

Northcoast Knitting Guild Newsletter

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## July-August 2019 Newsletter

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**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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## Letter from the Editor

Submitted by **Bess Antol**



To kick off the first issue of our Guild's 2019-2020 annual cycle (and my first issue as newsletter editor), I first want to thank the previous Editor, Christine Parker, for keeping our newsletter AWESOME. I'll try to maintain the standard of quality she has set. But that said, all of YOU are our contributing writers, and without your willingness to share your observations in writing and photos, it would just be a newsletter of announcements. So please - send me your stories, your observations, your photos, your reviews and write ups. No nugget is too small, it can just be a captioned photo of fibery interest.

For this issue, I've clumped together your contributor stories in a section I'm calling "Fiber Field Reports" to capture the seen/experienced/heard aspect of these particular stories. Find something yarny in the wild? Send me something about it for the next newsletter!

For the next issue, I'd like to introduce a section called "Pattern Love". One of the reasons I read various emailed knitting newsletters is to discover awesome patterns to add to my Ravelry favorites. Toward that end- would you please write up something brief about a pattern that you have knit that made you feel warm and fuzzy on the inside? You can write a full review if you're up to it, but I would settle for 1) the pattern name, 2) a pic of your finished product, and 3) a sentence about what you loved in the pattern.

I can't wait to see what you come up with.

Yours in stitchery,  
Bess

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## Upcoming Meeting Programs

### July 9 Guild Meeting: NCKG Charity Night

Megan Gergen from the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center will be coming to speak to us about their services and provide general information

about domestic violence. We will be collecting the following items for donation to the shelter and the 400+ women and children they serve annually.

- Slippers -sizes child to adult large, please tie slippers together as a pair and label with size
- Washcloths – to be added to toiletry kits - 100% cotton yarn only
- Blankets – sizes ranging from baby to twin bed

### **Pattern Ideas**

#### **Dishcloths:**

- Grandmother's Favorite: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/grandmothers-favorite>
- Diagonal Knit Dishcloth: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/diagonal-knit-dishcloth-2>
- Leaf Lace Washcloth: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/leaf-lace-washcloth>
- The Squidge Cloth: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/the-squidge-cloth>
- Lizard Ridge Dishcloth: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/lizard-ridge-dishcloth>
- The Almost Lost Washcloth: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/the-almost-lost-washcloth>

#### **Slippers:**

- Family Slippers: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/family-slippers-2>
- Non-Felted Slippers: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/non-felted-slippers>
- Footsies: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/footsies-5>
- Slippers for Her: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/slippers-for-her-2>
- Mom and Me Slippers: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/mom-and-me-slippers>

#### **Blankets:** *(you can make most of these larger or smaller as desired)*

- Chevron Baby Blanket: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/mom-and-me-slippers>
- Garter Squish: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/garter-squish>
- Garter Rib Baby Blanket: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/garter-rib-baby-blanket>

- Treasured Heirloom: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/treasured-heirloom-baby-blanket>
- Moderne Baby Blanket: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/moderne-baby-blanket>
- Neat Ripple: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/neat-ripple>
- Granny Stripes: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/granny-stripes-2>



### **August 13 Guild Meeting:** NCKG Bookcase KAL Show and Share

NCKG members will share their favorite knitting book and the project that they knit from it this summer. There will be a prize awarded for “Best-in-Show”. Books and garments will be on display before and after the meeting so you can make your own wish lists.

**What to Bring:** The book you selected for your project and your finished project.



### **September 10 Guild Meeting:** Our Guild is turning 30!

Please come celebrate and have a piece of cake while we hear of how the guild began and some stories from our time together.

You will also learn of the Guild 's new hometown charity for 2019-2020.

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

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## **President's Message**

Submitted by **John Martin**

No President's Message for this issue while John is traveling. Safe journeys, John!

[Email the President!](#)

## NCKG Summer KAL 2019

The "official" cast-on was June 1, but there is still time to participate! This year's NCKG KAL is a Bookcase KAL. We all accumulate favorite knitting books that have patterns we want to knit, "someday". Well, that day has come. Pull out one of your favorite books, pick a pattern you have been wanting to knit and cast-on. We will share our finished projects and our favorite books at our August meeting.



Save the dates and knit down your stash, the Yarn Discovery Tour is coming!  
**September 3–22, 2019**

## NCKG Annual Picnic

### Knitting Guild Picnic

The annual guild picnic will be held at the Deer Run Shelter at The West Woods on Sunday, August 4, 2019 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The address is 9465 Kinsman Road (Route 87), Novelty, OH 44072. There are flush toilets in the Nature Center, as well as outhouses near the shelter. Alcohol is permitted in the shelter, but not in parking areas, activity areas, trails, roads and restrooms. There are picnic tables, but you'll probably be more comfortable if you bring your own chair. The link is: <http://www.geaugaparkdistrict.org/parks/westwoods.shtml>.

Please bring a dish to share, your own beverages, and if you have a plastic tablecloth, please bring that as well. Plates, napkins, and silverware will be provided. Please contact Mo Doerner at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) or 216-561-

2578 if you have any questions. Don't forget your knitting!!

## Fiber Field Reports

### Fiber Tools Spotted in Unexpected Place

Submitted by: Chris Ignasiak

Ann Arbor, Michigan

I was in Ann Arbor earlier this month. My husband is a journalist and had an interview there with some astronomers. I tagged along for the day. After visiting the LYS, Spun, I had the rest of the day to poke around town. I decided to visit the Ann Arbor Main Library because they have a bookstore of used books. I thought I might discover some knitting books. Instead I discovered something amazing.

The Ann Arbor Library lends out Ashford Spinning Wheels and drum carders! I couldn't believe it. I just had to take photos. You take them home in what looked like custom cordura carryall. Amazing. They also have an electric spinning wheel, umbrella swift and ball winder, and sewing machines to borrow.



### Visit to Focus: Fiber 2019 exhibit

Submitted by: Cathy Henry

Kent State University Museum

I recently had the pleasure of attending the Focus: Fiber 2019 exhibit at the Kent State University Museum. Focus: Fiber is a biennial national juried exhibition of contemporary fiber art. This exhibition is co-sponsored by the Textile Art Alliance of the Cleveland Museum of Art (TAA), and Kent State University Museum. The mission of TAA is to increase appreciation of the textile arts through lectures, workshops, and exhibitions, and to support the textile collection of the Cleveland Museum of Art. The show features works created with a wide variety of fiber arts, including knitting, and is well worth a visit. Two knitted pieces in particular caught my eye. One is a circular yoke sweater with an anatomically correct full set of teeth on the yoke. Another is a large illusion knitting wall hanging. The exhibit runs through July 28, 2019.

While you are in Kent, you might also take in the Fashion Meets the Body: Juried KSU Faculty Exhibition, which runs through August 25, 2019, and the Fashion Timeline, which features selections from the Museum's permanent collection and runs through June 27, 2021. More information on visiting the KSU Museum, as well as current and upcoming exhibits, is available at <https://www.kent.edu/museum>.





Gown composed of men's jackets and ties, Faculty Exhibit



Dresses made from used cotton socks, Faculty Exhibit

## Upcoming Educational Programs

### Knitting Service Projects SIG (Special Interest Group)

We are knitting for women and children serviced by the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center. Items will be collected at our July meeting

Pending confirmation from the Orange Library, the next Service Project SIG meeting will be July 15<sup>th</sup>, tentatively from 5:30PM – 8:45PM in the Conference Room. Please check the Ravelry thread for updates.

The items below were requested by the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center:

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**Blankets** – sizes ranging from baby to twin bed

Pattern suggestions can be found on our Ravelry **Service Projects for Domestic Violence Group SIG** Discussion Board page

at: <https://www.ravelry.com/discuss/northcoast-knitting-guild/3898207/1-25#15>



Please bring your projects, supplies, and suggestions for patterns and yarn.

Contact Mo Doerner at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) , 216-561-2578, or 216-269-5849 if you have any questions. Everyone is invited to join this SIG.



## Planned Pooling with Variegated Yarns

Judi Pfancuff will teach “Planned Pooling with Variegated Yarns” for the guild on Sunday, September 8, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm at the Orange Village Hall, 4600 Lander Road, Orange Village, Ohio 44022. Class size is limited to 12. The fee is \$20 plus a \$17.50 materials fee for a total of \$37.50.

Knit or crochet with variegated hand-painted yarns to achieve the color pooling effects that you want while avoiding effects that you don't want. A simple online app will be used as the primary tool to analyze your yarn's possibilities. Skill level: Intermediate knitter with experience working both flat and in the round and ability to maintain relatively constant tension. No need to love math!

Bring along: 1) A Wi-Fi enabled smart phone, tablet or laptop, 2) two sets of size 7 knitting needles to allow you to work both flat and in the round (small circumference), 3) a locking stitch marker, 4) a scratch pad and pencil. Participants will receive three 25-gram samples of worsted weight merino yarn in three different dye patterns that they will use to produce argyle, striped and stacked pooling effects.

Judi will set up a payment link which Mo Doerner will provide once the link is available and you are registered for the class. Please contact Mo Doerner at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) or 216-561-2578 to register for class.



## Franklin Habit to Teach 2020 NCKG Class

Franklin Habit will be teaching for NCKG in 2020. We have not settled on a date yet but to move things along, [a description of his classes is linked here](#). You can vote for as many classes as you want and I'll tally the totals. We'll also discuss the classes at the July meeting.

As a reminder, when Franklin taught for the guild in 2013, he taught the

following 4-3 hour classes:

- Photographing Your Fiber
- Working with Antique and Vintage Knitting Patterns
- Knitted Tesselations: Playful and Powerful Patterns in Practice (we had the 3 hour class and this is the 6 hour class)
- Garter Jacquard: Garter Stitch Gone Wild (now titled Garter Party: Garter Stitch Gone Wild with Special Guest I-Cord!) This class is slightly revised and now includes I-Cord Edgings and “afterthought” openings.

Please contact Mo Doerner with you class choices  
at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) or 15850 Arbor Trail, Newbury, OH 44065-9100.

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