



Swap & Social

~ Your KWKG Executive

[Mennonite Brethren Church - Kitchener](#)

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Knit & Chat: 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Speaker/Meeting: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

President's Message

Our December social meeting has always been a welcome evening of knitting and friends in a month of rushing around for the holidays. I hope you'll all join us for a few hours of snacks, a sprinkling of social activities, and the chance to show off your Christmas knits before they're given away!

Remember to bring your own drinks, and if you wish to participate in the exchange, bring some yarn you'd like to gift to another guild member.

Happy Holidays!

Programme – Swap & Social – December 10

Programming Team – Join us in December for a chance to relax, be social, win something and – if you so choose – learn something! Our seasonal get-together is shaping up to be a fun night. What are doing?

1. **Yarn Swap!** Bring a skein of wonderful yarn to gift to swap with your Headbandz buddy when you find them (you will be swapping in person).
2. Be prepared to **Bingo** your way to a chance at some nifty, fair trade prizes
3. Nibble some **tasty treats** (remember to bring your own beverage!)
4. **Rescue your work!** We will have knitting and crochet project rescue tables – so bring those gifts that need a little help.

See you then!

It's beginning to look a lot like...winter?

While we have your attention, we would like to ask for donations of **6"x 6" squares to be combined into a blanket to be donated to [oneROOF](#)**. Any technique is welcome, please use a fibre that is low maintenance. Bring your completed square (with a nice long tail for sewing and a **darning needle**) to the December meeting and we will get to work joining them up.

Teasers for 2019/2020

This is what we're looking at so far, subject to change as we finalize our speaker list.

- Chantelle Harpe from [coriand3r knits](#), January
- Patrick Madden of [Signature Yarns](#), February
- Amy Singer from [Knitty.com](#), March
 - HEADS UP! Bring your Knitty knits for an exciting dynamic talk about them at this event!
 - Include anything bound off with Jenny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off!
- Tracy Minnema from [A River of Yarn](#), April
- Swap & General Meeting, May
- Adjudicated Show, June, with Kim McBrien Evans of [Indigodragonfly Studio!](#)

Are you a designer and a member?

We would love to hear from you at the **show & tell & ask** but you can also drop us a note at newsletter@kwknittersguild.ca with the details, or add your name to [our thread on Ravelry](#). Our members who are designers are also listed in our [Members' Only](#) section.

Membership

Membership Chairs, Eileen & Nicole – Our guild keeps growing! There were seventy-three members at our November meeting (including four new members) and nine guests. We think they might have heard about the great speakers and fabulous door prizes - and wanted to get in on a chance to win!

Sarah Murphy won two skeins of yarn and Miriam Heynen won The Knitter's Dictionary, signed by our guest, Kate Atherley.

This month, we have a beautiful project bag to give away. The fabric was designed for 'Shall We Knit' - it features their logo. This bag is perfect for keeping your Christmas projects in hand.

For a chance to win this awesome project bag, simply plan to attend the December meeting. Hopefully, your ticket will be drawn! See you on December 10th!



Join or renew now!

To [join](#) or [renew](#) your membership, you can pay:

Online - with Email Money transfer

1. Send an email money transfer for the \$35 membership fee to payments@kwknittersguild.ca
2. Email membership@kwknittersguild.ca to give us your name, the email address from which the payment was sent, and whether you are a new or returning member.

In-person at Guild meetings

- Sign up in person at our upcoming Guild meetings, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- We accept cash, cheque, debit, and credit payments

Library

Library, Dee-Anne –the library will be closed in December for the social swap, see you in January!

Big V, little v, what begins with v? Volunteering!

Little v roles!

Are you looking for the ability to volunteer for short-term events outside of the larger roles on the board? You're in luck!

Adjudicated Show

We need volunteers for the Adjudicated Show committee. We would like 2 or 3 people to help with the planning of the Adjudicated Show starting in September. If you are interested please contact Chris Klassen or Elizabeth Guthrie at adjudicatedshow@kwknittersguild.ca.

General committee or occasional help

If you would like to join any committee and help out, please contact the committee leaders and join in. If you can think of another way to help out, once in a while, a few minutes once a month, let our [Volunteer Coordinator](#) know and she'll find a place for you/put you to work!

Adjudicated Show 2020

Adjudicator – Kim McBrien Evans

Kim has extensive personal and professional experience with textile arts in all shapes (dyeing, knitting, crocheting, spinning, designing), and she specializes in producing luxury yarns and unique patterns. She's got yarn clubs (Smart-Ass Knitters for World Domination Club) and she



hosts the Stained Fingers Dye Camp to teach others all about yarn and fabric dyeing. Kim has an eye for colour, sparkle, and texture, and a great sense of humour to boot! She'll be bringing her humour and knowledge to her role as an Adjudicator and we can hardly wait!



If you aren't already familiar with Kim's work, be sure to check out her [website](#): or stalk her social media: [Instagram](#); [Twitter](#); [Pinterest](#); [Facebook](#); and on Ravelry.com ([indigodragonfly](#) or [Designs by Kim McBrien Evans](#)).

Member designer Fall Sale!

To entice you to explore our designers, they are offering a **Fall sale from Oct 1 – Nov 30**. The [members-only](#) page on our website has a list of Guild designers and the specifics of their sale, with a common coupon code for Ravelry. Some Guild designers also offer free patterns, check them all out!

Categories

All categories will have three levels: Undergraduate (beginner), Graduate (intermediate), and Professor (advanced). Each level's reference points will be included in the forms when you submit your items.

- Multiple crafts - multidisciplinary (knitting and crochet!)
- "Outside the Box" (weird stuff)
- Hats and other head and ear coverings
- The Extremities (hands and feet)
- Sweaters/Dresses/Skirts/Shirts
- Houseware (large) (blankets, wall hangings, tablecloths, etc)
- Houseware (small) (pillows, toys, decorations, dishcloths, etc)
- Necks and shoulders (scarfs, shawls, ponchos, etc)
- Handspun fibre skeins
- **Special category - Guild Design** – all entries in the above categories can also be a Guild Design (either your own or someone else's), and if they are, will be eligible for a separate prize draw

All entries can be either knit or crochet, except multidisciplinary which **must have** both **knitting and crochet** elements.

Show & tell & ask

Show & tell: **please say your (first) name, the pattern name, and the yarn** so we can share the love! You can put your items on the stage for everyone to admire after you tell your story. Ask: **please say your (first) name, and of course your question!** If no one has the answer, please seek out someone with bling on their badge for some one-on-one help.



[August in Tremblant](#), by Alison Brock, a Cambridge designer! Andrea knit this for her niece.



Kate has an interesting solution for second sock syndrome – don't stop knitting!



Renee brought us a sweater that she knit using 50/50 wool and silk. Her dad was in the Dutch Underground, and she knit this sweater in his final days and finds it impacts her still. <3



Kitt knit a sweater set for Jessie's soon-to-be baby with natural dyes, spun on a drop spindle, chain-plied. Lovely! She'll be warm in the January cold.



[Mary W. Martin](#) released her patterns! These clever patterns explore "writing" with contrasting colours across two-color garter stitch, and these latest ones are a delicate reversible honeycomb. Discounts for members until November 30!



Chris brought us the [Until We Meet Again by Heather Anderson](#), a nifty brioche hat. Even more exciting, she used her handspun, spun with the Electric Eel Nano! The fibre was from the local Fleece to Fabric company and local sheep!



She also knit a stunning, warm, gray and black alpaca [Velvet Morning](#) sweater – the mild downside is single strand yarn is a bit pillly.



Bridget made some very sweet sweetheart mittens ([Smittens](#)) for her and her husband to walk to the library in. <3 Aw!



Laura brought us some of [Red Heart's Heat Wave](#) yarn that allegedly raises the temperature of the garment by 12°F (a soft acrylic yarn). If you have a local source, hit her up!



Rosie has a big sack of qiviut fibre and needs the loan of a drum carder to get through it. A terrible burden. Hopefully, someone connected with her!



Jessie's baby is due in January, so she also made a little sweater set for the coming bairn.



Lina knit a Koala for her niece as part of a long-term plan (some explanation was required, lol) using [Knitted Wild Animals](#) by Sarah Keen.

Upcoming community events

Thresholds Homes and Supports – volunteers needed starting January 2020

Thresholds Homes and Supports helps people living in the community with a mental illness. They are looking for a volunteer for every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., starting in January, at the Main Branch of Kitchener Public Library on Queen Street.

How many participants: 5 - 8 anticipated

Participants skill level(s): Varies. Basic currently

Paid or free program: free

Expectations of the Volunteer: to assist Staff with helping people learn how to knit and fix issues

Who else from your organization will be present during meetups?: Staff

Purpose/goals for the group: learn to knit

Contact person / organizer name, email, phone number: Cara Gilfillan 519-742-3191 ext. 1267

Send us your community events

Drop us a line at newsletter@kwknittersguild.ca and give us the details. We need a five-week headstart to get the information into the newsletter and to our membership, so let us know early!

Connect with us

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