



“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.”

~Lewis Grizzard

Another month has zipped on by but it's been two months since we've seen your smiling faces and finished objects! We hope you'll join us for our March meeting, bring back your books (take out new ones), and show off what you've been doing.

Don't forget your change for the Raffle Table, bring your skeins for winding and check out the Charity Table for opportunities to give back as well.

Programme – Taming Animal Fibres with Terri from Feather Your Nest – March 12

Programming Team – Terri will be bringing yarns such as alpaca, mohair and cashmere bases and talk with us about tips and tricks including nature of the yarns, type of needles, pattern choice and proper care of her featured fibres. She is bringing a selection of model garments, and pattern recommendations. Additionally, Terri will offer for a door-prize of three store gift certificates in the amounts of \$ 20, \$15 and \$10 amounts.



Teasers for upcoming guild meetings

- **April:** Russian Knitting – do you want to improve your speed? Learn about Russian-style knitting with Maryna from [10 Rows a Day!](#)
- **May:** AGM, Sally Melville Award, meet the new executive, Swap and Social
- **June:** this year we're looking to set up a possible yarn crawl on a weekend in June, stay tuned!
- **2019/2020:** we have events in the planning stages and some confirmed for the next year, we'll hopefully be able to provide you with details in May!

Take Two: Our KAL/CAL featuring our member designers!

Are you ready for our KAL/CAL? Cold winter days and nights will find most of us knitting something special, why not choose a beautiful pattern posted by one of our guild members? We are publishing a list all the member designers on our members' page and they have offered a discount to guild members. Over the next few meetings, come and find the pattern creator to discuss how your project is going. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the talented designers within our guild and create a project for the adjudicated show in 2020! Our Adjudicated Show coordinators say there will be a category for member designers! Knitted or crocheted...

Charting the course of the KWKG!

We need your support and input! Once a month on first Tuesday of the month, the KWKG Executive Council meets to carry out the infrastructure work of the Guild (and knit of course and/or provide knit advice!).

The organization is in great shape financially and future-program-wise but we are looking for help going forward. We have some people who wish to share positions (and mentor someone new in a role) and some vacant roles to be filled for the next Guild year (starting August 1, 2019).

We will have sign-up sheets with role descriptions at the next two meetings and hope to finalize the executive at the May general meeting. If you have any questions, please speak with Lorna Morris, the Past-President or email pastpresident@kwknittersguild.ca. Check it out, sign up for something new, and get involved!

Call for Knitters' Fair Committee Volunteers

Next meeting: March 19, KPL Main Branch, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The KW Knitters' Fair is the Guild's signature one-day market event, featuring over 80 vendors. If you've attended the Fair, you can imagine there are a lot of moving parts and details to be organized to make the event successful. **We need your help.**

The Knitters' Fair Committee is looking for members to help with the planning and execution of the 2019 Fair, to be held on Saturday, September 14 at The Aud in Kitchener. Committee roles include coordinators for the workshop/speaker, knitters' spa, fashion show, social media and promotion, and more. If you have an itch to try event planning or just be more involved with the Guild, please share your enthusiasm with us.

The details:

- Meetings are held once a month from February to September, on a Tuesday evening
- Meetings are about an hour and are held at a central KW location near bus routes

- Committee members help plan all aspects of the Fair and take leading roles during the event

Please consider joining us to help make this year's Fair the best one yet. Contact the Fair Coordinator at knittersfair@kwknittersguild.ca for more information or to sign up for the committee.

Membership

Membership Chairs, Eileen & Miriam – Our March meeting is looking pretty good! With February's meeting being cancelled, we have two great door prizes to give away! The March door prize is a gorgeous skein of Malabrigo Baby Silkpaca, a package of blocking pins, and markers (no more digging between couch cushions searching for the ones that got away) to give away. To win these wonderful prizes, just come to the meeting and pick up your ticket at the membership table.



The second item is to give everyone some information about transportation to and from the up-coming Knitter's Frolic. The cost of a round trip is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for non-members. The bus is due to arrive at the Frolic at 10:00 a.m. and leaves at 3:00 p.m. You can sign-up at the meeting, and we ask that you pay at the time of registering. More details will be provided at the next meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sally Melville Award

Starting this month, 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 March and April meetings. The Sally Melville Award is presented at the May meeting.

Show & tell

Please note: when you come up for 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. We hope you have twice as many things to show us!

Upcoming community events

Peterborough Fibre Arts Festival & Sale – March 16

Our 9th annual Fibre Arts Festival & Sale will take place at the Peterborough Sport and Wellness Centre, (located by Fleming College) 775 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, Ontario, on Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$5.00, children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.



The Gathering: a yarn and fibre fest – March 30

The Northumberland Hooks & Needles Guild sponsors The Gathering on March 30, 2019. \$5 admission includes refreshments and prizes!

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Port Hope High School

130 Highland Drive

Port Hope, ON L1A 2A3

“Where the fibre arts community gathers annually. Spinners, weavers knitters, rug hookers. Buy from many vendors of yarn, fibres and notions. Bring your latest projects and spend the day working amongst friends.”

More deets on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2291917747506729/>



2019 Toronto Knitters Frolic

Saturday, April 27, 9:00 – 4:30

Japanese Canadian Cultural Center

6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON

Admission: \$10

A fabulous fibre lovers extravaganza! 50 vendors from across Canada offer yarn, fibre, notions and related goodies in the Frolic Marketplace. There are workshops and events this year, [check out the details!](#)



Sunshine Fibre Fest 2019 – May 4

Brought to you by Sheila and Marie, lovers of fibre and promoters of heritage textile crafts. There's nothing more local than hand-made.

Orillia and District Agricultural Society Park

4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn, Ontario L3V 6H2



\$4 admission

9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Fabulous fleece and fibre festival featuring diverse vendors, demonstrations, live animals and more. This event is designed to showcase connections between animals and the fibres they produce and to recruit beginners of all ages to the joys of fibre and needlecrafts while offering lots of interest to the experienced textile crafter, too.

Vendors from across Canada will have yarn, fibre, tools and accessories available to purchase. Lunch is available on-site. Join our back-to-basics revolution.

The Red Scarf Project – November 2019

- [ACCKWA](#) Red Scarf Project • AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area
- [ARCH](#) Red Scarf Project • HIV/AIDS Resources & Community Health



The Red Scarf Project is calling out to all knitters and crocheters. Their goal is to see as many people as possible wearing Red Scarves for Aids Awareness Week, to help stop the stigma and show support of people in our community living with HIV/AIDS.

They are also looking for people who would be willing to donate knitted or crocheted red scarves for the event. To join in, pick up yarn from the Charity table and drop off your red scarves to the Charity table before November. Post your scarves on [Ravelry](#)! #kwkgredscarfproject

Send us your 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!

Executive Council meeting minutes

In our [Members Only](#) section of the KWKG website, we publish approved minutes from our meetings, which include all decisions made by the Executive Council.

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