



September 2007

Mid-Michigan Knitters Guild

Meeting Information

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

Welcome Back

September 18th will be 'the first meeting of the season. The program is

"What I Knitted Last Summer"

Now is the time to show off your creations. It has been several months since we have had a chance to share. Like many others, I am looking forward to this part of the program

Cindy will be talking about programs for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas that you would like to see for programs please let her know. Also, last year we had a team of 3 working on the programs. Right now Cindy is a team of 1, so I'm sure she would welcome some help

Message from the President

Greetings!

Welcome new and seasoned members. I hope that everyone has had a grand summer. Whether you took the summer off, knitted light cottony things, or suffered through knitting heavier items in preparation for the upcoming cooler weather; another summer is gone. A new season of the Mid-Michigan Knitting Guild has begun.

During the summer I knitted a variety of items. My children occasionally would sit down and work on their own projects. As I watched them pick up the pointy sticks off and on I thought back to when I first learned how to knit. I was about 7 years old the summer my mom patiently worked with me. My first project was a sweater for my little Dachshund. It seemed like a good choice since she always seemed to be shivering during the winter. I remember working the bright red yarn on the ribbed pattern for what seemed like an eternity. I am sure that it was several months of fits and starts. I remember getting messed up a few times in the pattern, a few yarn overs, and dropped stitches. Eventually the day came and I was done. I put it on her and sent her outside. The next time I saw her she was sans sweater. I found it in a heap with little holes in it. Duchess had not appreciated the effort or usefulness of my creation. Over the years I have been more careful gifting personally made items. A lesson learned on many levels.

What is your memory of when you started knitting? Have you passed your passion on to anyone?

Be sure to stop over at our new MMKG website (www.mmkg.org). I have made many changes and additions to the site. Photos and suggestions are welcome.

EUNICE

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 – Eunice L
VP/Programs – Cindy R
Treasurer – Jackie M

Newsletter – Irene A

Publicity –
Service Projects- Sarah P
Hospitality -- Jessica M
Library – Lisa J

Check out the great new website design that Eunice has been working on. Great way to keep up to date on Guild events

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
Holt

2nd Tuesday, Cindy R
Okemos

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

4th Tuesday - September 25 Only
Cheanne L
East Lansing

Regular 4th Tuesday
Irene A
Lansing

5th Tuesday - Cheanne L
East Lansing

Newsletter Distribution and Address Verification

The normal distribution of our newsletter is through e-mail. For the most part, this is 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.**

US Mail

Of course if you prefer, the newsletter via US mail is still be available. Just be sure to let us know when you pay your dues

What Do Your Dues DO?

Dues are used to pay for the meeting room, PO Box, to mail newsletters, to photocopy program materials, to purchase door prizes (though recently we do receive 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. This year we have a significant increase in the room rental from \$25/month to \$75/month and we have lost the availability of the storage closet.

Because we just changed officers I do not have the official treasury numbers. The following is an estimate based on past years.

2006-2007 Budget Estimates

Additions 2005-2006		Expenses		Proposed 2006-07	Estimated 2007-08
Dues collected	1130.00	Newsletter		300.00	300.00
Advertising revenue	80.00	Program		200.00	200.00
Other	25.00	Charity Project		50.00	50.00
		Door Prizes		100.00	100.00
		Publicity		50.00	50.00
		Library		25.00	25.00
		Treasurer expenses		25.00	25.00
		Website		100.00	100.00
		Room Rental/ mail box		300.00	675.00
		Misc,		100.00	100.00
		Hospitality		50.00	50.00
Estimated Total Additions	1235.00	Expenses		1330.00	1675.00

Please try 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. Jacque M, our treasurer, will collect in cash or check made out to Mid Michigan Knitters' Guild. Thanks for your cooperation.

Looking for a New Meeting Location

Because of the increase in cost of the meeting room and more importantly the loss of the library and meeting supply storage space, we are looking for a new meeting space. We are not raising the dues for this year, because we do have sufficient reserves to cover the increased cost for the year.

We need to accommodate about 40-50 members. A small kitchen would be nice so we can continue with our treats. Also on-site storage would be real benefit. We don't need a lot off room, just enough to store our rolling library cart and a tote of meeting supplies. We have a great library and without storage space the availability to our members will be strained.

So if you know of, or have access to a church or community room please let us know. We are interested in investigating new locations for next year.

An Essay on Yarn!!!

I found this while cruising the Internet. It's not new; I'm not sure who wrote it, not sure if it even the original version because I found almost the same essay about quilting. But I thought you might enjoy reading this again.

A recent study indicated that Yarn and thread gives off certain Pheromones that actually hypnotize women and cause them to purchase unreasonable amounts.

When stored in large quantities, in enclosed spaces, the Pheromones, (in the yarn,) cause memory loss and induce the nesting syndrome, (similar to the one squirrels have, before the onset of winter, i.e. the storing of food,) therefore, perpetuating their species and not having a population loss due to their kind being cut into pieces and mixed with others.

Sound tests have also revealed that these yarns emit a very high-pitched sound, heard only by a select few, a breed of women known as "loomers." When played backwards on an LP, the sounds are heard as chants, buy me, loom me, and wind me into a ball ".

In order to overcome the so called "feeding frenzy effect," that these yarns cause, one must wear a face mask when entering a storage facility and use ear plugs, to avoid being pulled into their grip. (One must laugh, however, at the sight of customers in a yarn store, with WW2 army gas masks and headphones!) .

Studies have also indicated, that aliens have inhabited the earth, helping to spread the effects, that these yarns have on the human population. They are called "YARN STORE CLERKS".

It's also been experienced, that these same Pheromones, cause a pathological need, to hide these yarn purchases, when taken home (or at least blend them into the existing stash.) When asked by a significant other if the yarn is new, the reply is, "I've had it for awhile."

Author Unknown

Knitting for Others

Hello knitters!

I've taken on the task of coordinating the Guild's charity knitting this year. My goal is to introduce you to at least two charitable projects at each month's Guild meeting, along with ideas for patterns to support each worthy cause. Eunice has spruced up the Guild's website, which now includes a page just for charity knitting (<http://www.mmkg.org/charity>), on which you'll find a list of some of the websites and patterns I've come up with so far.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend September's meeting. I'll be at a high school open house instead, buttering up my oldest son's teachers. In my absence, however, please consider the following ideas for your willing needles:

- 1) The annual MMKG Hat Contest is officially on! In lieu of the Guild's now non-existent stash, please consider using up some leftovers from your own stash to create a hat (or scarf, or mittens, or sweater, or afghan . . .) to be turned in by the beginning of the December meeting. Each item donated will be entered into a drawing for fabulous prizes! The bounty will then be distributed to a local organization (feel free to send me suggestions of places near and dear to your heart). Please enter early and often!!!
- 2) The Garcia Family is hosting a Preemie Clothing Drive for Sparrow Hospital's NICU. Guild member Kristi Garcia's tiny twins came home from the hospital dressed in cozy hand knits, and she'd like to pass that generosity on to others. Her boys' birthday is in November, so let's make the November Guild meeting the deadline for those teeny tiny items that will only take an itchy bitsy amount of your knitting time. There will be a few patterns added to the Charity page on the Guild's website, but PLEASE feel free to direct our attention to other suitable patterns (e-mail a link to Eunice for inclusion on the Charity page). One easy solution is to take a regular-sized baby pattern and knit it with thinner yarn or on smaller needles.

There are a bajillion free patterns available out there in computer-land for your knitting pleasure. If you don't have patterns of your own, and don't have access to the Internet, please e-mail me at sarahpeasley@comcast.net and I will see what I can do to provide you with some pattern ideas. Let's get those needles clicking!

Please join us at the Guild's "Knitting For Others" gatherings at Schuler's Café in Eastwood Towne Center on the fourth Sunday of each month from noon to 4:00. Drop in for as little or as long as you'd like! The dates will be September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23, January 27, February 24, March 23, April 27, and May 25.

If each of you can squeeze just one extra item out of your valuable knitting time each month or two, just think how many heads we can warm!

Sarah P

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Lansing, Mich. 48909



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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