

# Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter<sup>©</sup>

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## SOCIAL KNITTING AND KAL

**Nov. 5 , 6:45 p.m.**

Join us for a relaxing evening of social knitting. Bring a copy of the Mitered Crosses Team Blanket pattern which appears on page 3 - 5, yarn and needles as per pattern to get started on our new KAL or work on a knitting project of your own.



## NEW MEETING LOCATION!

The Chappaqua Library is under renovation and we will be meeting at the Mt. Pleasant Library - 350 Bedford Road, Pleasantville. The parking and entrance to the library is around the corner on Romer Avenue. We will be meeting downstairs and there is an elevator for those who require it.



## *From the President . . . .*

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank Raina Laredo for all of her efforts bringing wonderful speakers to the guild. Raina is stepping away from her duties as program director, but will continue to oversee our website. Suzanne Sunday will take over as Program director and is looking for a volunteer to help her continue organizing workshops and other educational programs. Suzanne has a workshop scheduled for this November. Olive McNeil has organized a charity KAL, knitting squares that will then be assembled into a blanket.

Fall has finally arrived and many of us are making lists of what we are looking for at the Rhinebeck Sheep & Wool Festival. Personally, it is my once yearly opportunity to overdose on roving which will keep me spinning until next October, maybe. This is an annual event that never ceases to inspire knitters from all parts of the US and Canada.

We are now in our new temporary home, the Mt. Pleasant Library in Pleasantville. We have been informed by the library that we need to vacate the room by 8:45 p.m., so we will begin our regular meeting at 6:45 p.m., to give everyone enough time.

As always,

Happy Knitting!

*Evelyne Liebmann*



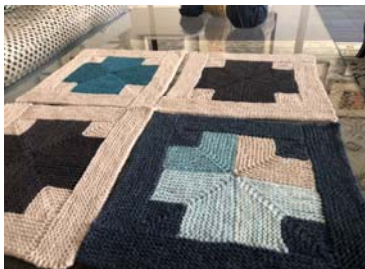
## RAVELRY PATTERN OF THE MONTH!!

As cool weather approaches, it's time for hats, scarves and fingerless mitts. This month's free **Ravelry** pattern called *Swallow Tail Mittens*. It is made with fingering weight yarn and features a graceful lace pattern.

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/barn-swallow-fingerless-mitts>

<http://littlechurchknits.com/2016/08/12/free-pattern-24-swallow-tail-mittens/>





## FALL KAL

### MITERED CROSSES TEAM BLANKET FALL KAL 2018

by Kay Gardiner of Mason Dixon Knitting

#### OVERVIEW

Welcome to the official start of our Fall 2018 KAL. Together we will be knitting the beautiful Mitered Crosses Pattern designed by Kay Gardiner of Mason Dixon Knitting. We're so excited to get started on this project. All squares will be a part of one (or more) blankets that will be donated to victims of Hurricane Florence. To achieve this goal, we're asking each participant to contribute at least 2 (two) squares. They're fun and portable. Let's do our part to help the relief efforts in the Carolinas. A revised copy of the pattern is provided below. Please bring your copy to the meeting.

**FINISHED SIZE:** Varies, from 32" to 40" depending on number of squares used

**YARN:** Washable DK or light worsted (acrylic, wool, wool blend)

**Background color (BC):** 1 skein DK, or light worsted 50g (100m),

**Contrasting color (CC):** 1 skein DK, or light worsted 50g (100m),

**TOOLS:** #7 (4.5 mm) needles (short straight ones work best)

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Stitch markers (thin)

**GAUGE:** 20 sts / 40 rows (20 garter ridges) = 4" (10cm) Note: Gauge precision is not critical as long as the blocks are the same size. Have 5 stitches to the inch with selected yarn and needles.

**BLOCKED:** 12" x 12" square

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

**Garter Ridge:** A garter ridge is formed on the RS by knitting 1 RS row and 1 WS row.

**K2tog:** Knit 2 stitches together.

**RS:** Right side

**SSK:** Slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip 1 stitch purlwise (stitches now are on the right needle), insert left needle into front of the 2 slipped stitches, and knit the 2 slipped stitches together through the back.

**WS:** Wrong side

#### INSTRUCTIONS

**BEGIN:** Using the Contrasting Color and size 7(4.5mm) needles, and using the long-tail cast on method, cast on 36 stitches, placing a marker between the 18th & 19th stitches.

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Work a garter stitch miter as follows:

MITER 1:\*Row 1 (RS): Knit to 2 stitches before the marker, SSK, slip marker, K2tog, knit to the end of the row.

Row 2 (WS): Knit. Repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 18 stitches remaining, ending with a WS row. Cut CC. Using Background Color, repeat rows 1 and 2 until there are 2 stitches remaining, ending with a WS row. Knit the last 2 stitches together and fasten off the last stitch. Cut BC.

MITER 2: With the RS facing, orient Miter 1 with the cast on edge at the top and left. Beginning at the top right corner of the cast on edge, and using CC, pick up and knit 18 stitches and place a marker on the needle. Using the backward loop (or “thumb”) method, cast on 18 more stitches. Knit the next (WS) row. Repeat the instructions for Miter 1, beginning at \*.

MITER 3: With the RS facing, orient the piece with the CC sections at the bottom and the cast on edges of the 2 miters at the top. Beginning at the top right corner of the cast on edge (this is Miter 2), and using CC, pick up and knit 18 stitches and place a marker on the needle. Using the backward loop (or “thumb”) method, cast on 18 more stitches. Knit the next (WS) row. Repeat the instructions for Miter 1, beginning at \*.

MITER 4: With the RS facing, orient the piece so that the 3 completed miters form the letter L. Starting at the top right corner of the cast on edge of Miter 3, and using CC, pick up and knit 18 stitches and place a marker on the needle. (You are now at the inside corner of the letter L.) Pick up and knit 18 stitches from the cast on edge of Miter 1. Knit the next (WS) row. Repeat the instructions for Miter 1, beginning at \*. Do not cut the yarn.

## **LOG CABIN FRAME**

Note: Do not cut the yarn until the block is finished.

SECTION 5: With the RS facing, orient the piece so that Miters 1 and 4 are at the top. Using BC (which was not cut after finishing Miter 4), pick up and knit 18 stitches (1 stitch in the end of each garter ridge) along the top of Miter 4, and then 18 stitches along the top of Miter 1. (36 stitches.) \*\*Knit until you have 9 garter ridges showing on the RS, ending with a WS row. Bind off all stitches on the RS, but do not cut yarn.

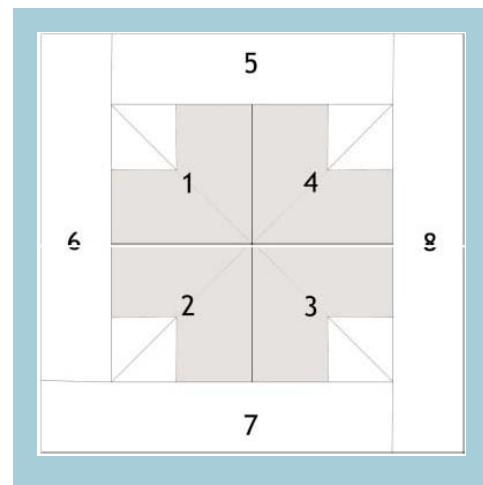
SECTION 6: With the RS facing, orient the piece so that Section 5 is on the right edge. Pick up and knit 9 stitches (1 stitch in the end of each garter ridge of Section 5), then pick up and knit 18 stitches in each of Miters 1 and 2. (45 stitches) Repeat the instructions for Section 5, beginning at \*\*. Do not cut yarn.

SECTION 7 : With the RS facing, orient the piece so that Section 6 is on the right edge. Pick up and knit 9 stitches (1 stitch in the end of each garter ridge of Section 6), then pick up and knit 18 stitches in each of Miters 2 and 3. (45 stitches) Repeat the instructions for Section 5, beginning at \*\*. Do not cut yarn.

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SECTION 8: With the RS facing, orient the piece so that Section 7 is on the right edge. Pick up and knit 9 stitches (1 stitch in the end of each garter ridge of Section 7), then pick up and knit 18 stitches in each of Miters 3 and 4, then pick up and knit 9 stitches (1 stitch in the end of each garter ridge of section 5). (54 stitches) Repeat the instructions for Section 5, beginning at \*\*. Cut yarn. This completes the block.

*Olive McNeil & Dorothy Freeman*



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*From the Education Coordinator. . . . .*

I'm hoping that you love our knitting guild as much as I do. We try to provide friendship, support, educational opportunities and much more, but it takes a lot of collaborative work to make it all happen. We have been fortunate to have a Board that works hard to make the guild what it is but we need your help.

Raina Laredo has been an amazing program chair for about 10 years and she needs a break, so she will be stepping down. We owe her many thanks for all she has done to bring us a varied and exciting program every month! I am interested in running for that position but anyone else who is interested can also run. Since I will run, the education position will be open. Here is what the education position entails: coordinating the KALs, writing some education articles for the newsletter (doesn't have to be every month) and planning two workshops a year—one by a guild member and one by an outside speaker which is coordinated with the program chair. If I am elected as program chair, I would work closely with the new education chair.

I think the workshops and other education additions have added a lot to the guild and I'm hoping that someone will step up to help make our guild even better! If you'd like additional information, please speak to me at the next meeting.

*Suzanne Sunday*





## UPCOMING TEXTILE ART EVENTS

Oct. 21-22, **New York Sheep & Wool Festival**, Rhinebeck, NY,  
<https://www.sheepandwool.com/>

Nov. 3-4, **The Fiber Festival of New England**, West Springfield, MA  
<https://www.easternstatesexposition.com/p/fiberfestival>

Oct. 21- Jan. 27, **Outrageous Ornament: Extreme Jewelry in the 21st Century**, Katonah Museum, Katonah, NY, <http://www.katonahmuseum.org/exhibitions/upcoming/>

## The Guild Library will be no more!

Let me explain by beginning with a bit of history.

At the second Guild meeting that I attended, a paper was circulated asking those present to sign up for a “job.” I noticed that the “librarian” position was available and, as a professional librarian, I thought it a perfect fit. It didn’t dawn on me to ask a few questions first. But that turned out to be unnecessary because our meeting place was no longer available to us – to take effect immediately, I believe.



To make a long story short, I did get lots of help disbanding the library of all but its most valuable items, i.e., the books. Since we no longer had storage space, I was asked if I could store the remaining collection. I thought, “This is a problem? I don’t think so.” So I took the boxes of books home, purchased bookcases and designed a circulation system. As time passed we would receive books from presenters, mostly from Vogue, and individual donors. I created and updated a bibliography that has been available on our website. The number of members who took advantage of this has been few, and getting fewer and fewer as time goes on.

Providing a home for the books has not been a problem but at this point it seems the books could be put to better use. The Guild board has agreed we should make the books available to our members. They were originally gifts to the Guild so now we are making them gifts to you. So, beginning with our next meeting, November 5<sup>th</sup>, I will bring a box of books and encourage you to check it out and take whatever appeals to you. Come and hopefully you’ll find a book you always wanted, and maybe didn’t even know it.

*Dorothy Freeman*

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership dues are \$15.00 for the remainder of the year. Please make your check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG. You may give the check (or cash) directly to me at the next meeting or you may mail it to me at:

Westchester Knitting Guild  
Attn: Jeanne Scofidio  
P. O. Box 141  
Chappaqua, NY 10514

Please include your current address, telephone number and current email address. I will give you (or mail to you) a 2018 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities!

Thank you, Jeanne



Knitting News  
Joan Ratner

## Calendar

- Nov. 5 – Social Knitting & KAL
- Nov. 26 – Vogue Knitting
- Dec. 17 – Holiday Party

### MEETING SCHEDULE

5:45 Knit Along  
6:30 Announcements &  
Show and Tell  
6:45 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th  
Monday of the month at the  
**Mount Pleasant Library**  
350 Bedford Road  
Pleasantville, NY 10570  
(914) 769-0548

<https://www.mountpleasantlibrary.org/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dues for the remainder of the year are \$15. Jeanne will accept payment at the next meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic knitting needles for the prison knitting program at Taconic to monthly meetings.
- Guests are welcome. There is a \$10 fee for guests.

### MEETING ETIQUETTE REMINDER

We are fortunate to have high quality presenters during our monthly meetings. Even if you are not interested in the presentation or mini-workshop, please be respectful of others and remember:

- No talking during presentation
- Wait until Q&A period to ask questions
- Wait for the presentation to end before trying on, or looking at samples

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

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