



## May-June 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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### Upcoming Meeting Programs

**May 14 Guild Meeting: Style your Shawls**

Knitted shawls have been the rage for years. We have seen shawls come in all

shapes, sizes, and color combinations. Yet, many of us keep them stored in our closets because we are not sure how to style them to be the vital part of our wardrobe that they deserve to be.

Guild member, Judi Pfancuff will show us some basic styling tips and lead us through a special show and share where members can show us their favorite shawls and how they style them. The meeting will end with an opportunity to try on shawls from various members and get some pattern inspiration for your next project.

**What to Bring:** Up to three of your favorite shawls, labels will be provided for you to mark your shawls with your name, the pattern name and yarn name.



### **June 11 Guild Meeting: Weaving Basics and Demonstration**

Have you heard that weaving is a great way to use up your stash? Unsure of the difference between terms such as warp, weft, ridged heddle loom, frame loom or inkle loom? Join us as Kathy Arnold of Alpaca, Kid and Ewe gives us a basic overview of the art of weaving. She will be bringing several loom styles for everyone to see.

Understanding the basics of weaving may launch some fiber enthusiasts into a new craft while others will simply learn some basic fundamentals and better appreciate the woven items that others produce.



### **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>

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

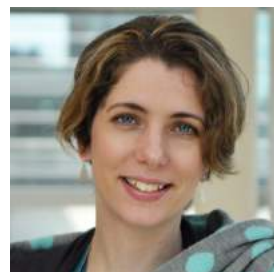
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## President's Message

Submitted by **Bess DeTardo Antol**

Why you should consider running for office...

Everyone else is throwing their hat in the ring for 2020,



and you should too!

This isn't as political as it might sound - I'm actually talking about service to your guild! I think every person who enjoys participating in our guild's activities should spend a year serving the guild every so often. By doing so, we share the workload, make room for different ideas, and keep the guild moving forward. We typically have over 100 members in our guild, if each person served once every 7 years, I believe we'd be able to cover every job without difficulty.

In a big guild like ours, there are lots of cool opportunities to help out, from large jobs to small ones, from jobs that will make a huge impact on what happens to the whole guild in the next year, to jobs that just bring a smile to another guild member. Some jobs don't even require you to show up at guild meetings (though, why would you want to miss our cool programs?). Just check out our list of Board positions on our website for an idea:  
<http://www.northcoastknitting.org/>

Thank you, to all those who served the guild in 2018-2019 with me, I am so grateful for all of your help, support, and collaboration this past year! And thank you, as well, to all of those who have volunteered to serve the guild in 2019-2020.

Here's another thing to consider: we are very fortunate that some members give their time year after year, and in some of the roles that make the biggest impact. But their knowledge, connections, and memory of how to get things done could get lost if they have to abruptly move away or change jobs. Could we have "apprentices"? Members who say, 'I'd be able to do that if something happened with the current chair, so let me check in periodically with the incumbent this year to get an idea of how it works and help out'.

It's kind of demoralizing that despite a robust membership and meeting attendance, we've struggled to find people willing to fill some of the officer roles for the past couple of years. I know we all want to knit and enjoy the program, I know we all have life things going on, but we also all need to give a little of our time to keep the guild going. I don't want to lose access to great programs, that nudge I need to keep me challenging myself, and the community of knitters that makes our guild great.

So that's why I've given a year of service this last year, and why, though I need to step out of the President's seat, I plan to continue to contribute my time in the coming year. Our guild needs each of us to spend that time.

And let me just say, that you too have what it takes to be guild president. It seems like it's the hardest slot to fill each year, so I want you to know what

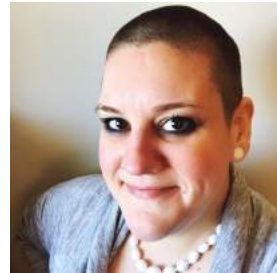
DIDN'T stop me from volunteering to be president this past year. Did you know that I am an introvert, and I used to be so afraid of public speaking I would blank out the memory of the event whenever I had to give a school presentation? It got a little better as I was forced to speak in public more often for work and school but it still makes me pretty uncomfortable to speak in front of a group. But despite continued social anxiety, I have gotten up and run our meetings all year in the role of president because someone needed to do it. It can be done. Do you know I work full time and have a husband and a kindergartner? I still made time to be president. It can be done. All you really need is the ability to update the agenda, and show up to most of the meetings. Really, it can be done, and you should consider volunteering for president in 2020.

**Email the President!**

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## **Letter from the Editor**

Submitted by **Christine Parker**



Most of you know that I quit my receptionist job and started a business in 2017 as a freelance book editor. At the time, I thought I would have no problem juggling the responsibilities of a business owner and my duties to the guild, but SURPRISE! Being a solopreneur is a lot harder than I expected.

My husband and I also became parents this year—host parents to an international exchange student, but parents nonetheless. Spoiler alert: teenagers are not just tiny adults. They still need to be parented even though they just turned 18 and think they're smarter than you. (Nobody told us this when we signed up to be host parents—we thought we were getting a young roommate who would mostly take care of herself. Boy, were we wrong.) I'm in the midst of completing a certificate program from the University of Chicago Graham school. I'm trying to write a book—yep, that's on hold too. And on top of everything, I've got health issues to worry about. Hubby and I have been struggling with infertility and I'm sure I don't need to explain that it's exacerbating my depression and anxiety!

Whew! I need a break! So I'm letting some stuff go and stepping down as your Newsletter Editor and guild Secretary. It has been an honor to hold both positions since 2015, but I need to take care of myself for a while.

If you have some time in your schedule and enjoy being in charge of things, I highly recommend volunteering for the Newsletter Editor position. It's a really fun job that doesn't take more than a couple of hours a month—if I didn't have

so much other stuff going on, I would NOT be giving this up!

The best part of the job is getting to be on top of all the latest knitting news. As the newsletter editor, I always know what's going on with the guild and I often hear about exciting fiber news and events before anyone else!

We use MailChimp for our email campaigns, and the online software is ridiculously easy to use. If you can handle Microsoft Word, Google Docs, and/or web-based email, you can handle MailChimp.

If you're interested in volunteering your time and energy to help out your guild, please email me at [csparker6@gmail.com](mailto:csparker6@gmail.com) with any questions. I would love to talk more about what the Newsletter Editor position entails so you can see if it's the right fit for you.

This will be my last newsletter as your Editor, and I want to thank each and every guild member for making my experience so exciting and rewarding. I am going to miss my board positions very much, but I'm looking forward to participating as a more casual NCKG member while I get my life and mental health back on track.

Thanks again for all your compassion and support, you talented group of knitters, you. I'll catch you at the next meeting!

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P.S. Here's a picture of a hat I finished knitting recently. It felt like a really big deal to complete a project!

♥ CHRISTINE



Questions or comments about this issue? Email the Editor!

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### **NCKG Summer KAL Official Cast-On: June 1, 2019**

This year's NCKG KAL will be 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**

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## **NCKG Standing Rules**

The NCKG Standing Rules were updated at the March 2019 guild meeting to add the Promotion Policy. Please review the standing rules which have been posted on the [By Laws & Standing Rules](#) page of our website.

(This page is part of the Members Only section. You will need the password **knithappy** to access this page.)

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## **#HatNotHate Campaign for National Bullying Awareness Month**

Submitted by **Cathy Hougan**

The Artful Yarn is participating in the [#HatNotHate](#) movement created by Lion Brand Yarns. October is National Bullying Awareness month. Lion Brand is asking crafters to knit or crochet blue hats to spread the word that bullying is wrong and not acceptable. Use any pattern you like. The Artful Yarn hopes to collect 100 blue hats by mid-July to ship to Lion Brand by their August 1 deadline. Collected hats will be distributed to schools around the country. Their goal is 25K hats. If you prefer to share your hat with someone you know, we encourage that too! We have the official #HatNotHate wooden tag to give you if you buy yarn from us for the hats. All hats are accepted whether you buy from us or not. Please join us in this great campaign!

**Mo Doerner** ordered #HatNotHate wooden tags from Lion Brand and will bring them to the guild meetings and SIGs for those who are using stash or donated yarns.





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## Colorful Classes with Lorilee Beltman

Submitted by **Ginny Thomas**

The first weekend in April treated Guild members to informative, creative, and very colorful classes from Lorilee Beltman. Some of us were able to enjoy all three classes, each interesting and color related, but it was worthwhile even if you could have only taken one. Lorilee said she loved teaching and it showed. She demonstrated the technique and then worked the room to make sure each student could do it. She was there to help and encourage and answered questions and concerns.

Saturday was an all day class called Colors that Climb (formerly Columns of Color), in which members learned how to add color vertically to pattern stitches. Like some of us, Lorilee had taken Susanna Hansson's class on the Rovaniemi Mittens. She liked the resulting climbing colors, but not the fiddly work to get it. Most of us left it at that, but she thought it through to figure out how she might also get the colorful result and came up with Colors that Climb. I liked the class and especially her suggestions for ways this technique could be worked with other patterns we might find or from a stitch dictionary. **Sue Crowe** made a companion to our swatch sample in the round and now has a pair of wristlets. **Lorraine Ehrlinger** made her swatch into a little glasses' case. I've used one of the sample stitches on a hat and I'm still thinking how to do it on a pair of socks, especially since it doesn't change the gauge.

Sunday was two half day classes: the morning was Colorful Cables and the afternoon Colorful Cast-Ons. In the morning we worked flat swatches with different kinds of cables. This is a great way to add one or lots of color to a project. **Debbie Hajzak's** little hat showed how cute it could be with lots of colors, each cable being two different colors and helping to use up lots of little scraps.

The afternoon class was about cast-ons, fun ways to use color to start a project. You could introduce colors early on that would be used later, such as a



bit of a colorful start for a Lopi style yoked sweater. While I know most of the cast-ons, I was interested to learn how to add colors to some, like the Channel Islands cast on.

Even if you are familiar with some of the information, you can always learn something from these classes. If you haven't tried one of our instructor weekends, I hope you will give it a try next time. You'll have fun with knitting friends and you just might learn something new!



Photos submitted by **Mo Doerner**.

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## Upcoming SIGs (Special Interest Groups)

### Knitting with Color SIG

Two Knitting With Color SIGs will be held at the end of April at different locations:

The first Knitting with Color SIG will be on Sunday, April 28 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the [Parma Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library](#) (6996 Powers Boulevard, Parma, OH 44129) in Conference Room C.

The second Knitting with Color SIG will be held on Monday, April 29, 2019 from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m. at [Gates Mills branch of the Cuyahoga County Library](#) (1491 Chagrin River Rd, Gates Mills, OH 44040) in the Meeting Room.

The purpose of this SIG is to practice the color techniques we learned in Lorilee Beltman's class(es) with others who took any of her classes. Bring your handout(s) from class, practice/project supplies to practice or start a project, or any project you started based upon any of the class. We will be reinforcing what we learned rather than teaching those who did not take the classes. We cannot share Lorilee's techniques or the class handouts to those who did not take the class due to her proprietary rights.



## Knitting Service Projects SIG

The Knitting Service Projects SIG meetings will be in the evening and during the day. We are knitting for women and children serviced by the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center. Items will be collected at our July meeting

The **day SIG** will be on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at the Brooklyn Public Library, 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio 44144 in the Conference Room. We have the room from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

The **evening SIG** will be on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Orange Library, 31975 Chagrin Boulevard, Pepper Pike 44124, in the Patricia Morgan Kulp Study/Conference Room #3. We have the room from 5:30PM - 8:45PM.

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

**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 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.

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## LET'S KNIT AT MO'S HOUSE!

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

**10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

15850 Arbor Trail, Newbury, OH 44065

Come for all or part of the day! Bring a potluck dish for lunch around 12:30 pm.

Coffee, tea, and a cool beverage will be provided.

Please RSVP to Mo at [moknits@suddenlink.net](mailto:moknits@suddenlink.net), 216-561-2578, or 216-269-5849

(FYI: Mo has two cats and one dog.)

Directions: Coming from the west, take 422 East (towards Warren), take the 306 exit and turn left. At the light, take the right onto Bainbridge Road and follow it until it meets Washington Street. Take a right and at the next light, take a left onto Munn Road. Stay on Munn until you come to Bell, take a right and it is approximately 1/8th mile to the Creekside subdivision. Turn left; house is on the left, past the lake. It will take about 15 minutes to get to Mo's house once you get off 422.

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## Yarn Shop Review: Looped Out in London!

Submitted by **Miriam Rosenblatt**





## **Loop Yarn Shop**

15 Camden Passage, Islington, London, N1 8EA

Tube Stop: Angel Station, Northern Line

<http://www.loopknittingshop.com/>

Knitting, crocheting and “making” is certainly thriving in the United Kingdom! London has an annual yarn crawl, typically in the late spring. Guides have been published and are available online or in London’s yarn shops. There is an annual yarn festival in Edinburgh as one fellow Raveler shared with me a while back. There are fiber tours in Ireland, Scotland and England; I’m sure many of you have seen these in various magazines.

Of course Rowan Yarns has an international presence but even more so in England with its workshops. If you search the Ravelry groups, you will find many knitting communities.

I was in London last December for 7 days. My three major priorities were to visit Tower of London, the Victoria and Albert Museum and of course one of the local yarn shops.

Loop London has an online presence and the one yarn shop I planned to visit. The yarn shop is located in a very charming pedestrian mews filled with flea markets, shops and cafes in the district of Islington. The shop is about 15 years old and moved to the Camden area about 8 years ago. The shop is about a three-minute walk from the Angel Tube station.

The storefront is artsy and beckoning. You walk up; open the front door and find yourself surrounded by a bohemian world filled with yarns, projects and books. I was grateful I had the time to explore those layers of projects, yarns and books, and especially the exotic yarns.

There are two floors with walls of cubbies stuffed with skeins. There are the yarns familiar to many of us in the USA (MadelineTosh, Qing, Quince and Co.); special yarns from Europe (LaBien Aimee, Wollmeise) and some unique yarns available only in Loop. The first floor is mainly lighter weight sock and lace yarns. The second floor encompasses the heavier weight yarns. There are books everywhere and Loop does publish its own patterns. There is a lovely couch area and a communal table where knitters gather for knit night on Thursdays from 5:30PM to 7:30PM.

There are some exquisite scarves by Sophi Dugard. These are crocheted in very fine wools, expensive but the workmanship is worth the cost. As a crocheter, I was inspired by the unusual bohemian designs that I have not seen anywhere else.

There are some lovely yarns by CaMaRose, a Danish designer. Another Danish yarn called Mehlsen yarns are mini skeins in organic wool were beckoning in a Crayola assortment of soft colors- all dyed naturally. The crochet shawl kit made from the yarn is exquisite! These yarns and designs are available only at Loop, but can be purchased online.

I purchased a book called the Mini Yarn Guide London, published based on the annual yarn crawl held in September. The book will be a lovely companion piece to my Stitching up Paris book from my other travels! A skein of MadTosh



sock yarn in a speckled gray will complete a collection of sock yarns that I have been collecting for a future pullover. I was unable to resist some Mehlsen mini skeins; hand dyed using natural dyes by a Danish artisan.

Go online and see the assortment! If you want to yield to temptation, let me know and we can organize a group order!

(Mehlsen Yarns from the [Loop of London website](#))





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