



# Madison Knitters' Guild Knitters' Knews

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## Galina Khmeleva



**O**n September 10<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Galina Khmelva, owner of Skaska Designs to our first meeting of the year.

Galina Khmeleva is one of the most respected and knowledgeable lace knitting instructors in the country. As a former clothing and costume designer who worked with the "aristocracy" of St. Petersburg's music and theater society, she was a pioneer in breaking down barriers in the "new" Russia that allowed Russian women the opportunity to achieve ownership status in private companies. As the principal student to Orenburg's lace knitting elite, Galina brings the classic style and revered traditional knitting techniques of Russian lace to her classes. Her unique, inspiring and fun-loving teaching style has made her the guru of lace enthusiasts across the United States. She is the author of *Gossamer Webs* and *The History and Techniques of Orenburg Lace Shawls*. **This is a members only program.**

## September's Vendors

The Knitting Room  
&  
Prairie Junction

### Upcoming Programs

- \* **October 8**  
Two Old Bags—Kate  
Nagorney & Ann Swanson
- \* **November 12**  
Amy Detjen
- \* **December 10**  
Candace Eisner Strick

## From Our President—Mary Jo Harris



Hello Knitters!

**WELCOME** to the start of the 2007-2008 Madison

Knitters' Guild year! The MKG Board has

spent the summer meeting, planning, and preparing for this year's events and activities. We think we've got some fun and exciting programs and activities in place. These programs and activities are a direct result of your ideas and comments. We encourage you to keep letting us know what works, what doesn't, and what you'd like to see happen at Guild meetings and events. So keep those comments coming! While we aren't always able to implement your ideas and suggestions we do discuss them and take them seriously. Some of the results of your ideas and suggestions are below.

**NEWSLETTER:** As you read this

newsletter you'll notice some changes. Jayne Coster, our Newsletter Editor, has worked on redesigning the newsletter using input from you. The first change you'll notice is that we're sending the newsletter by email as much as possible now. The Board decided to go this route because it's faster, more efficient, and saves the Guild in time, postage, and mailing supplies.

Emailed newsletters are also now IN COLOR and utilize PHOTOS making the newsletter more visually interesting and appealing. Don't worry if you don't have access to the Internet or an email address. We will still be mailing your newsletters to you but they will be in black and white and will take longer to arrive in your mailbox than the emailed version. Another change in the newsletter is the layout. Instead of having the advertisements grouped together in one section we are spreading them throughout the newsletter. We are also offering

advertisers the option to change their advertising during the year so they can keep their ad space as up-to-date and fresh as possible.

**CHARITY CHALLENGE KNIT ALONG:** Because of the popularity and success of last year's Knit Along, the Board decided we needed to do another one this year. As we discussed what type of Knit Along to have it became obvious that we had a lot of options with none that stood out as a clear choice. Therefore, the Board decided to have a Charity Challenge Knit Along this year. Our goal is to have 500 knitted items to donate to a local charity. While the knitted items can be anything you want to donate, each month we'll publish a different pattern in the newsletter for you to use if you wish. Pat Bernhardt, our Community Projects Chair, will track the number of donations for us and distribute the items to appropriate local charities.

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## Meeting Minutes—May 14, 2007

President Mary Jo Harris called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM with a welcome to the 150 members and guests present. There was a special welcome and introduction of the founding members present.

Election of 3 new board members was held. The winners were Connie Burmeister, Kay Moffat and Kathy Trudell. The brown bag exchange projects were shown.

### Announcements:

Jayne Coster has agreed to be the newsletter editor and Marcia Stern will be doing advertising.

The 2008 Knit-In will be held March 8, 2008.

The speaker at the September meeting will be Galina Khmeleva.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Janette Hermanson*



## In Gratitude

Our thanks go out to Karen Baier of Off the Beaten Path, who has arranged for Candace Eisner Strick to teach on December 9 and 10 before presenting to our Guild at our meeting on December 10. Without this type of help (provided so frequently by Ruth Sybers of Knitters' Treat), the Guild could not afford to invite such nationally known teachers. At present, the plan is for Candace to teach an easier design called *Chill Out Hybrid Shawl* on December 9 and *Love is a Many Mitered Thing* intended for intermediate knitters on December 10. Call Karen as soon as possible to reserve your place. She has to cover her expenses too!!



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### President (from page 1...)

**2008 SAFARI:** This year's Safari will be April 19, 2008, however, we need someone to organize the event and chair the committee. If you're interested, contact me or any board member.

**MKG POTLUCKS:** What do you think of the potlucks that we have in January and May? Should we continue to have them? Should they be restructured somehow? If we don't have them, what would you suggest we do those months? Contact me or any board member with your thoughts or write your thoughts on the form we'll have at the September 10, 2007, Guild meeting.

**OTHER MKG DATES:** Here are the dates for some of the 'non-meeting' events we're planning this year. Be sure to get them on your calendars now! Details about each will be available as the event draws near.

**KNIT OUT:** September 15, 2007

**RETREAT:** February 1-3, 2008

**KNIT-IN:** March 8, 2008

**SAFARI:** April 19, 2008

Happy Knitting!

*Mary Jo Harris*  
MKG President

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# Stitches Midwest 2007 Market



From left: Lois Baggot & Janet Wolberg stitching on the bus.

On August 11, 38 Guild members, friends and relatives, rode in air-conditioned comfort to Stitches Midwest in Rosemont, Illinois for six hours of blissful shopping at the Market. Vendors in over 160 booths were selling everything related to knitting, felting, spinning, and crocheting from A(lpaca) to Z--well, OK, maybe not to "Z" but there was a lot of Y(arn).

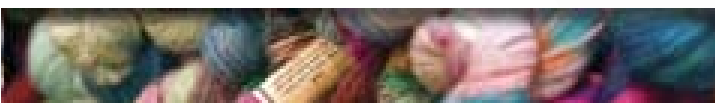
Also holding their convention at the Stephens Convention Center was the World of Wizards. To reach the Market area, we had to walk through a lobby full of Stormtroopers, Spidermen, and other Harry Potter-like characters. Not a problem! No superhero stands a chance of keeping a determined knitter from an opportunity to increase his or her stash.

General consensus was that everyone enjoyed the expedition and would like to see the bus trip offered again next year. If you want to mark your calendars early, Stitches Midwest will be held next year on August 21-24 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center.

*-Jane Newman*



Mary Paulson is pretty happy with her purchases!



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### INCOME

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Advertising Fees	\$2,172.00
Library Sales	\$115.55
Tote Bags	\$740.00
Stitches Bus Trip	\$1,380.00
Knit In	\$7,175.00
Safari	\$1,170.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$16.69</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,479.74</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Rent	\$495.00
Insurance	\$238.00
Newsletter Printing	\$3,303.76
Postage \$1,293.00	
Website \$95.40	
Office Supplies	\$548.71
Speakers	\$1,550.31
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Holiday Party	\$134.83
May Meeting	\$37.91
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Logo	\$561.36
Adobe Fee	\$52.70
Knit In	\$6,722.45
Safari	\$1,165.85
Stitches Bus	\$1,301.20
Misc. Printing	\$311.60
Bank & Business Fees	\$42.05
Library	<u>\$51.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$19,389.44</b>

Our net holding as of August 15<sup>th</sup> assuming all outstanding checks are paid is \$9,547.35.

-Kathy Trudell  
Treasurer



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## Knit Out 2007

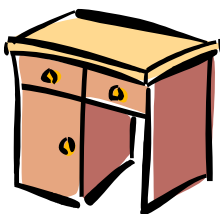


Knitting is a craft by which thread or yarn may be turned into cloth." — so says Webster's dictionary. It's time again for the nation to celebrate this craft with the **National Knit Out**. Started several years ago by the Craft Yarn Council of America, enthusiastic knitters across the country have banded together in late September in their communities to knit in public. The Madison Knitters' Guild has chosen to show off our craft at the Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square. This is a great way to celebrate the coming of autumn with knitting, coffee, apple cider, and some sweet treats from the Farmers' Market. Bring your current project and a chair. If you are a spinner and would be willing to cart your wheel up to the Square, please do so. In the past this has been a friendly event enjoyed by both members of the Guild and the people at the market.

This year's Knit Out is scheduled for Saturday, **September 15, 7:00 am. — 1:00 pm.** We will gather at the King Street corner of the Square at the top of the sidewalk leading to the Capitol building (same location as



## Knitters' Help Desk



Just can't figure out what the pattern is trying to tell you to do? Can't remember how to make that certain stitch? Can't figure out what you did, but it sure doesn't look right? **NEED HELP?**

The **Knitters' Help Desk** will be open once again this year. Beginning at 6:00 PM, prior to our monthly meetings, a help desk will be set up in our meeting room at the Monona Community Center. Each month two members of our guild will be available as "Knitting Doctors" to staff the table for those of us who need help with a project. Remember there may be several people needing help, so try to keep it brief. If you are interested in staffing the help desk, please phone Robbie Preston, Knit-Aid Committee Chair, at 221-2546 or email her at ipreston@wisc.edu.

in the past). There will be no rain date in case of inclement weather.

We encourage people to sign up at our September meeting for one (or all) of three shifts, 7:00-9:00 am, 9:00-11:00 am., and 11:00 am.-1:00 pm. Come and share your love for the craft with the general public.



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**-George Burns**

## From Our Library...



More than 35 additions have been made to our Guild library over the summer and you are encouraged you are encouraged to take a look!

New materials include seven DVDs from Lucy Neatby and Schoolhouse Press, along with Sally Melville's trilogy of *Knit, Purl, and Color*, Charlene Schurch's *Sensational Socks and More Sensational Socks*, and Sharon Miller's *Heirloom Knitting, Victorian Lace and A Gathering of Lace* from XRX for lace enthusiasts.

You will also find felting books from Bev Galaskes and Nicky Epstein, along with stitch reference volumes from Barbara Walker and Harmony Guides, and much more!

The complete contents of our library may be found on our website, [madisonknittersguild.org](http://madisonknittersguild.org) as well as in binders on the library table at our monthly meetings.

Library materials may be checked out by members for a period of one month. Use of the Library is just one more benefit of Guild membership!

-Barb Armstrong  
& Karen Scammell  
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Knitting Gems 1,2,3,4,	Lucy Neatby
Double Knitting Delight or	
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Interweave Knits magazines prior to Winter 2002	
Knitting in the Old Way	P. Gibson-Roberts
Knitting in Plain English	Maggie Righetti
Knitting Lace DVD /other DVDs not in library	Meg Swanson
Latvian Mittens	Lizbeth Uptis
Patchwork Knitting	Horst Schultz
Selbuvotter Bio of a Knitting Tradition	Terri Shea
Simple Socks	P. Gibson-Roberts
Styles	Sally Melville
Traditional Lace Shawls	Martha Waterman

## 2007-2008 MKG-CKC

What is MKG-CKC? No, it's not a new decrease stitch. It is the Madison Knitter's Guild Charity Knitting Challenge. Our goal is to donate 500 hand knit items to local charities over the 2007-08 year. Through Pat Bernhardt's already established contacts, we hope to provide new hats, mittens and scarves to children who do not have those items, despite the cold Madison winters. Some of these items will be kept in schools so that needy children can go out for recess during the winter months. Other items will be donated to hospitals.

To motivate and help MKG knitters, the MKG Board has designated a charity item of the month. However, you can always donate whatever item you wish, (including non-perishable food such as macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and spaghetti sauce). In each month's newsletter, we will print a free-for-charity-knitting pattern and links to other patterns.

The September MKG-CKC item is mittens—child size. Bring your completed mittens to the September or October MKG meeting. Feel free to use any pattern you wish. Ideally, you could use washable wool or an acrylic/wool blend. However, use your judgment for making warm mittens.

One mitten pattern is below. Dozens of mitten patterns can also be found on-line at [www.knittingpatterncentral.com](http://www.knittingpatterncentral.com). Our MKG library has books featuring mittens: look for "The Mitten Book", "Folk Mittens", and "Knitting Fair Isle Mittens and Gloves" for more challenging patterns. The library also has the Vogue Knitting series "Mittens and Gloves" for basic and challenging patterns. Your favorite yarn shop can also provide assistance.

For those who want to plan ahead, the MKG-CKC suggested items for the future are: October: Kid's Hat; November: Kid's Scarf; December: preemie or newborn baby hat; January: baby sweater; February: adult or child chemo hat; March: comfort shawl; April: kid's hats; May: knitter's choice. For these months the MKG newsletter will feature a pattern and pattern sources. Remember: you can knit any item for any month. Every month is "knitter's choice."

### Four Needle Mittens



**MATERIALS NEEDED:** 2 oz. Knitting Worsted for child sizes small, medium and large

1 set size 4 double point needles

**GAUGE:** 6 sts = 1 inch 9 rounds or rows = 1 inch

**CUFF:** Cast on and divide on 3 needles 32 (36, 40) stitches. Join. Work k2, p2 ribbing for 2 ½ (2 ½, 3) inches decreasing in the last round 1 (2, 2) stitches. There will be 31 (34,38) stitches.

**HAND:** Knit even for 3 rounds.

First increase round for thumb gore--Inc. 1 st. in first st (first thumb st), k 1, inc. 1 st in next st (last thumb st), k to end of round--33 (36, 40) stitches. Knit 2 rounds.

Second increase round--Inc 1 st in first st, k3, inc 1 st in next st, k to end--35 (38, 42) stitches. Continue to inc 1 st in first and last thumb st every 3 rd round 2(2, 3) times having 2 sts more between inc after each inc round--39(42, 48) stitches. K 2 rounds. Slip to a strand of yarn the 11 (11, 13) thumb stitches.

At the end of the last round, cast on 2 stitches. There will be 30(33, 37) stitches on needles. Work even until measurement above cuff is 4(4 ¾, 5 ¼) inches or to desired length allowing for ½ (¾, ¾) inches for finishing decreasing in last round 2 (1,1) stitches.

First decrease round: K tog every 3rd and 4th stitches. Knit even 1(2, 2) rounds.

Second decrease round: K tog every 2nd and 3rd stitches. Knit 0 (1, 1) rounds.

Third decrease round: K 2 tog in succession.

Break off, leaving an end. Draw end tightly through all stitches. **THUMB:** Slip to 2 needles the 11(11, 13) thumb stitches. With a 3rd needle, pick up and k 2 stitches on the cast-on stitches.

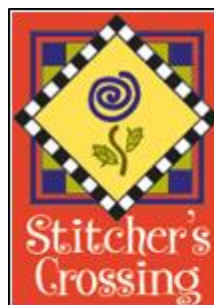
There will be 13(13, 15) stitches on 3 needles for the thumb. K around until thumb measures 1 ¼ (1 ½, 1 ¾) inches above cast-on stitches increasing in last round 1(1,0) stitches.

First decrease round: \*K 1, k2 tog repeat from \*.

Knit even 1 round. Knit 2 tog in succession.

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# KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOR

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His "Kaleidoscope of Colour" lecture is designed not so much to instruct, but to motivate, empower and inspire the audience to create their "mind's eye". Members of the audience are encouraged to bring in their own original designs for analysis and discussion by Fassett. A tremendous amount of Fassett's inspiration comes from the past and his work brings the past to the present. Program includes a slide show, question-and-answer session, and a book signing of *Kaffe Knits Again*.

## Concentrating on Color and Design



## Brandon Mably in Chicago, October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>

Brandon Mably's workshop focuses on bringing knitters to a new awareness of color. If you have mastered many aspects of knitting but still find color a challenge, this class is for you. Mr. Mably's teaching techniques breakdown common barriers to color selection and perception. Participants will be knitting swatches to explore color.

For more information on these programs or to sign up to attend these events, phone Kathleen Kelly at Arcadia Knitting, 773-293-1211 or visit her website, [arcadiaknitting.com](http://arcadiaknitting.com).



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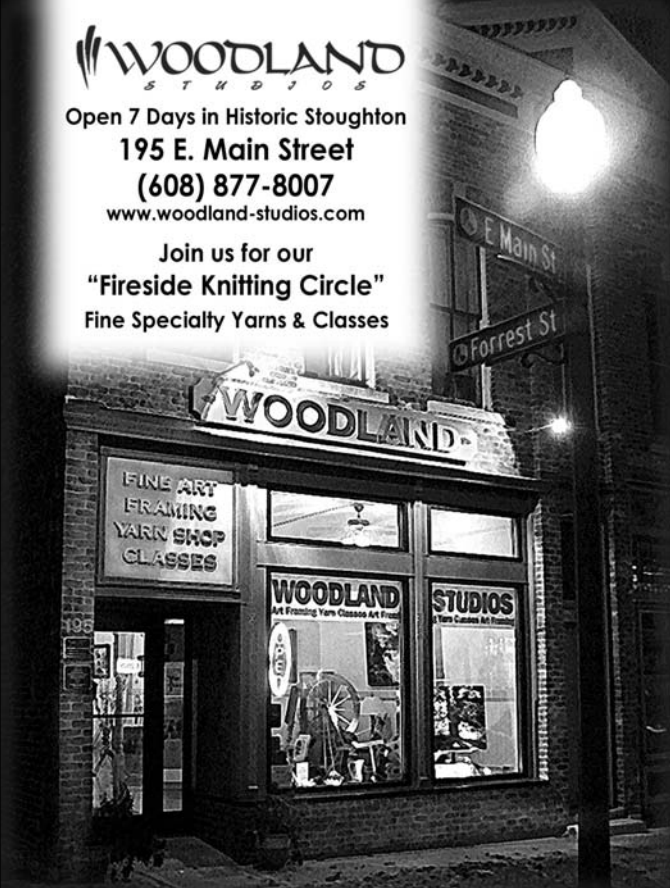
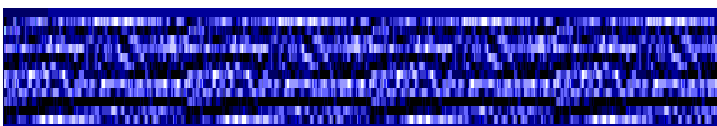
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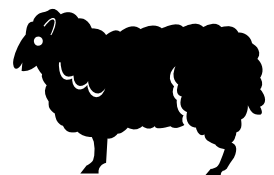
*From Greg & Jean Loesch...*

The **Black Sheep Yarn Shop** in Evansville has been closed this summer due to road construction on the street in front of our shop. The road is now graveled, and parking is just around the corner in the municipal parking lot. We plan to reopen Thursday through Saturday from 9:00-4:00 during the weeks of September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

For your inconvenience we will be offering all MKG members 20% discount on all yarn purchases.

Watch for our new hours and special Grand Re-Opening Events in November.

Please call the shop if you have any questions at (608) 751-2372.



## 2007-2008 Madison Knitters Guild Membership Form

Annual dues are \$20.00 for Wisconsin residents and \$15.00 for non-Wisconsin residents. This fee includes a subscription to the Knitters' Knews. Forms and checks can be mailed to Kathy Trudell, 321 Seth Circle, Madison, WI 53716.

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\* This year's *Knitters' Knews* will be sent out electronically so this information is needed. Those without email addresses will receive the newsletter by mail.

### COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

Please indicate which committee(s) you are interested in serving on during the 2007-2008 Madison Knitters Guild year.

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Knit-In

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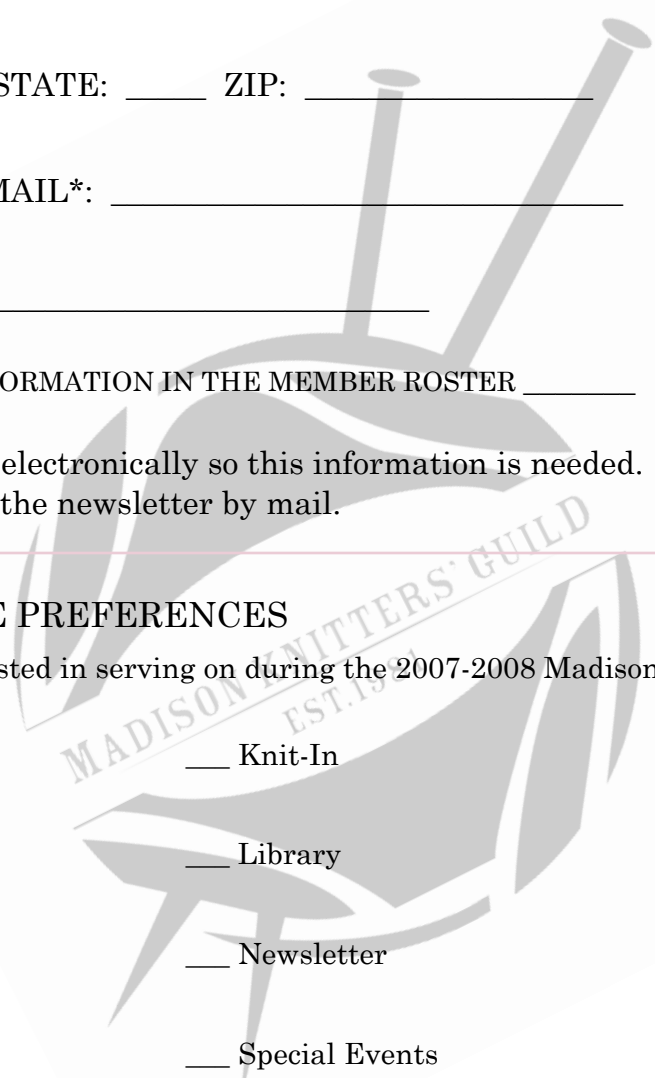
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Hospitality/Membership

Special Events





## MKG Calendar

September 10	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Galina Khmelva; Vendors: The Knitting Room & Prairie Junction
September 15	Knit Out 2007	7:00 a.m.	Dane County Farmer's Market, King Street Corner
October 8	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speakers: Kate Nagorney and Ann Swanson, Two Old Bags; Vendors: The Black Sheep & Stitcher's Crossing
November 12	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Amy Detjen Vendors: Susan's Fiber Shop & 'Tis the Season
December 10	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Candace Eisner Strick; Vendors: Knitter's Treat & Joslyn's Fiber Farm
January 14	MKG Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Annual Holiday Potluck; Vendors: Dragonfly Yarn Shop & The Sow's Ear
February 1-3	Knitters' Retreat		Chalet Landhaus, New Glarus, Details to follow...
February 11	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Carol Rhoades; Vendors: Sutter's Gold 'n Fleece & Argyle Fiber Mill
March 8	Knit In 2007	9:00 a.m.	Speaker: Lily Chin
March 10	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Lily Chin; Vendors: Bead Bin & Woodland Studios
April 14	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Speaker: Susanna Hansson; Vendors: Needles 'n Pins & The Yarn House
May 12	MKG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Monona Community Center; Annual Appetizer & Dessert Buffet & Fashion Show



## Other Fiber Events

September 7-9	WI Sheep & Wool Festival
December 9-10	Classes with Candice Eisner Strick

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