

Northcoast Knitting Guild Newsletter

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## January-February 2020 Newsletter

The current password for members-only content on our website is  
**LoveYarn!**

**Regular meetings are held the second TUESDAY of each month (except December) at 7:00 PM** at the [Ross C. De John Community Center](#), 6306 Marsol Rd. in Mayfield Heights (behind Golden Gate Plaza, just west of the I-271 Mayfield Road Exit).



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**Looking for somewhere to sit and knit?**  
Find a [list of member-sponsored knit-ins](#) on our website!

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## Upcoming Meeting Programs

### January 14, 2020 Guild Meeting: New Year, New Resolutions

How do we move forward without noticing the past?

We are starting a new year and new decade. The January meeting will bring both the future and the past into the present.

First, we will discuss new or renewed knitting related resolutions. Please consider your intentions, wishes or resolutions.

Second, let's talk about the unfinished and unresolved, our UFOs (Unfinished Projects).

Tally up how many you think you have, bring one or two to show during show and Share.

Prizes for the most and least UFOs as well as the longest held UFO. We will consider our emotional ties to them, the reasons we didn't finish, possible solutions and above all recognize that it's quite common to have them.

For Show and Share, mention of well received handcrafted gifts you gave and UFOs encouraged. Please note, UFOs for show and share are encouraged through the spring.

**What to bring:** UFOs, your resolutions and Show and Share items



### February 11, 2020 Guild Meeting: Get Ready for the County Fair

Thinking about entering the fair competition? You'll learn all you need to know from guild ribbon winners and judges. Finished UFOs encouraged for Show and Share.

**What to bring:** Questions for the panel and Show and Share item, especially FOs



### March 10, 2020 Guild Meeting: Swap and Swap

We will hold the annual yarn swap with a twist - an optional item swap! Have

you ever made a hat, fingerless mitts, scarf, shawlette, or shawl that you decided you wouldn't wear? If so bring your new or clean, gently worn item and swap. For those that are inclined, make a new item specifically for the event and swap it.

Guild members in good standing are invited to bring yarn, patterns, books, and/or knitting tools priced to sell. This is a great way to either enhance or clear your stash. All members are encouraged to come prepared to buy. This is a great night to invite your fiber loving friends to come, shop, and try out the guild. Sellers are encouraged to give 10% of their sales to the guild as a donation.

Finished UFOs encouraged for Show and Share

**What to bring:** yarn to sell, your wallet, and 1 or 2 items to swap. Categories to swap within are: hats, mitts, washcloths, shawls, shawlettes, or scarf. One or two items for Show and Share, especially FOs.

*For more information on upcoming programs, see our [Programs page!](#)*

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## Letter from the Editor

Submitted by **Bess Antol**

Like many crafters, my craft purchases somewhat outstrip my capacity to use my craft materials. No one in my house is concerned about this except me. My husband is a confirmed enabler outside of some occasional teasing.



And I probably wouldn't feel bad about it either except that I have a small, old house with very little closet space, and I've run out of blank walls to put shelves against. And I have a lot of creative hobbies, every one of which has a "stash" of materials at the ready. So you can probably imagine the perpetual fight against chaos that happens every time I need to wade in to make a birthday card or find that skein of yarn or fat quarter of fabric.

I know I'm not the only one who thinks about stash. In 2018, as a summer reading/knit-a-long our guild read *A Stash of One's Own* by Clara Parkes. If you haven't read it yet, I recommend downloading the audiobook from the library, it's fun to hear different perspectives on the subject from people in different parts of the knitting world (producers, designers, consumers). In 2019, we had a professional organizer as a guest speaker at one of our guild

meetings. I loved the discussion that day about how our guild members each organize their stash by different characteristics (weight? color? fiber?). And looking ahead to our August guild meeting, I'm looking forward to the planned panel discussion about stash.

In pondering this topic, and the prospect of putting a bunch of shelves in my attic for yarn bins, I found a few fun articles about stash that I want to share with you:

- [11 Types of Yarn You Probably Have in Your Stash Right Now](#) This one spoke to me, because it acknowledged, as one of the types, the hand-me-down/inherited yarn which comprises a large chunk of my own stash. My mom is always giving me yarn from her stash that she thinks I need more than her, and she has good taste, so I am usually powerless to resist. It also details ideas for using up other flavors of stash that people commonly have.
- [Dr. Stashlove or: How I Learned to Stop Stashing and Use My Yarn](#) I'm not anti-stash, as this article clearly is, but I did find the pictures and tone of the article quite funny. Maybe the sassy tone of this will kick-start those of you who are looking for motivation to pare down.
- This is for those of you on the "more is better" side of the fence. Take comfort that you are not alone. I adore this lady's unabashed love for her stash! <https://mochimochiland.com/2011/01/worlds-biggest-yarn-stash-update-and-interview/>
- Or you might feel more like the Dowager Duchess of Grantham in this meme...



What will you do with your stash in 2020? Will you add to it with treasures from far-flung shops or fairs? Do you anticipate that sale at that one place every year so you can stock up on favorites? Will you indulge in the Yarn Discovery Tour or another yarn-tourism experience? Or do you plan to go the other direction and limit, purge, organize, or knit down your stash? Or are you, perhaps, a true minimalist that never has around more yarn than is needed for the current project? I've heard there are people who can do that...

Questions or comments about this issue? Email the Editor!

### New Podcast/Webcast:

Check out a new local (to NEO) podcast out of the Medina area called "The Knitters are Here" . They say "We just started and are just some gals who love to knit and all things knit and fiber related."

The Knitters are Here can be found on [Facebook](#), Instagram, and their webcast can be found on Youtube: [Click Here to check out their conversation!](#)



### **Wild & Woolly February 8, 2020**

The following vendors are confirmed for W&W, with many others expressing interest. So far Long Tail Knits; Kid, Alpaca & Ewe; Elderberry Marsh; Midwest Fibers; Wee Middlebranch Farm; Rug Braiders' Circle; Bewitched Pigments Fiber Co.; Joanna's Boutique; Icemelon's Stash; Superfine Yarns; Created4Uby Laura; Cornbread & Honey; and Heidi and Lana are attending. Admission is \$5.00 and exact change is appreciated.

Feel free to bring your own food & beverages. No food vendors will be on the premises. The address for the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds is 19201 East Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130.

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## **Upcoming Knitting Socials**

Mo Doerner coordinated the below knitting dates with the Newbury, OH library. Everyone is welcome to come and sit and knit. Contact Mo



at [madknits669@gmail.com](mailto:madknits669@gmail.com) or 216-561-2578 if you have any questions. I hope to see you there!

## **Knit 2gether**

Spend an enjoyable afternoon knitting with others. Bring your projects. If you want to learn to knit, bring size 7 or 8 needles - any type. Yarn will be provided.

Dates:

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Time: 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: Meeting Room

Campus: Newbury Station Library, 14775 Auburn Road, Newbury,



## **Roc Day:**

The NCKG's annual Roc Day will be held at Mo Doerner's house, 15850 Arbor Trail, Newbury 44065 on Saturday, January 11th from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. It is a pot luck lunch and Mo will provide tea, coffee and a cold beverage. Mo has 2 cats and a dog. Please RSVP to Mo at 216-561-2578 or [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net).

Roc Day/St. Distaff's Day marked the time when women would return to work after the December holidays, resuming their household duties including spinning. The name of this day isn't after an actual Saint but rather after the distaff : a tool used to wrap fiber around to keep it out of the way while spinning. This handy tool became the symbol of the importance of spinning during Medieval times when women of all classes even upper class took part.



For more knitting socials, please check out the member-hosted knit-ins on our website:

<http://www.northcoastknitting.org/members-knit-ins.html>



## Fiber Field Reports

### Submitted by Mo Doerner:

There's a new *Knitting* game in town! I received this game as a Christmas gift and am looking forward to playing it. The cost was \$35.00 at a LYS. The creator is Lacey Ziemkiewicz from Monclova, OH which is approximately 20 minutes southwest of Toledo. Lacey funded her game through Kickstarter and posted the following description of herself.



"I am a fiber artist and new game designer who is also in the process of getting a degree in CAD technology. Oh yeah, and I LOVE table top gaming!"

Lacey continues: "This is my very first game. I've been working as a fiber artist for 11 years and it will always be my first love, but I've fallen hard for game design. Asking backers to put their trust in this first game will be my biggest challenge. This edition is just the beginning. I have plans to work directly with fiber artists to create custom expansion packs and collectors cards that will work seamlessly with the base game, but before I can get there I need to get the first edition off the ground. I'm planning on packaging this game in a box with room for extra cards to be added in the future. There are so many talented and fantastic fiber artists out there and I'm so excited to be able use this collaboration to celebrate our amazing, diverse, generous and artistic maker community."



**Kudos to our fellow NCKG member Füsün Tuzcu** for contributing and soliciting knitters to contribute to the world's largest blanket with the largest number of heart icons. Füsün received two certificates from the Guinness Book of World Records. One is for the largest handknit (non-crochet) blanket in the world and the other is for the blanket with the most heart icons in the world. Over 3,200 blankets measuring a minimum of one-metre by one-metre, knitted by 500 women belonging to 27 nationalities in record 18 months' time, were tacked together at an event to create a 3,150 square metre blanket with 5,279



hearts. The initiative was an effort to help underprivileged kids across the world. The blanket will be dismantled and sent to orphanages around the world.



Clipped by Sue Crowe:



## Upcoming SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

### Knitting Service Projects SIG

#### January 2020 Knitting Service Projects SIG Date:

The January SIG will be on Monday, January 20, 2020 at the Orange Library, 31975 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike 44124, in the Hope Room (A). We have the room from 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM.

Contact Mo Doerner at 216-561-2578 or [madknits669@gmail.com](mailto:madknits669@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is invited to join this SIG.

#### February 2020 Knitting Service Projects SIG Date:

The February SIG will be on Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Orange Library, 31975 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike 44124, in the Hope Room (A). We have the room from 5:30 PM - 8:45 PM.

Contact Mo Doerner at 216-561-2578 or [madknits669@gmail.com](mailto:madknits669@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Everyone is invited to join this SIG.

## Education

Mo Doerner will start to take reservations for Franklin Habit's classes at the February 2020 guild meeting. Initially you may only sign up for 6 hours of

class. If classes do not fill up, guild members may sign up for all classes beginning at the March 2020 meeting.

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