



## Welcome to the Madison Knitters' Guild!

Established in 1981 and believed to be the nation's first and largest knitters' guild!

***Connecting knitters of all levels to share, explore and celebrate the world of knitting through education and community involvement.***

Meeting at Promega BTC, 5445 E. Cheryl Parkway, Fitchburg, WI

### Benefits of Membership:

- Subscription to Knitters' Knews, our monthly newsletter, delivered electronically Aug-May
- Interactive member website
- Monthly meetings with speaker, vendors, Knit-Aid, door prizes
- Fiber vendors at every meeting
- Free lending library with over 1,000 books, magazines, and DVDs available for check-out
- Early sign-up option for MKG Knit-In
- MKG classes
- Member-only rates for events
- MKG Knitting Safari and a bus trip to Stitches Midwest
- Winter Weekend Retreat
- Supporting community agencies with knit and crocheted items
- Free Neighborhood Knits classes
- Discounts at local yarn/craft stores
- KAL (Knit Along)
- Knit a Community Project for a chance to win a pattern on Ravelry
- Camaraderie with people who make beautiful things with sticks and string!

**TYPICAL MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, Sept. thru May.** Doors Open at 5 p.m.

#### MEMBERSHIP TABLE (Atrium)

- Members pick up badges
- New members register

#### HOSPITALITY TABLE (Atrium)

- Guests Register and make nametag
- Door prize registration
- Register for Show and Tell

#### LIBRARY (Cafeteria)

- Browse, check out or return books, magazines, DVDs

VENDORS (Atrium) at least two per meeting

#### KNIT-AID STATION (Cafeteria)

- Expert advice available
- Ball-winder & swift available

#### KNIT CONNECTIONS (Room 122)

- 5:45-6:15 Small group gatherings
- Different topic each month


#### COMMUNITY TABLE (Cafeteria)

- Drop off donations, check activities, select yarn for community knitting.

#### SOCIALIZE (Cafeteria and Auditorium)

**MEETING (Auditorium) 6:30 – 8:45 p.m** - Business portion of meeting followed by Guest Speaker, Break, Show and Tell, and Door Prizes!

# Madison Knitters' Guild 2017-2018 Calendar

	Meeting Speaker	Community Projects*	Knit Connection	Vendors	Special Events
<b>September 11</b>	<b>Melissa Leapman</b> Amazing Reversible Cables	Hats, mittens and keyhole scarves for children ages 4-11. Donate yarn/notions**	Welcome Back Open House Knitting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cottage Creations</li> <li>Alpaca Tundra</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk &amp; Knit Relay at WI Sheep and Wool Festival</li> <li><b>Classes</b> at W&amp;WF</li> </ul>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Rebecca Keyel</b> Wartime Knitting	Hats, mittens and keyhole scarves for children ages 4-11. Donate yarn/notions**	Brown Bag exchange Neighborhood Knits Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sun Valley Fibers</li> <li>Galpaca Farm</li> <li>Ogle Design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10/9 Brown Bag Exchange</li> <li>KAL begins</li> <li>Docent led tour of Helen Allen Textile Collection at 1:00 and 2:30</li> </ul>
<b>November 13 MEMBERS ONLY</b>	<b>Alasdair Post-Quinn</b> Adventures in Double Knitting	Hats, mittens, scarves for children and adults including very warm ones for homeless men. Donate yarn/notions**	Mini Skein Swap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Lost Sheep Yarn Shop</li> <li>Spry Whimsy Fiber Arts</li> <li>The Woolgatherers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11/12 Intro to Double Knitting; 2 Pattern Double Knitting</li> <li>11/13 Two Color Double Knitting; Double Knitting Off the Grid</li> </ul>
<b>December 11</b>	<b>Lion Brand Team (Shira Blumenthal)</b> Trade Show	Toiletries, hats, mittens, scarves for children and adults	Second Chance Second Harvest Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five Oaks Farm</li> <li>Ewetopia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yarn Sale to benefit Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin.</li> </ul>
<b>January 8</b>	<b>Carol Rhodes</b> Knitting in Southern Sweden	Dishcloths and slippers	WWII/War Knitting Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KnitCircus Yarns</li> <li>Jenny Blasen Pottery</li> <li>DMarie Knit &amp; Fiber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1/19-21 Winter Retreat (New Glarus)</li> </ul>
<b>February 12</b>	<b>Amy Detjen</b> European Knitting Travel Destinations (and what you'll find there!)	Baby items: blankets (fleece or knit), hats, socks, etc.	Children's Knitting Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan's Fiber Shop</li> <li>Kaleidoscope Fibers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>Elizabeth Prose</b> From the Isthmus to the Front Range	Baby items: blankets (fleece or knit), hats, socks, etc.	Ravelry – Groups Tutorial and Q & A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sow's Ear</li> <li>Firefly Fibers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/16-18 Knit-In</li> <li>Knit-In Keynote and <b>Classes</b></li> </ul>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Nicky Epstein</b> Reimagining Knitting	Women's lightweight scarves and cowls	Mini Skein Show & Tell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wool &amp; Cotton</li> <li>The Cat &amp; Crow</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safari Bus Trip</li> <li>4/7 Knitting Block by Block; Knitting Cord</li> <li>4/8 Edgings/Flowers; Knit a Square, Create a Critter</li> </ul>
<b>May 14 MEMBERS ONLY</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b> <i>DOOR PRIZE EXTRAVAGANZA &amp; COOKIES</i>	Toys: Critters, balls, etc.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prairie Bag Works</li> <li>Blue Heron Knittery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brown Bag Exchange</li> <li>Library Book Sale</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mallards' Stitch 'n Pitch</li> </ul>
<b>June - Aug</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Knitting</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stitches Midwest Bus Trip</li> </ul>

\*ONGOING COMMUNITY PROJECT: Scarves/cowls (lightweight or warm) for women who have experienced domestic abuse or are homeless.

\*\* For Second Harvest Foodbank Sale (Dec)

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