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# November 14 Meeting

## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Members Only

### **SIVIA HARDING**

**Bishop O'Connor Center**

**702 S. High Point Rd., Madison**

#### **5:00 pm Doors Open**

- **Registration**
- **Sign-up for Show-N-Tell**
- **Drop off charity donations**
- **Pick up your MKG Mugs!**
- **Library**
- **Knit Aid**  
*Cables & Needle-less Cables*
- **Vendors**  
*The Cat and Crow*  
*Tis the Season*

#### **6:30 pm**

- **Meeting**
- **Program**  
*ONLY covered water bottles are allowed in the auditorium!*
- **Show-N-Tell**



Our November speaker, [Sivia Harding](#), is a knit designer from Portland, Oregon. She has been involved with fiber arts since a young teen, but only started knitting in 2000. Three years later she began designing her own patterns and almost simultaneously discovered beads. Knitted lace is her passion and it pairs perfectly with beads.

Sivia says she can't even think about knitting a piece without wondering where to add a few beads. She hopes that knitters won't be intimidated by beads saying that you can add a little sparkle to anything you knit once you find the right size bead to fit your yarn.

Her pattern list also includes lace and cable socks, finger and fingerless gloves and dazzling neckpieces. You may be familiar with Sivia's Harmonia Rings Cowl, a graceful cowl that uses Cat Bordhi's Moebius cast-on. What you may not have seen yet are her two recent additions – the Harmonia Rings Tunic and Harmonia Rings Sweater. Knitters of all sizes – the patterns are available in seven sizes from S to 3X – will add these to their knitting queues.

During her presentation, Sivia will be sharing her knitting journey as well as her current directions--which she reports to be many and varied--and show her most recent work. Back recently from a knitting cruise she responded to my questions by email.



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**What's a day like on a knitting cruise?**

There were some days spent at sea, and some days at ports of call. The days at sea featured classes and other events, and just gathering together to knit (with adult beverages close at hand)! The days in ports were fun too! We scouted out all the yarn shops, which treated us royally, and did touristy things. I never knew Alaska was so amazingly beautiful. I really loved my time there.

**If you could cruise and knit anywhere – what would be your choice and why?**

I would love to go somewhere farther away, a more exotic knitting destination like Iceland, Norway, or the Shetland Islands. I am a history geek and love to delve into cultural history. I guess I am an anthropologist at heart! When you are in a different country, or part of the world, it brings history alive. How wonderful to combine that adventure with knitting!

**What would surprise us about a knitting cruise?**

The entire ship was not knitting. Lots of "regular" passengers joined us... it was quite surprising how many knitters there are out there! And I suppose it is always a fresh surprise to see how well knitting goes with everything, everywhere. Traveling or cruising is no exception.

**If you could only knit one object, it would be?**

A Moebius something! I love Moebius to distraction. That may not be a very specific answer.

**What have you recently finished reading – can be knitting or not?**

I recently finished Lela Nargi's Knitting Around the World, which I found beautiful and fascinating. And I am listening now to an audio version of Great Expectations by Dickens, which I just based a design on for the Victorian Writers Club.

**Who would you love to spend one day with?**

Does it have to be a knitter? Abraham Lincoln is my idol. I would love to be able to spend a day with him.

**If money were no object I would splurge on?**

Fabulous rare fibers! Qiviut, cashmere, pygora, bison--bring it on!--and a beautiful big Lendrum Saxony wheel to spin them with.

# Meet Our November Vendors

**The Cat and Crow** at 205 E. Main Street in Mt. Horeb will bring Three Irish Girls yarn, handspun art yarns, Sivia Harding patterns and knitted-up samples, and Manos del Uruguay yarns to our November meeting. Their store specializes in local fibers and yarns as well as handmade gift items, plus spinning, felting, knitting, crochet, and some weaving supplies. Their local vendors include Blackberry Ridge Woolen Mill, Sandy's Palette, Four Crows Farm, and Raspberry Retreat Llama Haven. Visit their website at [www.thecatandcrowonline.com](http://www.thecatandcrowonline.com), call 608-437-1771 or email [info@thecatandcrowonline.com](mailto:info@thecatandcrowonline.com) for the list of classes offered at the store. Their next Hand Painting Workshop is Saturday, December 3, and their calendar shows felting, fingerless gloves, and bead necklace classes coming up soon.

**'Tis the Season** is a Christmas store with a yarn corner located at 7507 Hubbard Avenue in Middleton. They will bring seasonal gift ideas, an assortment of wool and blended yarns, a colorful new roving, and sheep- and knitting-related Christmas ornaments. The store features seasonal items and gifts for Easter, July 4th, Halloween, spring and fall, and Jim Shore's Heartwood Creek, Cherished Teddies, original art, hand knit items for baby, sports ornaments, angels, snowmen, Santas, books, needles, Bearington Bears, and stitchery kits. Their yarns include Galway, alpaca, Cascade 220, Dreambaby DK, mohair, Prism and Fuego. They are chock-full of fall and holiday décor. The store will have an open house from November 11-13, and their annual "bucks weekend" is November 18-20. While the guys are out hunting buck, gals are invited to come shopping. When you buy 50 bucks in merchandise you'll get 10 bucks off! Contact 'Tis the Season at 608-836-3749.

Thanks to both of our vendors for joining us! Whether you come to the meeting or not, please consider visiting their stores.

- Marilyn Huset



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## Badger Honor Flight

Su Timmermann will have tickets at the next meeting for a quilt raffle. Proceeds benefit this nonprofit organization that provides free airplane flights to veterans to see the memorials in Washington, DC.



## GET YOUR MKG MUG!



MKG mugs will be available at the November meeting. The purple mugs feature the updated guild logo and assure you'll always have your beverage capped during a guild meeting

If you've ordered one, please stop at the Hospitality desk to make your payment and pick up your mug. Didn't get around to ordering? No problem. We have extras and cost is only \$10!



*What started out as an obsession to find interesting and quality fibres & fripperies, has turned into an inspirational retreat for the connoisseur of the unique.*



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**HATS – SCARVES – MITTENS For 8 to 10 year olds are needed**

THANK YOU to everyone who knitted scarves for *Handmade Especially For You* and *Women Heart*. Many beautiful items were donated to these two important charities. Although the Guild collects and delivers items to a different charity each month, scarves for Handmade Especially For You may be brought every month, since the founder is a Guild member. Special tags are available at the table in the registration area. Add one to your scarf to indicate that it should be donated to them.

Want to personalize your knitted donation or give wash instructions? Guild care labels have been created for you. Pick them up at the next meeting.

Please send pictures of your knitting donations to [mkgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:mkgnewsletter@gmail.com)

### ONGOING COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*Place your donations in the area marked for the charity you would like to support.*

**Women's Prison:** Donate yarn, crochet hooks, patterns and related supplies.

**Yarn for Charity:** Donate yarn to be used by other knitters. *Remember*—this yarn is free if used to make community projects. Please donate \$1 per ball or skein if you take yarn for your own use.

- Jennifer Golubiewski, Community Projects Chair



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**SAVE THE DATES!**  
**December 12 Meeting**  
**“Second Chance for Second Harvest”**  
**Benefit Sale**

This holiday season, Madison Knitters' Guild members can help keep food on the shelves at [Second Harvest Foodbank](#) while at the same time adding to their own knitting supply stash. The “*Second Chance for Second Harvest*” benefit sale will take place at the December meeting, Monday, December 12. The Hospitality Committee will sort yarn, needles, books, and other supplies that have been donated to the Guild by past speakers, members and current board members. Packages will be displayed and sold for a \$5 or \$10 donation.

Second Harvest can provide 3 meals for every \$1 donation.

### **March 10 Knit-In**

One of the great benefits of MKG membership is the opportunity to sign up first for the annual Knit-In. This year's keynote speaker is Kate Gilbert, a knit designer who is also the Editor-in-Chief of *Twist Collective*, an online knitting magazine that showcases both designers and writers. The magazine is published three times a year and you can sign up for their monthly newsletters at [www.twistcollective.com](http://www.twistcollective.com).

MKG's Knit-In also features small teaching sessions in the morning and afternoon, lunch and the ever-popular Vendor Marketplace! More details and a registration form will appear in this newsletter late winter.

### **January 20-22 UFO Retreat**

No, we're not talking the intergalactic type. We're talking about all the UnFinished Objects in your bags, baskets and other hiding places throughout the house. Pack them up and join your friends for a day or the whole weekend at the Chalet Landhaus in New Glarus, January 20-22, 2012. MKG will have a special hotel reservation rate for members who choose to stay overnight. Need more incentive to turn a UfO into a CO—Completed Object? Every CO earns you a chance for a prize drawing! Watch for more details in the next newsletter.

### **May 14 Meeting Annual Stash Sale**

Guild members may sell their own yarn, needles, accessories, books, patterns, finished items and UFOs. Watch for details this spring!



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## **K1, P1, Cook 1!**

Recipes to get you away from the stove and back to your needles. Share your favorite recipe that's quick, satisfying, and leaves more time for knitting. Send recipes to [kgnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kgnewsletter@gmail.com).

This recipe was prepared by Gael Boyd as one of the dinner choices at a recent knitting/quilting retreat held at the Jones Mansion in Mineral Point. We have her Aunt Priscilla, a fabulous knitter, of Essex, MA, to thank for this hearty soup.

### **Portuguese Kale & Sausage Soup**

Kale, fresh or frozen - approx. 8oz.  
1 large yellow onion, chopped  
1 red bell pepper, chopped  
6 cloves garlic, crushed  
3 lg. red or gold potatoes, chopped  
1 lb. linguica, andouille or hot Italian sausage (used Klement's andouille)  
8 cups chicken broth  
1 lb. can diced tomatoes w/liquid  
1 - 15oz. can cannelloni or kidney beans, rinsed & drained (substituted 3 lg. carrots, chopped)  
1 bay leaf  
1 serrano or jalapeno pepper, deseeded & chopped (optional, didn't use)  
1/2 tsp. paprika  
Salt & pepper to taste

Sauté onion & peppers until soft, add sausage & brown.

Add garlic and sauté for another few minutes, do not let it brown.

If using fresh kale wash thoroughly and tear from stems into bite size pieces.

Add broth, kale & all other ingredients, simmer until potatoes are fork tender.



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