

Northcoast Knitting Guild Newsletter

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## March-April 2018 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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## Welcome New (and Returning) Members!

Mynonna Boyd • [awkward2morrow](#)

Susan Frey

Win Grossman • [wingknits](#)

Regina Harden • [honeygurl](#)

Catherine Henry • [CathyAnn](#)

Mary McDonald • [MaryMcDonald](#)

Brenda Miklos • [Jstknit](#)

Carol Murdoch-Miller

Leslie Oliver • [knitlady2](#)

Heather Risher • [zuzusunshine](#)

Kathy Rosner • [ketzelkitten](#)

Mary Sweeney

Monica Wilkinson

Willene Yokum

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## Upcoming Meeting Programs

### **March 13 Guild Meeting: NCKG Knitting Games Closing Ceremony/Charity Night**

Celebrate the closing ceremony of the NCKG Guildellenic Games. We will have the presentation of charity items, raffle drawings and a presentation by the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Cleveland Office.

### **April 10 Guild Meeting: NCKG Annual Vendor Night**

Come and shop with some specially selected vendors that are sure to entice every fiber enthusiast. This annual event is a highlight of the guild calendar. Members and guests get to shop without the lines or hassles of the fiber festivals. We encourage members to bring their friends to shop and sign-up for 2018-2019 guild membership.

This Year's Vendors (more vendors likely to be added)

- Artful Yarn: LYS and NCKG Member
- Cast On Studio: LYS and NCKG Member
- Connie May Designs: Hand sewn bags and accessories
- Corn Bread and Honey: Hand dyed yarn
- Gwen Erin: Hand Dyed yarn, fiber and knitting accessories
- Heidi & Lana: Patterns, yarn and knitting accessories
- Joana's Boutique: Hand spun yarns & fiber and NCKG Member
- Lillarose: Designs: Shawl pins
- Susan Yarns: LYS and NCKG Member

Time: Vendor night 6 pm - 8 pm. Guild meeting will start at 8 pm.

What to Bring: Your wallet and your fiber friends.

For more information on upcoming programs, see our [2017-2018 Programs page!](#)

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## President's Message

Submitted by **Judi Pfancuff**



Dear fellow knitters,

It's hard to believe, but the NCKG fiscal year is moving into its fourth quarter. That means it's time for us to pull together a nominating committee to make sure we have leaders in place to carry us onward and upward through the 2018-2019 guild year.

I'm enjoying my year as president very much, but I want you to know that I will be stepping down at the end of my term. This means that there will definitely be at least one spot open for a new officer. And if past experience is any guide, there will probably be one or two committee spots to fill as well.

I hope each of you will seriously consider taking advantage of one of these opportunities. Being a member of the guild is great, but serving in a leadership position is doubly rewarding. Every year, the officers and board members have the opportunity to reinvent the guild in ways small and large. It's so important to an organization like ours to evolve and grow. And the healthiest way to do that is to have fresh ideas brought forward by a diverse set of leaders.

At the March meeting, we will ask for three volunteers to serve as the nominating committee. Those volunteers will talk to the current officers, find out what their plans are, and then contact members to fill vacancies. If you would like to take on a leadership role, take note of who volunteers to be on the committee and give them a call after the meeting. I guarantee you they'll be happy to hear from you! And if you receive a call from one of the committee members, know that it is an honor and a real opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the lives of knitters throughout our community.

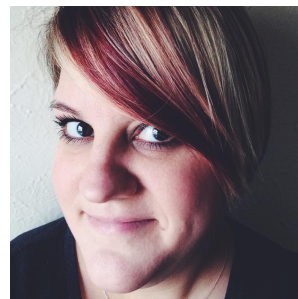
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**Email the President!**

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## Letter from the Editor

Submitted by **Christine Parker**



For days I have been trying to come up with something interesting to write for my Letter from the Editor but everything I type sounds stupid and I recently quit my day job to start a [freelance editing business](#) which has caused my brain to melt into a puddle, so rather than torturing myself (and you) with sub-par writing, here are some pictures of lambs wearing sweaters.



Happy spring! ♥

♥ CHRISTINE

Questions or comments about this issue? Email the Editor!

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## Icebreaker.com Recycles Merino Wool

## 2. Icebreaker Chelsea LS Zip Hood \$500

Move over, down. Stuffed with merino wool salvaged from the floors of Icebreaker's New Zealand factories, this water-resistant and breathable hoodie kept us toasty even when we got soaked by an unexpected spring storm. A woven merino liner means no clamminess. [icebreaker.com](http://icebreaker.com)

Submitted by **Louise Vouk**

My husband loves his outdoors and is always looking for good clothing regardless of price (which kills me!). In his Outside Magazine's Buyer's guide, the New Zealand company [Icebreaker](http://icebreaker.com) uses up merino wool salvaged from their factory floors and uses it like down—however, no way am I going to pay \$500 for a coat...!



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## The Last Surviving Sea Silk Seamstress

Submitted by **Emily Martis**

This is a neat article from the BBC about a woman in Italy who collects sea-silk and spins it, weaves it, dyes it:

<http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20170906-the-last-surviving-sea-silk-seamstress>



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

We cannot meet at Ross C DeJohn on May 8 as it conflicts with the election, so **the May guild meeting has been moved back to Tuesday May 15th** instead, at the same time (7:00 PM), at the same place (Ross C DeJohn community center in Mayfield Heights). Please mark your calendars!

**Louise Vouk** found this humorous review for [Stroll Tonal sock yarn](#) on the Knit Picks website:



"I'm happy with the yarn itself. The color is great and it's nice and soft (although I haven't washed it yet!). My issue is with the way it's wrapped. I'm sure there's a trick to using yarn that's not wrapped in a ball, but I'm in an awful mess right now. It go so bad that I'm currently wrapping it into a ball myself, which is very tedious as the yarn is so tangled. I would be very hesitant to buy this yarn again without knowing how to avoid this issue." 06-28-2017 10:16am

What funny blunders did you make as a new knitter?

NCKG expresses our sympathy to **Elaine Pavlik** whose father passed away recently.

## Cleveland Metroparks Heritage Hobby Bus Tours

If you are thinking about joining Heritage Hobbies Tours for the [Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival](#) May 4-5, 2018, you might not want to wait too long before you decide as there are only a few spots left. Registration will close April 4th or when all the spots are filled, whichever happens first. Don't miss out on this fabulous, no worries way to see a great festival.

M A R Y L A N D  
SHEEP & WOOL  
F E S T I V A L



The Heritage Hobbies Tours will be going to the [Ann Arbor Fiber Expo](#) and Kerrytown Market on Saturday, October 27th. It will be a long day, but should be well worth it! There are about 50 vendors at the

Expo and the open air market and shops at Kerrytown Market. The cost will be \$65, it will not include admission (\$4) or food. There will be plenty of room for shopping and friends on the big comfy charter bus. 30 people are needed to be able to take this trip at this price. Registration will be open May 15-Sept 15.

View the [information flyer](#).

For more information or to register for either tour, contact Stacey Allen at 216-206-1000 or [sma@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:sma@clevelandmetroparks.com).

## Ann Budd Classes Update

There are still openings for the classes on Sunday, May 20th. The morning class is Introduction to Sweater Design and the afternoon class is Matching Cast-Ons and Bind-Offs. All information is on the [Education tab](#) of our website. Be sure to check for the supplies and homework, if any, for each class.

Please contact Mo at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) or [216-561-2578](tel:216-561-2578) if you wish to register or need any additional information.

## SIGs – Exploring and Learning Together

We are starting a new SIG on [Elizabeth Zimmermann's Baby Surprise Sweater](#). The jacket is knit in a single piece with just two seams that run across the shoulders and down the length of the sleeves. It includes extra ease across the back of the garment to fit well over a nappy (diaper). Commonly referred to as the "BSJ", the baby surprise jacket is "a very entertaining piece of knitted engineering."

We will meet on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Orange Library, [31975 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike 44124](#), in Meeting Room A, the Hope Room. We have the room from 5:30 pm to 8:45 pm. We'll start around 6:15 pm. All are invited to join this SIG.



Because this is a paid pattern the guild cannot provide copies. However, you can find it in either of these books by Elizabeth Zimmermann: [Knitting Workshop](#) (both the original and updated versions) and [The Opinionated Knitter](#). You can find these books at the CLEVNET public libraries at [www.clp.org](http://www.clp.org). The pattern is

also in these out-of-print issues of Knitter's Magazine: Knitter's Magazine 14, Spring 1989, Knitter's Magazine 56, Fall 1999 and it is also available through Schoolhouse Press

at <https://www.schoolhousepress.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=baby+Surprise+sweater>.

### Materials:

3 oz./85g of sport weight/dk yarn (6 sts to 1") or 8 oz./225g dk/worsted weight yarn (5 sts to 1"); 1 pr. needles in the size to give you either of these gauges; knitting notions including stitch markers.



Contact Mo at [216-561-2578](tel:216-561-2578) or [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net) if you have any questions.

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## Quilters: A Musical

Submitted by **Mo Doerner**

The musical “Quilters” is a rich and heartwarming mosaic that captures the sweep and beauty, the fear and joy and the harsh reality and abundant rewards of 19th century frontier life. A pioneer mother and her six daughters illuminate the stories of their lives in various patches with music, dance and drama all the while creating a beautiful quilt of human dignity and steadfastness in the face of adversity.



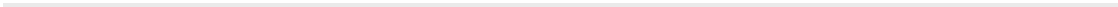
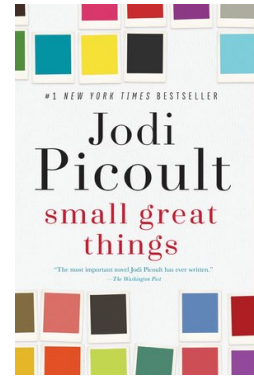
It is put on by The Rabbit Run Community Arts Association and performed at the C. K. Rickel Theatre, Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts, Lake Erie College (off of Gillett St., Painesville, OH). There is an exhibit of quilts, felted sewn, woven, and knitted items, as well as old looms and a walking spinning wheel. The Western Reserve Spinners and Weavers Guild have many beautiful items in the exhibit and NCKG members, **Nancy Curtiss**, **Mo Doerner**, and **Nora Eason** have items on display.

NCKG member **Georgina Koh's** daughter, Evie Koh, is one of the daughters in the play. I enjoyed the show immensely and highly recommend it. It is a heartwarming, and at times, sad look at the lives of the pioneer women in the Western Reserve. Here is the link for tickets and more information, but hurry, it ends on March 4<sup>th</sup> <https://www.rabbitrunonline.org/events/quilters>.

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## NCKG Book Club

The book club will be meeting again on Sunday, April 22 at the Panera Bread in Independence (6700 Rockside Road, Independence, Ohio 44131) from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. We will be reading Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. All guild members are welcome!





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Check out more of this artist's amazing work here:

<https://denadadesign.com/olek/>

## The Great Lakes Fiber Show

[The Great Lakes Fiber Show](#) in Wooster, Ohio is Memorial Day weekend, May 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun and local fiber festival.

The Knitted Garment Competition started last year and had a good turnout for a new event. Please consider entering your garments and support a local event. A partial listing of the rules is below and you'll find all of the details and a registration form at <http://greatlakesfibershow.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/2018-Knitted-Garment-Competition-Rules-and-Entry-Form.pdf>.

### **Knitted Garment Competition Rules**

1. All entries must be hand knitted and been completed since June 1, 2017.  
Entries must be clean, odor-free and in good condition.
  2. An entry will only be accepted in one class. No more than two entries per class will be accepted from an individual.
  3. All entries must be at least 50% wool from a sheep, except in the Knitter's Choice category.
  4. Categories —
    - K1 Sweaters and Vests
    - K2 Shawls
    - K3 Accessories – hats, mittens, scarves, cowls, leggings, etc.
    - K4 Socks and slippers
    - K5 Garments for babies and children
    - K6 Knitters Choice for non-wool knitted garments and/or garment category not listed
  5. Entry Fee: \$3.00 per item.
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## Join Us for a Road Trip!

We're getting a carload (or two) of knitters together to head down to Canton on March 23 to visit Ann Hanson's [Bare Naked Wools Boutique](#) for an Open Knit Night. We'll leave from the parking lot behind Orange Village Hall, at [4600 Lander Rd.](#) at 5:30. We'd love to have you join us!

To assist in making sure there are enough cars and drivers, [please fill out the brief sign-up form](#) on the guild website.

[Bare Naked Wools](#) consist of 12 premium yarn lines that are all natural wool with no dyes. The shop also displays samples of Ann's beautiful designs. Many of you will remember Ann from the classes she taught for our guild a few years ago. If you'd like to catch up on what she's been up to lately, and get inspired to use some of her beautiful wools and/or patterns, check out the [interview she did with Kristy Glass](#).

It's suggested you either have an early dinner or bring something along to tide you over until 8:30 or so, when we'll head out to grab a bite at Mulligan's Pub on the way home. (Optional – this will be up to the drivers.)

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## LET THE SIGN-UPS BEGIN!

Registration for the Guild's annual retreat begins at the March meeting, March

13, 2018.

The retreat will be June 1-3, 2018 at [River's Edge](#) on Rocky River Drive with a day option for Saturday, June 2.

This is your last chance to enjoy a weekend away from home cares to relax and knit at River's Edge. After November, the peaceful spot will no longer be offering overnight accommodations, so if you always thought you would like to try the retreat, do so this year.

The cost is \$140 for the three days/two nights away. That covers a private room with shared bathroom, all meals from supper Friday through dinner Sunday at noon and the use of the parlors for knitting and friendly conversation. Saturday only is \$40 for two meals and the parlor use. There are opportunities for massage (I'll need to book those ahead--30, 60, 90 minutes) or yoga on Saturday morning which would be extra. Overnight reservations need to be made March through April. Reservations for Saturday only can be made up to the May Guild meeting on May 8. Make checks payable to North Coast Knitting Guild.

The facility is by the Metro Park for hiking and close to River Colors yarn shop and Blackbird Bakery (highly recommended!).

Questions? Ask at the March meeting, PM me at Ravelry at [vmtknits](#) or email at [vmtknits@roadrunner.com](mailto:vmtknits@roadrunner.com)



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