



Love is in the air: your yarn, your guild, your inspirations

President's message

From Lorna Morris – Our January meeting was a great source of inspiration for the coming year. The Blue Brick offered up tempting yarns dyed by Shireen Nadir and her husband Tito. They also provided a wonderful insight into the creative process, sources of inspiration and links between life, colour and various artistic media.

Many thanks to the Blue Brick as well for their donations of two beautiful skeins of yarn for our Members' Door Prize draw. (Door prizes like these at each of our meetings definitely make membership a worthwhile investment!)

Pitch in: contribute to the Guild

As we head into a new year, please consider how you can contribute to the Guild workings. Kudos to the individuals who arrived early to the January meeting, noted that the church had not been able to set up tables (given their redirection of energy to do an emergency fix of the boilers), and set up the tables they wanted themselves. What a perfect example of identifying a potential improvement and jumping in to make it happen!

We have a few areas that could use some help going forward, including people to help plan our upcoming Knitters' Fair in September as part of our Fair Committee, volunteers for a short-term but intensive library organizing blitz, and people to consider helping out with next year's Executive Council. I am ever grateful to the current Executive Council for their creativity, excitement and commitment to continuous improvement, and their general support of whatever "needs to get done". Thank you!

KAL Support

Just a follow-up note on our KAL, the Wheat Sweater: there is a group on Ravelry for the KAL if you need help outside of meeting times. We also identified some members who are quite far ahead in their knitting and have bedazzled name tags indicating they will field knitting questions, which is an awesome combination. If you need help during the knit and chat, feel free to shout out...and we will continue to

identify helpers for the break time knitting as well. For our very speedy knitters, we hope to see your work during Show and Tell!

Sally Melville Award

Starting in February, you will see a nomination ballot in your name tag for the Sally Melville Award. Think about who inspired you and your knitting, who might have helped you, and who might be deserving of an award that celebrates the contributions of our KWKG founder, Sally Melville. Write down a name and the reason you are nominating that member, and drop it in the box at the membership table during the February and March meetings.

Location Change!

Just a reminder that our February meeting will be moved from the usual hall into the Narthex at First United to accommodate the church's Shrove Tuesday dinner. As such, we will not operate the usual tables, including the library, at this meeting...so enjoy your books for a bit longer, look for Adjudicated Show submission ideas, and knit up a storm (or just enough light fluffy stuff to insulate the world).

Programme – Tuesday, January 9

From Caitlin & Stephanie – Galt House of Yarn is a full-service Local Yarn Store (or LYS, in common knitter's parlance) located in beautiful and historic downtown Galt, Cambridge, Ontario.

The Galt House of Yarn aims to create a positive, encouraging, and community-based retail experience for both their local and online customers. Welcoming all crafters of all abilities and tastes, their staff motto is: "Yes, we can help you make that".

They participated in our knit-a-long, have knit-a-longs of their own, and host knitting gatherings on Wednesdays during the day and Thursdays in the evening.

They offer classes and have an online store that offers what they have in their brick and mortar store. They are a great addition to the local yarn store list and we are so happy to have them in, talking about their store and how it came to be.

Check out them out on their [website](#), [instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

A note about guests

Please note that guests are more than welcome, but the door prize draw, access to the library and other member benefits are reserved for active Guild members only. Guests pay \$5 per meeting and can attend two meetings. After those meetings, you must have a membership to attend.



Wheat Sweater KAL

How is your [Wheat](#) sweater coming along? I confess I'm still where I was, slightly past the cast-on. Something about competing priorities! But other members are motoring along, and have it already in the rotation. Wherever you're at with the project, join us for the knit 'n' chat before the meeting to work on your sweater with your guild-mates!

While the discount window has closed, you are more than welcome to join us at any time. [Wheat](#) is available through Ravelry. Speaking of Ravelry, join us in the [KWKG's Ravelry group](#) to get help or show off your work.

If you are posting your progress to Instagram, Facebook, Ravelry or Twitter, please use the hashtags **#kwkgkal** and **#wheat_sweater** so we can see each other's work.

Membership

From Eileen & Miriam – Our membership is growing! We now have 135 members and expect the number will continue to increase.

As always, we have another exciting door prize to give away. **This month, you could win a \$30 gift certificate from our guest speaker, Galt House Of Yarn.** Don't miss out on an opportunity to be the lucky person to win. All you have to do is join us February 13th. What could be easier, and more fun!

Included in your name tag holder is a ballot for the Sally Melville Award. If you would like to recommend a guild member to win this year's award, please cast your vote at the meeting.

See you then!

January's door prize winners

Sarah Leppard and Ellen Lovel won The Blue Brick yarn door prizes, Blue Christmas Manitoulin Merino Sport and Waterfall, respectively! I can't wait to see what you make of them!

Website access for KWKG members

What's on the [Members Only](#) section on our website? Deals, videos of show & tell, handouts so far! We have ensured all members have active accounts on our website. Please use the [Forgot Password](#) function with the email address you provided to the Guild to reset the password and gain access if you don't have a working password.

Not a member yet?

Join us! [Purchase your 2017-2018 KWKG membership](#) online or at any meeting. Check us out for \$5 a meeting for up to two meetings before joining.

Updates from our January meeting

Did you place an order from The Blue Brick?

Please be sure to pick it up on the 13th, we will not hold orders.

Show & tell

Thank you to all the members who continue to inspire us and celebrate their work. Members can check out the whole show & tell event in the [Members Only](#) section of our website. You may note people are dressed a little warmly in these photos: while the boiler was fixed, it was still brisk!

When you come for show & tell, **please say your (first) name, the pattern name and the yarn** so we can share the love!



Elizabeth saw the [Timeline](#) pattern at the KW Knitters' Fair fashion show and made this beautiful shawl with the "birthstone" colours to wear and remember her family. Thanks, Elizabeth!



Chris brought us a stunning jewel-tones [Sprouts shawlette](#) that's really sparkly, made from an unexpected surprise from a yarn club. It has lots of little swirly cables inspired by the Corpse Bride.



Tabi is wearing a sweater from [La Maison Rilili's Dessine Moi un Mouton](#). The body was supposed to be in moss stitch but "life is too short" for that much moss stitch.



Jen made a hat called [Sea Beanie](#) with Three Irish Girls Springvale DK.



Jen also showed us [Slipstripespiral](#), a slipped stitch sock pattern pairing a neutral with a crazy colourway. The colourway was from Australia and has possum fur in it. The yarn bleeds a lot, but hopefully it'll stop!



Barbara stayed warm in her lovely cowl, but was here to show off a his and hers combo of socks that were supposed to be Christmas presents, but alas, time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping...



Karen showed us a really nifty double-knit Game of Thrones scarf that says [Winter is Coming](#) on both sides. She noted [a clever masochist put the charts for it up](#) on Ravelry so the words read properly on both sides. She had to do it all at once so she didn't forget the method!

2018 Adjudicated Show

From Karen & Sue – All the details are going up on the [website](#), so check them out! The submission form and sponsors are being updated. Remember, you must be a KWKG member to be in the show. put items into the Adjudicated Show.

Library

Committee members needed

Ever wanted to work with the library? Join the Library Committee to help run the library during each meeting.

Catalogue volunteers needed

Over the March break, the library team will do an audit on our catalogue. Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out for a day.

Raffle table winners

We had a lot of prizes this month! Congratulations to:

Elizabeth Ruth	Elastic stitch markers
Sue Sturdy	Notions pouch
Kathryne Dayman	Red beads
Carol Moogk-Soulis	Split ring markers
Michael Plauntz	Knitting group notebook and pen
Alisha Cull	Curved DPNs
Renée Bidal	Snowman buttons
Andrea Knowles	Cardigan pattern
Renée Bidal	Large wooden button
Lina Furner	Pottery needles and scissor holder

Goodwill

Do you know of a member with recent news, good or bad? We would like to hear about them, to send our congratulations or our condolences. Please email info@kwknittersguild.ca or speak to any member of the executive with this news.

Yarn table

We all have yarn that no longer suits our tastes, goals or skills, and the yarn table is the perfect way to turn that yarn back into stash acquisition money.

- Set your prices and bring a list of your yarn with quantities and prices.
- Label the yarn with your name.
- Bring your change (we can't guarantee we'll have exact change)
- Don't forget to scope out the yarn table for new-to-you bargains, too!

The expected fine print: the K-W Knitters' Guild keeps 10% of sales. The Guild and volunteers are not responsible for lost or damaged items.

Upcoming community events

Do you know of any upcoming events that would be of interest to the KWKG? 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!

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