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October 11 Meeting: Jared Flood

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The groupies call him a “one-man A-to-Z fiber phenom...”

That is Jared Flood, a talented designer and photographer, who is coming to the Madison Knitters' Guild! His PowerPoint presentation will take us through his artistic background and on to his most recent creative project to be launched October 1st.

Jared's background is in 2D media--painting, drawing, photography, and graphic design--in which he's earned both a BFA and MFA. His inspiration for design is based on the traditional knitting of Scandinavia, Finland, and Japan, but is bolstered by urban landscape for texture

and light. Thus his traditional knitting techniques are brought into a contemporary context.

Jared's mother taught him to knit initially, but it wasn't until he was in college and a friend knit him a scarf that he really took interest in this craft. Anxious to knit himself a sweater, he learned techniques with books and on-line instruction, thus launching a varied, exciting career that encompasses design, construction, publication, teaching, and photography.

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Meetings held at *The West Side Club*

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[MAP](#)

Doors open at 6:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

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www.madisonknittersguild.org

Imagine...



<http://www.designgallery.wisc.edu/exhibits/knitta/index.html>

A bus shelter covered in garter stitch!

Madison Knitters Guild members have been busily stitching garter stitch segments for the UW School of Human Ecology's Knitted Cozy Shelter.

Wed., Sept. 29: Turn in finished knitting.

Community knitters will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Parlor of Lathrop Hall, 1050 University Avenue.

Metered parking is available across the street under Grainger Hall. You can finish off and turn in your knitting that morning. There will be a sign-up sheet to help with the installation and to sit and knit in the Cozy Shelter during Gallery Night on October 1. **A drop-off box is also available in the basement of Sterling Hall, 475 N. Charter St.**

Thank you to Elizabeth Prose and the Sow's Ear for assisting with yarn distribution and collection.

Project coordinated by Prof. Diane Sheehan, Design Studies Dept. and Lisa A. Frank, Interim Director, Design Gallery.

Jared Flood (continued from page 1)

His photos have appeared in *Vogue*, *Debby Bliss Magazine*, *NY Living*, *Good Housekeeping*, and others. His photographic skill is apparent in Bruce Weinstein's *Knits Men Want*.

Jared's knitting designs have been published in various venues (*Vogue*, *Classic Elite*, *Knit 1*, Interweave Press, and others) and his recent book, *Made in Brooklyn*, is sure to be a best seller featuring natural fibers and original, intriguing designs. Jared also blogs as Brooklyn Tweed and actively participates in Ravelry discussions. He believes that the internet helps crafts people become well rounded as it connects those doing similar things, thus raising the creativity level of participants.

He's taught in many places in this world, and his secret fantasy is to find a place with perpetual winter that encourages people to stay indoors and... KNIT! Perhaps we should invite him to spend 6 or 7 months in Madison!

- Janet Fishbain



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Humans with sticks
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 Retreat



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Click on "Other Fiber Events"

Know about other events?

Contact:

newsletter@madisonknittersguild.org or webmaster@madisonknittersguild.org

September

Sept. 30
DIY Forum at 5:30 at the [Madison Museum of Contemporary Art](http://www.madisonmuseum.org) Auditorium

The panel discussion on the Do-It-Yourself movement, including "yarn bombing," features Jerry Bleem, Beverly Gordon and Lisa Whiting, and will be facilitated by Jenny Angus. (see below)

Oct. 1-2
Ravenswood Art Walk
Chicago
<http://www.ravenswoodartwalk.org/09/>

Oct. 2
YarnCon
Chicago
<http://www.yarncon.com/>

October

Oct. 9-10
Rainbow Fleece Farm
20th Autumn Fiber Extravaganza
rainbowfleece@yahoo.com or 608/527-5311

Oct. 15-17
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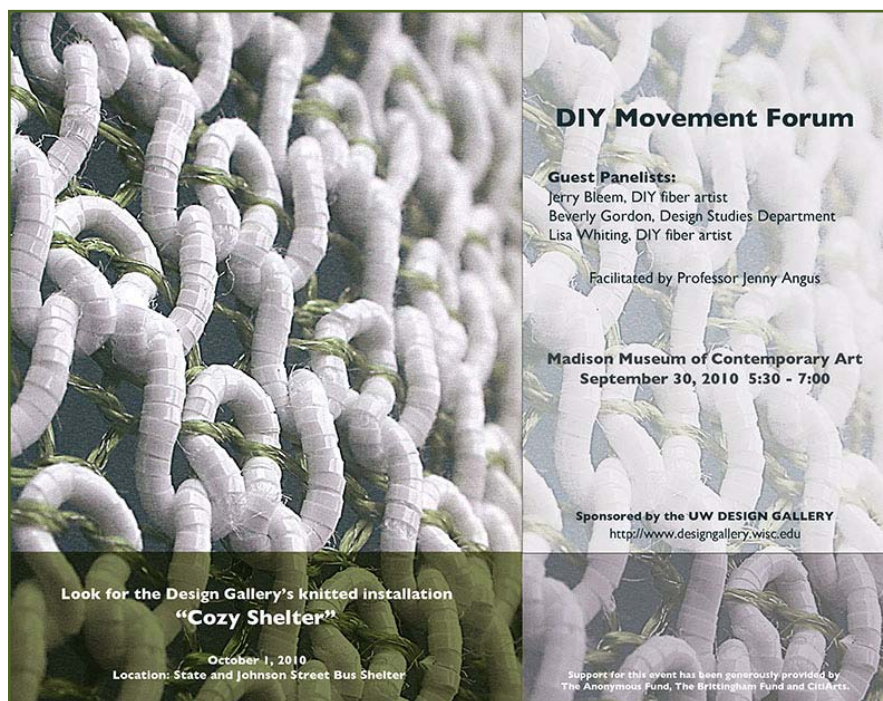
Oct. 24-30
SOAR – Spin Off Autumn Retreat
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November

Nov. 5-7
2nd Annual Iowa Wool Gatherers' Retreat
Elkader, Iowa
<http://www.iowasheep.com/iowa-Wool-Gatherers%27-Retreat.php>

Nov. 20
Madison Bead Society Show – Westgate Mall
http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead_Shows.php

Our Friends and Foes
Community Art Project – See Page 10



DIY Movement Forum

Guest Panelists:
Jerry Bleem, DIY fiber artist
Beverly Gordon, Design Studies Department
Lisa Whiting, DIY fiber artist

Facilitated by Professor Jenny Angus

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
September 30, 2010 5:30 - 7:00

Sponsored by the **UW DESIGN GALLERY**
<http://www.designgallery.wisc.edu>

Look for the Design Gallery's knitted installation
"Cozy Shelter"

October 1, 2010
Location: State and Johnson Street Bus Shelter

Support for this event has been generously provided by
The Anonymous Fund, The Ervingham Fund and CitiBank.

Monday, September 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

President Kate Findley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. About 300 members were in attendance.

Announcements:

1. Mary Bertun updated the guild on the last donation made to the Stanley Women's Facility and their appreciation. A new Behavioral Mental Health Unit has opened at the Waupun Corrections unit and more donations will be needed.
2. Professor Shehan and grad student Amelia Heklan from the UW School of Human Ecology are heading up a program to decorate a bus shelter on State Street. Yarn was provided and members were asked to make a colorful scarf for the project. All items are due 9-30-2010. Elizabeth Prose is the liaison, and the Sow's Ear will be the collecting point. You can get further information on the Guild's Ravelry page.
3. A Community Fiber Arts Exhibit called "Our Tiny Friends and Foes" will be opening December 17, 2010, in the Playhouse Gallery of the Overture Center and will run thru February 6, 2011. Submissions should be postmarked by December 1. Information is available at madisoncommunityartproject@gmail.com or on the facebook group "Our Tiny Friends and Foes."
4. A new group has formed for charity knitting for the homeless in Madison. It meets the third Thursday of the month at Madison Crafts & Gift Shops, Lake Edge Shopping Center, 4118 Monona Drive. For more information call (608) 442-7467.
5. There has been a request for someone to repair an heirloom Wedding Ring Shawl. Contact Kate Findley.
6. The Madison Bead Society will be having a show and sale at Westgate Mall November 20 from 10-5. If you would like to vend, contact the Bead Society.
7. Lorna's Laces in Chicago will be part of the Ravenswood Art Walk Oct 1&2. They will conduct studio

tours and have mill ends for sale.

8. There is a request for someone to knit a new hat based on a Howard Zabler hat.
9. Mary Jo Harris informed us that the green dot on the name badges indicate a returning first year member.

10. Kate reminded everyone that the October meeting is a members-only meeting and to also bring in your items for the Brown Bag Exchange.

11. This year's Knit-Out is September 25 on the Capitol Square. Do not show up if it is raining.

12. Please do not park in handicapped places if you don't have a sticker.

13. Kate announced the passing of Melissa Matthay in late August. Google for a copy of the obit in the New York Times.

14. The May Minutes were unanimously approved.

Connie introduced Nancy Shroyer of Nancy's Knit Knacks. Nancy walked us through each one of her products and mentioned that each evolved after major frustration in trying to solve a knitting problem or to make knitting easier. Her products include Knit Kards, Knit Knack Sacks, Fair Isle Recipe packet, Portable Lazy Kate, DP Tubes for sock knitting, The Kneezel, Knit Light, Scarf Holder, plus others. Her website is nancysknitknacks.com.

There were approximately 20 new members and guests. Show-and-Tell items were shown by Sarah, Trudi, Lisa, Sue, Edna, Judy, Barb, Yvonne, Kim, Andrea, Karen, Jen, and Joan.

Door Prizes were graciously donated by Nancy's Knit Knacks, Sun Valley Fibers, The Knitting Room and La Bella Vita.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

- Kathy Digman, Secretary



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HAPPY YARN-O-WEEN!

- Kate Findley, President



I was sorting my yarn late one night
 When my eyes beheld an eerie sight
 For my yarn from its totes
 began to rise
 And suddenly to my surprise

I had a stash.
 I had a monster stash.
 The monster stash
 All from a yarn store dash.
 I had a stash -
 Even novelty flash.
 I had a stash.
 I had a monster stash.

It's so easy to collect yarn, isn't it? I don't know about you, but if I've run the numbers right, I will use up my stash sometime during the year 2169, assuming there are no more acquisitions before then (AND assuming the medical community finds a way to increase the average human life span to 250 years!)

Is your stash freaking you out? Now that the weather is *beginning* to be more knitter friendly and Halloween is right around the corner, here are some ideas for using up your stash:

Halloween fingerless-mitts:

<http://noynoyavery.blogspot.com/2009/10/happy-halloween-mitts.html>

Halloween throw:

http://www.caron.com/projects/ss/ss39s_halloween_throw.html

Skull and crossbones hat:

<http://www.helloyarn.com/wecallthempirates.htm>

Baby devil hat:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/lil-devil-baby-hat>

...and even pumpkin socks!

http://shop.strato.de/epages/61303040.sf/en_US/?ObjectPath=/Shops/61303040/Categories/Anleitungen).

If you are on Ravelry, click on "Patterns," type in "Halloween," and you'll find about 500 patterns to help you battle the monster stash. There's even a Halloween Read-Along/Knit-Along. They are reading Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* and using scraps of yarn to make Frankensocks.

<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/frankensocks>.

Happy Halloween. Please pass the chocolate.

“My husband, Seth wanted to review this book. He is often the recipient of hand knit garments and wanted to see if I would get some good advice before starting a new project.”

***Knits Men Want* by Bruce Weinstein (photography by Jared Flood)**



In the book *Knits Men Want* by Bruce Weinstein the seemingly universal problem of men not enjoying personally knitted items is tackled. While I am happy to wear something bold in color or with a little more design there are a number of men who will not take those chances. Bruce gives 10 rules and 10 designs to help get a decent knit item on the men of your life.

The patterns in *Knits Men Want* look nice and will probably knit up rather quickly. The basic cardigan, which is finished with either buttons or a zipper, holds the most interest to me since it has the most features of all the patterns. All of the patterns do lend themselves to personalization by using multiple yarns to create a more interest by the knitter and eventually the wearer.

The 10 rules that Bruce came up with are pretty blunt. The rule that “Men are Babies” may not apply to every male you are knitting for, but a lot of the suggestions contained within the rule are helpful. This rule comes with a pattern for fingerless gloves with suggestions of having him hold the yarn before you knit with it. This could save you dozens of hours in knitting since no matter how nicely you knit if he finds it irritating it won't be worn.

Other rules are a bit more universal for men (five out of five guys within my office) and

the rule itself is pretty helpful. “Men Hate Fittings” may be strongly worded but at the end of the day putting on clothes over and over again doesn't seem like a good use of time to most men. Then add in that it may just be a partial sleeve with multiple needles hanging from it and our stress level is going to rise. The size sheet with instructions on how to correctly get measurements and then patterns, which use these measurements to get a good fit, is very helpful. An additional trick not within the book to help get something either fitted or the size chart filled in is men get bored. If you ask us while we are bored we will either go do that other job we haven't wanted to do (usually cleaning) or go through with the request.

The book has nice clear patterns that can be used to suit each individual man in your life. The pictures show the few details and an overall shot of each piece. I would suggest starting with a hat or socks, a pattern for each is within the book, to see if they are 'knit-worthy' and then move up to sweaters.

Since Seth is very knit-worthy, even helping me with my 'Knitters Knews' reviews, I think I will be casting on for a good masculine cardigan soon. - Amanda Haynes

Bring your yarn to the October meeting for the 10th Annual Brown Bag Exchange

*The Guild is expecting...
and the due date is May!*

That's right, this year's Brown Bag Exchange is all about "Babies, Babies, Babies." This is your chance to have a guild member make something for a baby. Don't have any babies to gift with a knitted item? Then at our May meeting, you can donate the knitted item that you receive!

If you would like to participate in the exchange, pick out some yarn from your stash and bring it to the October 11 meeting. If the yarn has lost its label, please make a note of the weight and fiber content. Put the skein(s) in a paper bag. DO NOT write your name on the bag.

A table will be set up at the October meeting where you can turn in your bag. After all the bags have been turned in and marked, you will then pick someone else's bag. You'll have over six months to turn the yarn you pick into something special for a baby. Bring back the bag with your completed baby project to the May 2011 meeting where you will present the item you knitted to the owner of the yarn.

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DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AT EVERY MEETING!

We are always in need of yarn & patterns for Wisconsin Correctional inmates. All inmates' knit and crochet projects are donated to charity: shelters, hospitals, crisis centers, schools, etc.

If you would like to donate patterns or yarn from your stash, please bring to a Guild meeting or contact:

Mary Bertun
608- 240-5555
608 - 225 -3015 (cell)

Your donation will bring joy to some dedicated knitters!

CLASSIFIED

Join us at the "River" where ideas flow and the creativity is "current"....

On Wednesday, October 20, the River Boutique and Yarn will be featuring hand-knits by our loyal friends and customers in our Fall Fashion Show. Models--the knitters that relax, knit and are inspired by what the River has to offer--will be wearing their own hand-knits blended with fabulous ready-to-wear garments for sale at the River Boutique and Yarn. Arrival by 5:30 should get you a seat. Refreshments will be served... surprises too!

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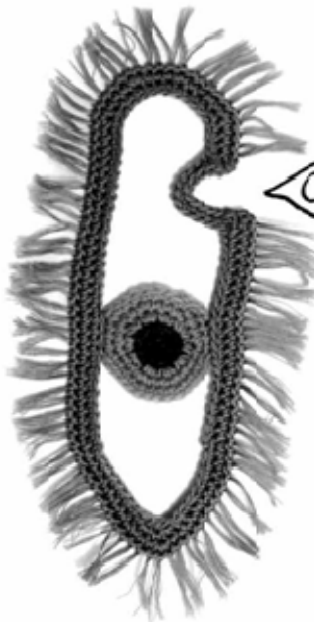
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Community Fiber Arts Show:

Our Tiny Friends and Foes

*inspired by cell structures, microorganisms,
and the worlds seen through the microscope*

A community fiber arts exhibit in the
Playhouse Gallery of the Overture Center
Opening December 17th, 2010
Exhibit runs through February 6th, 2011

Submissions are open to the public!
Find out more by emailing us at
madisoncommunityartproject@gmail.com
or by joining the facebook group
"Our Tiny Friends and Foes"
or by going to www.overturecenter.com
and following links to "community programs"
and then to "Overture Galleries"

Basic guidelines for submissions:

- Pieces should be no bigger than three feet across.
- All fiber arts media and techniques are accepted.
- Pieces will be hung on flat wall panels, so it's helpful if the back side of the pieces are flat.
- All submitted works will become part of the larger assemblage and will not be returned to the artist.
- It is our intention to use all works submitted but the curators reserve the right to edit the overall composition in keeping with the guidelines for the show. Complete guidelines for entries can be seen at www.overturecenter.com under "community programs" and then "Overture Galleries" and then "Our Tiny Friends and Foes".
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In Remembrance



Melissa Matthay (1957-2010) known to her friends and family as "Lissy," died on

August 23, 2010, in Los Angeles. She was 53. A well-known designer of couture knitwear, she was the original owner of the trend-setting Yarn Co. in uptown Manhattan. A self-taught knitter, she became a designer for top international yarn companies, including Missoni, Lane Borgosesia, and Tahki.

Mary Melissa Matthay was born July 1, 1957 in Janesville, Wisconsin. In the late 1990s, she returned to her native

Wisconsin, transforming the Knitting Tree in Madison into a local mecca for knitting devotees.

Contributions may be made to the Aaron and Dylan Davis Irrevocable Trust, c/o Camy Matthay, 5708 Bellbrook Road, Brooklyn, Wisconsin, 53521. Memorial service information forthcoming here and/or on Melissa Matthay's Facebook page.

(Excerpt from the *New York Times*)

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Auguste Renoir: The Two Sisters (On the Terrace)



The Two Sisters is one of the most popular items in the Art Institute of Chicago. The painting was given its second title — *On the Terrace* — by the dealer and patron of the Impressionists Paul Durand- Ruel, its first and for many years only owner. The painter was evidently happy with this...

His painting always contains a lofty image, yet one deliberately devoid of bombast, so that the artist could permit himself both humour and the play of allusions. Without remembering that, it is impossible to understand the detail in the bottom left corner of the composition that might at first glance be taken for flowers. There is little logical justification for such a detail, since the painting is set not in an interior, but in the open air. It has been suggested that the balls of wool appeared as Renoir's response to the insinuation of a critic who compared his painting to knitting. One of his masterpieces was described as “a weak sketch seemingly executed in wool of different colours”. On the other hand,

Degas wittily recalled the balls of wool. “Renoir,” he said, “can do whatever he likes” and added, thinking of the wholly non-programmatic nature of his colleague's art, “You've seen a cat playing with balls of different coloured wool?”

Excerpt from <http://www.hermitagemuseum.org>

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