



# Knitter's Knews

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## 2011-2012 Officers Elected

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Congratulations to our new officers who were elected at the May 16 Board Meeting. They begin their terms on July 1.

**PRESIDENT:** Jaala Spiro

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Jennifer Mack

**SECRETARY:** Peg Corp

**TREASURER:** Barbara Rottman

Our thanks also to Kate Findley, Kathy Digman and Joan Deneen whose terms expire June 30, and to Delaine Zuhlke who is retiring from the board a year early. Mae Knowles has been appointed to fill her unexpired term, and she will serve as the Publicity Chair.

Our thanks also go out to Sue Aehl and Kate Moffat who are stepping down after many months of hospitality and retreat planning.

### 2011-2012 Committees

**Historian:** OPEN—Two or more members could share the task of taking photos to document our monthly meetings. Contact Jaala: [Jaala@knitcircus.com](mailto:Jaala@knitcircus.com)

**Publicity:** Mae Knowles

**Stitches Bus & UFO Retreat:** Elizabeth Wellenstein

**Knit-In:** Kate Findley

**Membership:** Mary Jo Harris

**Community Projects:** Jennifer Golubiewski

**Hospitality:**

**Knit Aid:**

**Webmaster:** Jeni McDonald

**Library:** Cynthia Robey-Duncomb & Barbara Armstrong

**Speakers:** Connie Burmeister

## Summer Knitting News

There are no formal Madison Knitters' Guild meetings in June, July or August. BUT... if you just can't imagine what to do on the second Monday evening of the month, you can still get your "guild fix." Meet up at the Sequoia Branch Library at Tokay and Midvale Boulevards.

Jane Grogan is taking reservations at [mkgsummerknitting@madisonknittersguild.org](mailto:mkgsummerknitting@madisonknittersguild.org)

Jeni McDonald will be making changes to the Guild Web site over the summer. Please check in often to see how the work is progressing. You can contact her with questions or suggestions at [jenniferamcd@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferamcd@gmail.com)

Our grateful thanks to Delaine Zuhlke, who has served as Webmaster for the past few years!

## What Vendors Will be at Upcoming Guild Meetings?



The Guild has so many interested vendors that a lottery has to be held each year!

If you are a member who sells product and would like to be included in the lottery, please contact Marie Duquette at [woolforward@gmail.com](mailto:woolforward@gmail.com) by June 1.

The MKG Board will be reviewing the vendor policy, and any changes for the 2012-13 MKG meeting year will be posted in a future newsletter and e-mail.



### Knitters' Guild Meetings in Review





324.—Knitted Bodice without Sleeves (Back).

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*Sadly, beautiful exemplars of vintage and historic knitting are being lost every day, as attics and trunks are "cleaned out."*

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It is urgent that we preserve our vanishing knitting heritage. Many knitters are eager to restore the status of knitting to its historic levels, and to increase its visibility and the accuracy of its documentation in history, costume and textile collections. Sadly, beautiful exemplars of vintage and historic knitting are being lost every day, as attics and trunks are "cleaned out."

An ad hoc team of knitters is in the formative stages of discussing an American institute to preserve and encourage knitting. This could be a museum, but it might be some other format. Given the depth of commitment to and interest in Madison, especially given the presence of the United States' first and largest knitting guild, Madison is the logical city in which to base this endeavor.

## An American Institute of Knitting?

This embryonic effort is most fortunate to have the interest and willingness from a state institution to conduct a one-day symposium to explore the status and future of our knitting heritage as an initial step to gauge need and interest.

The ad hoc group is looking for interested folks with expertise in or access to legal start-up assistance, bylaws, 501(c)(3) application, business plan development, marketing, graphics, web design, volunteer recruitment and management, and library, curatorial and conservation interest and skills.

Later the effort will require financial, research, media contact and translation skills.

Knitters of good will with cheerful energy, but without specific expertise listed above are also heartily welcome.

If interested please contact Karen D. Kendrick-Hands at [kdkhands@Ameritech.net](mailto:kdkhands@Ameritech.net) or 313.600.1670.

## Fiber Controversy

Cascade Yarns had a fiber lab test some yarns from their competitors and found out they did not contain what they said they did...

<http://www.cascadeyarns.com/milkproteinfiber.asp>

<http://www.cascadeyarns.com/graphics/cashVeroMaterialResults.pdf>

<http://www.cascadeyarns.com/lawsuit.asp>

—Barbara Armstrong



## Your Knitted Donations are APPRECIATED!

### From Henry David Thoreau School -

Dear Madison Knitters Guild, Thank you for your donations of beautifully knit sweaters, scarves, hats, and mittens you shared with students in need at Thoreau Elementary School.

The kids get so excited with a new item given to them and their smiles say it all. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated. We thank you for your kind thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,  
Patti Blazeovich, Nurse's Assistant.

### From Crestwood Elementary -

Thank you so much for the beautifully knitted accessories for our students at Crestwood. We really appreciate it! Thank you also for the school supplies.

### From Olson Elementary -

Thank you so much for the lovely hats and mittens. We greatly appreciate the donation. Every year we work hard to see that all our students have warm winter gear so these will be much appreciated.

## iPhone App is Here!

I'm excited to announce that my knitting stitch dictionary app for the iPhone/iPad is LIVE!

You can find it in the iTunes store-it's currently listed only as an iPhone app-but it works on the iPad also. It is \$1.99

If any of you would be so kind with your time to check it out and consider writing an honest review I would really appreciate it. (Favorable is always good, but I honestly want feedback in a review or to me directly).

I'm investigating how to give away some "free" apps if any of you would like a freebie-just let me know. You've all helped me with this in many ways and I truly appreciate it. I have a website up about it as well-it's just getting started so more content there to follow.

[www.kizmetknits.com](http://www.kizmetknits.com)

Susan Marks

## 2011-2012 Community Projects



Dear Knitters,

Last year the members of MKG donated A LOT of yarn to the big suitcase! There is quite a bit left. It will be available at the June knitting session at Sequoia Library. And we'd love to see what you are doing with all that yarn!

Please send us your Community Projects Yarn pictures and stories. We would like to share them through the newsletter and website.

Take a look at our donation schedule for next year. There are plenty of ideas to whittle down your stash during those long hazy days of summer.

These websites are fantastic resources for FREE Knitting Patterns:

Ravelry: <http://bit.ly/fV3elc>

Bernat: <http://bit.ly/1wq8dM>

Interweave Knits: <http://bit.ly/1i8yhO>

### 2011-2011 DONATION SCHEDULE

SEPT	The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County	Hats, mittens & scarves for boys & girls 7-18 years old	<a href="http://www.bgcdc.org/">http://www.bgcdc.org/</a>
OCT	Handmade Especially for You & WomenHeart	WOMEN'S SCARVES: 5" wide and about 60" long in cheery colors  RED scarves	<a href="http://www.handmadeespecially.org/">http://www.handmadeespecially.org/</a>  <a href="http://www.womenheart.org/programsEvents/programs/heartscarves.cfm">http://www.womenheart.org/programsEvents/programs/heartscarves.cfm</a>
NOV	Madison Elementary Schools	Hats, scarves & mittens for boys & girls 6-10 years old	Find school colors & mascots:
DEC	FOOD DRIVE	Non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning products	No knitting donations—get those gifts finished!
JAN	Madison High Schools	Hats, scarves & mittens for young men & women ages 14-18	Find school colors & mascots:
FEB	Bayview Center & Hospice	Bayview: Knit items for Asian immigrant boys & girls 8-11 year old  Hospice: Prayer Shawls & lap blankets	<a href="http://www.bayviewfoundation.org/aboutbayview/communitycenter.html">http://www.bayviewfoundation.org/aboutbayview/communitycenter.html</a>  <a href="http://www.hospicecareinc.com/">http://www.hospicecareinc.com/</a>
MAR	The Road Home	Knit items for all ages for transitional families	<a href="http://www.trhome.org/help.wish.cfm">http://www.trhome.org/help.wish.cfm</a>
APR	Madison Middle Schools	Hats, scarves & mittens for young men & women ages 10-14	Find school colors & mascots:
MAY	Porchlight, Inc.	Men's hats, scarves & mittens	<a href="http://www.porchlightinc.org/">http://www.porchlightinc.org/</a>



Join fellow needle artists for Stitch N' Pitch Night at Miller Park on Tuesday, June 21 as the Brewers take on the Tampa Bay Rays at 7:10 p.m. Purchase a seat in the special Stitch N' Pitch section, starting at just \$25. Socialize with fellow needle artists, speak to shop owners and visit teaching tables when gates open.

The first 1,000 needle artists to buy tickets and attend Stitch N' Pitch Night at Miller Park will receive a free special edition Brewers Stitch N' Pitch Bobble Head. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Bobble vouchers can be redeemed on the Field Level Concourse in the right field corner.

<http://milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com/mil/ticketing/stitchnpitch.jsp>

Check with the Sow's Ear to see if there is still room on their bus:

[www.knitandsip.com](http://www.knitandsip.com)

## Fiber Events

**June 21:** Milwaukee Brewers Stitch "N Pitch Night, <http://mlb.mlb.com/mil/ticketing/stitchnpitch.jsp>

**June 15-18:** Amy Detjen teaching at Knitters Connection, Columbus, OH [http://knittersconnection.com/html/class\\_schedule.htm](http://knittersconnection.com/html/class_schedule.htm) 937.586.3730

**June 24-26:** Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair: Grayslake, IL [www.fiberandfolk.com](http://www.fiberandfolk.com)

**July 27-31:** The Knit & Crochet Show, Minneapolis, MN [www.knitandcrochetshow.com](http://www.knitandcrochetshow.com)

**July 28-31:** Sock Summit, Portland, OR [www.socksummit.com](http://www.socksummit.com)

**August 19-21:** Michigan Fiber Festival, Allegan, MI <http://www.michiganfiberfestival.info/>

**August 25-28:** Stitches Midwest, Schaumburg, IL [www.knittinguniverse.com/stitches](http://www.knittinguniverse.com/stitches)

**September 9-11:** Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival, Jefferson, WI

[www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com](http://www.wisconsinsheepandwoolfestival.com)

**October 8-16:** The Road to Rhinebeck, hosted by Amy Detjen & Heather Ordover

<http://www.holidayvacations.net/tours/craftlit.php?craftlit>

**Traveling?** Check out the nationwide list at [Knitters Review](#)



Have you ever thought about entering your knitted projects in the State Fair?

Here's some basic information, along with information on how to look up all the rules and regulations covering amateur competition at the State Fair.

First, submit your application. You do not submit the knitted item, just the application, at this point. Your entry blank will be returned if it is not filled out completely. It must be postmarked no later than June 14, 2011. You must include a processing fee of \$10 and include a \$1 fee per item entered. All fees are non-refundable. Your item (exhibit) must be delivered to the Horticulture Building on the specified date and time. When you deliver the exhibit, tags will be ready to be attached by staff.

Entries for Craft Classes 1-409 must be dropped off at the Horticulture Building on Monday, July 18, 2011 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. If you submitted your application, you will be sent a detailed map on where to drop off your items for submission.

The State Fair also lists the following warnings: No judging results will be given over phone, fax, or email. Please read all instructions carefully! Observe dates and times of entry and pick up. Entries will be processed on a first come first served basis.

Be sure to allow enough time when bringing in your entry or picking up. Prize winners must be exhibited throughout the Fair.

The Textile, Craft & Culinary Department phone number between July 18 and August 15, 2011 is 414/266-7124

More details, including all the rules, and how to claim exhibits and prizes are in the Fair brochure which can be found at:

[http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry\\_info/general\\_info/tcc/textile\\_craft.pdf](http://www.wistatefair.com/pdfs/competitions/entry_info/general_info/tcc/textile_craft.pdf)

Special Rules are listed on pages 2 & 3.

Especially of interest to knitters are the categories for specific items listed on pages 6, 7, 10, Those over age 60, please also see page 13

## Thank You, Newsletter Contributors!

Many members contributed to the monthly issues over the last 10 months. In addition to those of you who provided welcome feedback by e-mail, Ravelry group and in person, we appreciate the behind-the-scenes efforts of everyone who contributed.

Special acknowledgment goes to Janet Fishbain, who regularly researched and prepared speaker bios each month. And Amanda Haynes served as our monthly book reviewer.

New opportunities for writers, artists, and promotions are coming soon. Contact [mkgnewsleter@gmail.com](mailto:mkgnewsleter@gmail.com).



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