

## President's Message

*From Lorna Morris* – Our September meeting was a busy one, with lots of pre-meeting chatter and laughter. The membership table was working at full speed with added help, processing member information and payments. It struck me that there aren't many places where you can shop for discounted wool, borrow books on just about every knitting related topic for four weeks at a time, learn new skills, wind those skeins into useable balls, contribute to the community through knitting for charity projects, and have the potential to win a member door prize or raffle prize at each meeting...and all this for \$35 for the year. Not bad! Attendance of returning members was strong and we welcomed 16 new members at this first meeting!

Our KW Knitters Fair 2017 was a resounding success and the inaugural Sunday workshops taught by our Guest expert, Lily Chin, were attended by quite a few people who had travelled from away to take in our event. Thank you to Cornelia Cunningham, the Fair Committee, the Guild volunteers, as well as the non-Guild volunteers who were recruited to fill in where needed.

The September program featured our own Suzanne Carter and Chantelle Harpe, who helped us explore knitting related social media and the use of Ravelry in particular. We are now prepared for the upcoming winter (aka snowy, less mobile and therefore knitty) season. Like a true sharing guild, members also jumped in with things they had learned and shared their own ideas and ways of using some of the applications.

As we head into October and the more formal time for giving thanks, let's be thankful for the skills and capabilities we have, the pleasure we get from the creative process, and the support provided by our fellow knitters. If you want to share your bounty with others, the Charity table is to the left of the door when you come into the Hall for our meetings. Thank you all for making the KWKG meetings a positive place to be!

# Programme - October 10

Our second meeting of the year is October 10, and we'll be exploring the world of Slow Fashion.

What is Slow Fashion October? "A celebration of the small-batch, handmade, second-hand, well-loved, long-worn, known-origins wardrobe."

This month we'll be exploring ideas around slow fashion, such as:

- designing and knitting what you wear
- planning out projects instead of stashing and stashing with no plan in sight
- mending your knits and not discarding them
- really challenging yourself to finish your projects and see them to the end

Join us starting at 6:30 p.m. for knitting and socializing before the main event!

## Membership

*From Eileen and Miriam* – We are very excited to welcome the many new members to our Guild and of course, the returning members. Last month's whopping attendance was testimony to how our Guild just keeps growing!

### PayPal Last Step

For the members (new or returning), who paid via PayPal, we ask if you haven't completed a membership form (not accessible on our website), to please do so at this meeting. The reason for this step is to address the last line and check it yes, or no. This step is in accordance with the anti-spam legislation law and by checking it, you give us permission to contact you, or not, beyond August 31st, 2018. The forms are available at the membership table.

### Door Prizes

Door prizes are chosen by the Membership committee. As per our meeting last month, we would love to hear from the members as to what they would like to see as a door prize. We know there is a generous pool of related talents available right in our own backyard and would love to have an opportunity to promote them by offering a door prize.

This month's door prize is very cool - you won't want to miss out on a chance to win it!

September 30th was the grand opening for Galt House Of Yarn in historic downtown Galt. I was thrilled to visit the shop and be a part of the excitement! If you were there, you'll know what I'm talking about. This month, we have an exciting door prize from The Galt House Of Yarn - a \$30.00 gift certificate! With

the wide selection of beautiful yarn, needles, knitting bags and classes starting soon, there really is something for everyone. Just a reminder - you have to be present to win the door prize.

We look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday, October 10th.

### Door Prize Winner - September 2017

September's door prize was yarn from the indie dyer, Essence of Autumn. It was won by Teresa Cornwell, on her birthday no less!

### 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 September Meeting

### Downloads

Members can download the Social Media for Knitters slideshow from the meeting on the [Members Only](#) section of our website. If you have suggestions to add to the slideshow, please contact [newsletter@kwknittersguild.ca](mailto:newsletter@kwknittersguild.ca) with them!

### Show & Tell

Members can check out the whole show & tell event, including the singing (singing!) in the [Members Only](#) section of our website. The following photos are stills from the video. When you come for show and tell, please say your (first) name, the pattern name and the yarn so we can hook a knitter up!



Chris made a stunning [Rock the Kasbah](#) shawl by Cindy Garland, made with Zauberball.



Chris also made this a classic Linen Stitch Cowl made from yarn dyed with woad and logwood in the UK, bought in a National Trust (thrift store) by her sister because it reminded her of the moors and the sea.



Victoria made a sweater! She wanted a big cozy sweater, and chose [Bronwyn](#) by Melissa Wehrle from Wool People by Brooklyn Tweed, and Patons DK Superwash for this cabled beauty.



Kit made some travelling socks while travelling to Twist with Daf. These are a pair of matching but fraternal modular topped socks out of Kit's handspun and hand-dyed yarn. She dyed the yarn with black walnut, cochineal and indigo.



Meghan knit this sweet baby sweater for baby #2 out of crock-pot dyed yarn made with baby #1! She's due just before the January meeting, so if you can help at the raffle table, let her know!



Teresa knit this delicate gradient [Celaeno](#) shawl by Romi Hill out of Coriand3r Knits and is excited to get more of it for future projects...\*hint hint\*



Teresa the birthday girl knit this inspiring [Maple Leaf Knit Shawl](#) by Natalia @ Elfmoda in white, then dip dyed it until she achieved the effect she wanted. (If it hadn't worked out, it would have been solid red.) With 50 ends to weave in, it's not for the faint of sewing.



Anne made this gigantic [Find Your Fade](#) shawl by Andrea Mowry by using 1.5km of scraps and some clever over-dyeing. Blocking it required opening the closet to gain enough space. She won't be able to lose this fade!



Not to be outdone, Sue Sturdy (can we say only her first name? I can't seem to do it!) brought us one piece of the Grand Woolly Ride -- a 34' piece for around the gunnels of the canoe. Members, do catch this part of the video for some laughs...



Kathryn brought us another soft gradient, this one a test knit for the [Daylight Savings Cowl](#) by Mary Annarella, in Bluebrick Yarns, Feather colourway (they are coming in January, don't miss them). This cowl can be worn in any direction, and the designer has made a series of garments with the same lace pattern.



Kathryn also showed us the deceptive "one colour cashmere cowl", from the [Three Color Cashmere Cowl](#) by Joji Locatelli, again in a Bluebrick yarn, colourway Daisy. When she needed to switch colours, she just used the other end of the ball, resulting in the ultimate waiting room project.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Other upcoming events

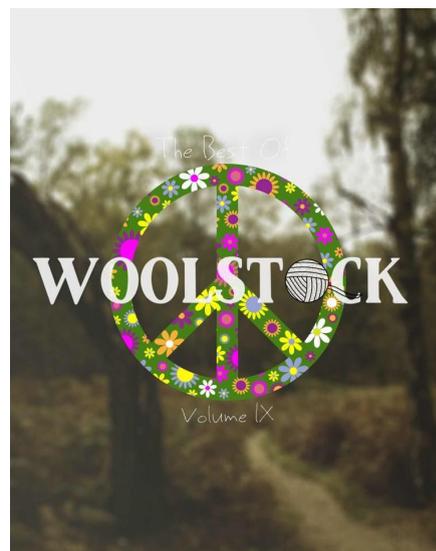
### Woolstock: the Woodstock Fleece Festival – October 14

If you're looking for a great little road trip next weekend, plan to wander over to the Woodstock Fleece Festival happening Saturday, October 14th from 9AM to 5PM at the Woodstock Fairgrounds.

Don't let the name fool you, there are fleeces aplenty, but there is also a huge selection of yarn from participating local yarn shops, indie dyers, and farm vendors. If you've never been, make sure to visit all three buildings: The Barn Marketplace, the Festival Barn, and the Auditorium.

Several [Vendors](#) that you know and love from the K-W Knitters' Fair will be there, so plan your visit!

See the [Woolstock Event on Facebook](#).



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