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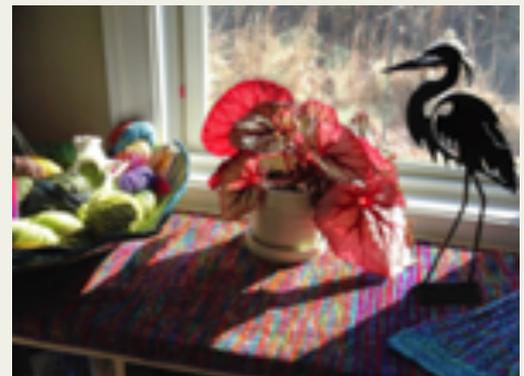


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Blue Heron Yarns
Monday, March. 25
7:00 p.m.

Warm months are ahead but that doesn't mean you can't knit gorgeous garments and shawls in lovely summer weight yarns, and one of the best providers of such yarns in Blue Heron! You'll see an amazing selection of rayons and cottons in gorgeous hand dyed colors as Demian Savits tells us about how he and his mom started their business. This is a special treat for members who have allergy issues with wool. So come with your credit card ready!



From the President

March did indeed come in like a lion, and hopefully will go out like a lamb. Such a good reminder that we can still finish some late Winter projects and begin thinking about Spring projects. Spring is a time of renewal, and just like mother nature it applies to us as well. Time to think about new knitting techniques and new fibers. There is no end to what we can learn about our craft. Gaining new skills is part of the joy of knitting and adds to the satisfaction we experience when we master something new. Some of my most enjoyable projects involved learning a new skill. At the same time, I realize how much I do not know and how much more there is to learn. I find that once I have learned a new knitting skill, the ability to share it with others gives me great joy. The internet has definitely changed the world for knitters, there are so many ways to learn something new: from You Tube, websites such as Ravelry and blogs. The knitting world has become both bigger and more connected. I find myself spending more time online reading one or another website. If you have a favorite site, please share with our members, you can email the information to me.

As always, Happy Knitting

J. Evelyne Liebmann

Newsletter Coordinator

Make it Yours

The WKG is fortunate to have a varied and talented group of members. We welcome your suggestions for programs and workshops and encourage *your participation* in making the guild even better. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter. The newsletter is the face of the guild as it is available on line for anyone to read, as well as a line of communication for the membership.



How to Get the Most from a Workshop

In preparation for this year's upcoming workshops I'd like to go over some tips to get the most out of them. While some of this may sound like common sense, it's easy for the anticipation of learning something new or meeting a favorite teacher to make the most organized of us forget the basics.

Read the description: Know what you're signing up for!

Make sure to look up the technique, teacher, pattern, etc, especially if you're not familiar with them.

Organize your supplies: Bring any needles, yarn, and notions that you may need. Don't forget paper and pen to take notes. There may be special supplies that your instructor should list in the description.

Do any homework! Many times the instructor will have you swatch in order to make the class time more efficient. Follow their instructions so you're ready to go.

Bring a list of questions: Many may be answered during class, but it's helpful to have them prepared in advance so you get the answers you need.

Bring drinks/snacks: Most workshops are several hours long—being hydrated will make you more comfortable and able to focus.

Come early: Arriving 10-15 minutes early will give you time to park, grab a great seat, and organize your seating area. It also helps the workshop to start on time.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our wonderful workshops this year!

Suzanne Kavic

March 2019

Color Work Workshop



We will open registration at our next meeting for our color work workshop, Vinterjfell hat, with Cindy Haub to be held on Sunday, June 23, 1:30-4:30 at the Mt. Pleasant library. Cindy, who has won many awards for her work, will be teaching us how to do color work using Continental and throwing techniques, one in each hand and for each of the colors for each row. She will be addressing tension issues, so if you've tried this technique before and ended up knitting much tighter, or much looser than you've ever knit before, she can help you fix that! This is not a class for beginner knitters (although it is appropriate for advanced beginners and up) and you must be comfortable knitting in the round and reading charts. You'll need to come to the class with your yarns, having already purchased and printed the pattern on Ravelry with the cuff of the hat completed, as we will jump into the Color work as soon as the class begins. Since this is a fairly intensive class, if you haven't finished the cuff, the class will NOT wait for you to catch up!

We have a limit of 15 participants in the workshop, so sign up at the meeting and leave a check or, if you can't attend, send in a check.

After our May 6th meeting we will open up registration to non-guild members (if there are still open spots) so register and pay as soon as possible.

Suzanne S and Suzanne K

News of Interest

Program date change:

Melissa Leapman will still be doing the modular shawl workshop Sunday October 13, but her talk will be November 4.

Suzanne Sunday

Half Square Triangle blankets KAL

We are still accepting half square triangle squares, so bring any finished ones to the next meeting.

Also, If you aren't working on the Eddy cowl or hat KAL, Come at 5:45 to the next meeting and help set up blankets (yes, we have enough squares for 2 blankets). It's a great opportunity to try different settings of the blocks and to learn the process of assembling the blankets, so come join us.



Suzanne Sunday

Charity Knitting

We have it on good authority that Spring is on its way -- after all, the clocks jumped ahead this weekend. So I began to think of charity projects that we could knit for the warmer seasons. One good idea is knitting hats for Gilda's Club using cotton yarn. We donate hats to them on a regular basis and always try to find yarns that would be soft, colorful, and comfortable. But wearing wool hats in the warmer seasons doesn't seem very enticing so we would like to suggest thinking about this idea for your next charity knitting project. As you know they are quick and easy and Gilda's Club has been very complimentary and appreciative of the ones they have received.

As always we collect any and all items, for any age and gender, made of any fiber so please feel free to choose whatever you feel like making. Unfortunately we never run out of people who are in need.

We thank you in advance; please keep up the good work.

Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2019 year for our knitting guild. We're very fortunate to be able to maintain our dues at \$35.00 for the year! We have some exciting programs lined up for 2019.

Please make your dues check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG in the amount of \$35.00. 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 2019 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities!

Thank you, Jeanne

UPCOMING KNITTING EVENTS

May 4 - 5, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD <http://sheepandwool.org/2018-maryland-sheep-wool-festival-2/>

Through May 5, **The Secret Life of Textiles: The Milton Sondag Archive**, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
<https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2017/secret-life-of-textiles>

Through May 12, **Frida Kahlo: Appearances Can Be Deceiving**, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/exhibitions/frida_kahlo

Through June 16, **New Directions in Fiber Art**, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
<https://www.montclairartmuseum.org/content/new-directions-fiber-art>

July 11 - 22, **Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp**, Marshfield, WI,
<https://www.schoolhousepress.com/camps>



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Calendar

- March 25 – Blue Heron Yarns
- May 6- Kay Gardiner of Mason-Dixon Knitting
- May 20 – Sarah Solomon

MEETING SCHEDULE

5:45 Knit Along
6:45 Announcements &
Show and Tell
7:00 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th
Monday of the month at the

Pleasantville Library

350 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570
914-741-0276

www.mountpleasantlibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's time to renew your membership for 2019. Annual dues are \$35. 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 or wood knitting needles for the prison knitting program at Taconic to monthly meetings.
- Guests are welcome. There will be 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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