the guild will always be here for socializing and education.

Welcome back for a new year with the Mid-Michigan Knitters Guild. This year should be an exciting one. I am looking forward to some enhanced educational opportunities, some twists on old traditions to keep us interested, and, of course, some time to catch up with everyone after a busy summer. In our business meeting, we will be electing a new VP this September (more inside), and voting on a proposed budget (also see inside). Please bring your membership dues (\$20) to help get the year started.

Our traditional September program focuses on "What I Knit Last Summer", so please pack your knitting bag with some items and stories for a major show-and-tell. I am really hoping to see some beautiful stuff, as I have been working on a *grey grey grey* sweater for a **long long long** time.

See you soon! **Tracy**

Treat Volunteers

September treats will be provided by the Officers.

For the rest of the year, treats are graciously provided by the Guild members. Jessica M will have a volunteer sign up list at the September meeting.

To try and keep the meetings on schedule we would like to have the treats available at the start of the meeting.

Very Important Request

Because the church lets us use the room at an extremely reasonable cost, we are obligated to be sure the room is clean when we are done. Along with the treat volunteers we would like to organize a Set-up and Clean-up Crew to be sure this doesn't get overlooked.

Mid-Michigan Knitters Guild Officers

President – Tracy A 648-1967

VP/Programs –

Treasurer – Sharon P 694-9036

Newsletter – Irene A 887-9101

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Publicity – Colleen S – 381-0555

Service Projects - Cheanne L

Hospitality -- Jessica M 381-8309

Library – Lisa J734-883-5703

Mid Michigan Knitters Guild Web Site -

<http://mmkg.org>

Weekly Knit-Ins

A more casual informal time to knit and share

If you need directions or want more information feel free to contact any of the hostesses below.

Sometimes the group is quite large so please help the hostesses and bring a dish to pass. Anything is always welcome and appreciated.

1st Tuesday- Jane S 699-8062
2287 Thornwood, Holt

2nd Tuesday, Jacqué M
16400 Upton Rd. #156
East Lansing,
339-0396 or cell 525-4115

3rd Tuesday –Guild Meeting, University Lutheran Church, 1020 S, Harrison Road

4th Tuesday - Irene A 887-9101
3706 Stoneleigh Drive, Lansing

5th Tuesday - Cheanne L 339-6733
5820 Coleman Rd, East Lansing

Newsletter Distribution and Address Verification

Last year I started sending out the newsletter via e-mail. For the most part, this was successful, except that several e-mail addresses were not quite right. I would like to continue that practice because it really makes life a lot easier for me and the Guild budget. I will use pdf format, which should work for everyone.

So - at the September meeting we will have printouts of what we have on file. **Please be sure as you pay your dues, that you verify that we have the correct mailing address and e-mail.**

Of course if you prefer not to get the newsletter via e-mail, US mail will still be available.

Charity Knitting

A lot of action in this area. First Cheanne L continues to get everyone organized with Charity Knitting Saturdays. Late word, this may be changing. We will discuss this at the Guild meeting

2nd Saturday Charity Knitting

Schuler Book Store
Eastwood Town Center 10am - 2:00 pm.

Emily T has an ongoing project to knit cotton washcloths and put together personal grooming kits for a local shelter. We'll get an update at the September meeting.

Looking for New Projects The Guild has set aside money to assist with supplies for our charity projects. If anyone would like to propose a new project, we encourage you to submit a request to one of the officers. We can help with newsletter announcements, Project Kick-off Knit-Ins and knitting support.

More from the President

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Special Election in September!
Ann K has indicated that she is willing to be nominated and elected as VP. Jessica M and Tamsyn M have volunteered to help as a NEW Programs and Hospitality Committee. We will have a special election at the beginning of the meeting.

Meeting Format

- 6:00 - The room is available - come early and socialize.
- 6:30 - 7:00 Check-in: Grab your nametag and a door-prize ticket from the NEW and IMPROVED welcome station. Join in the NEW Beginners' Circle (starting in October), where someone will be able to help you get beyond the basics or through a challenge in your project.
- 7:00 - 7:15 Hit the snacks buffet before the meeting starts!
- 7:15 - 7:40 Show and Tell - in a NEW format. Please keep chatter down so we can all appreciate the handwork shown.
- 7:40 - 8:00 Business meeting - updates on upcoming events, etc.
- 8:00 - 8:45 Educational program
- 8:45 - 9:00 Clean up - push in chairs, put away snacks, etc.
- 9:00 Lights out - see you next month!

What do your dues DO?

Dues are used to pay for the meeting room, PO box, and storage closet, to mail newsletters, to photocopy program materials, to purchase door prizes (though recently we have received many donations – Thank You to our local yarn shops and members!), to keep our website online, to support charity projects or purchase library materials as needed. More than half of the dues money is used for the basics: space rental and the newsletter and website. New this year: we would like to pay our invited speakers (non-officers) a small honorarium in thanks for sharing their time and knowledge.

Please remember to pay your dues at the September meeting, if possible. It helps us to, first and foremost, know who's here and what address to send your newsletter to! But also, it helps us know how much money we can allocate to the "fun stuff" - programs, library acquisitions, door prizes, charity projects, and potentially, a NEW scholarship program. Sharon P, our esteemed treasurer, will collect in cash or check made out to Mid Michigan Knitters' Guild. Thanks for your cooperation.

2005-06 STATE OF TREASURY

Beginning balance on 9/20/05	2565.54
Total Additions:	1235.00
Total Expenses	(852.00)
Current Balance 9/9/06	\$2905.28

Budget Detail

Additions		Expenses	Budget 2005-06	Actual 2005-06	Proposed 2006-07
Dues collected	1130.00	Newsletter	300.00	217.77	300.00
Advertising revenue	80.00	Program	100.00	71.27	250.00
Other	25.00	Charity Project	100.00	105.00	100.00
		Door Prizes	50.00	9.95	50.00
		Publicity	50.00	28.14	50.00
		Library	25.00		25.00
		Treasurer expenses	50.00	19.07	50.00
		Website	150.00	49.50	100.00
		Room Rental/ mail box	225.00	275.00	275.00
		Misc,		50.00	50.00
		Hospitality	20.00	26.30	30.00
Total Additions	1235.00	Expenses	1120.00	852.00	1330.00

Coming Events

We have a great year planned. More ideas than dates!! Here is a quick list of some of the things you can look forward to. As always we welcome new ideas.

Guild Programs

"Weave a Real Peace" Program by Nancy McRay, owner, Woven Art
Business Networking. Get to know your fellow Guild Members. We know that many of our members are also non-fiber, private business owners. We will be setting up tables to give them an opportunity for peer-to peer networking to promote their personal businesses. Fiber businesses are also welcome

Simple Crochet to Enhance your Knitting. Program by Rae Blackledge, owner
Rae's Yarn Boutique

Back to Fiber Basics, Alpaca, Llama, Sheep, Exotics. How are they raised? Why do you raise them? How often are they sheered? How does the fiber get turned into yarn?

Lace Seminar – Sharon Winsauer, alpaca farm owner and award winning lace knitter.

Fasteners (Buttons, Snaps, Ties, Zippers) for Bags and Garments Tips and Pitfalls

Travel and Retreat Events

Jessica and her Travel Committee have put together a five-year retreat/travel plan. In short, it's a plan for rotating between several different types of trips.

1. ***Right in our Back Yard*** – This will be our retreat event for this year. They have researched the Dewitt St Francis Retreat Center and are planning a weekend of food, knitting workshops and knitting that is close to home. For a very reasonable cost the Retreat Center will provide all the meals, lodging and has lots of room for classes and relaxing.
2. ***Michigan - Kind of Close*** Travel to a near by Michigan location, with day-trip options or stay overnight in a B&B or knitting friendly motel. Shopping, dining and knitting. Ex Kalamazoo, Detroit Area, Grand Rapids
3. ***A Little Farther Away***, that may not be convenient for a day trip. Ex Traverse City
4. ***Out of State – Out of the Country***. A trip to Chicago or Toronto is on the horizon



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Membership Dues and
Membership Lists

The annual Guild membership dues are \$20.00 per year. (New members after January 1st are \$15.00.) For those members who live out of the area but want to keep in touch and stay on the mailing list the dues will be \$10.00 annually.

Please contact one of the officers for more information or send your dues directly to MMKG, PO. Box 26074, Lansing Mich. 48909