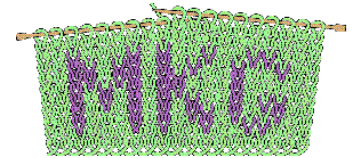


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter from Our President

The Memphis heat is upon us! No more knitting on my back porch for a while.

We were in the Commercial Appeal! The article can be found at <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2010/jun/09/internationally-known-knitter-to-teach-workshops/>.

We sent the workshop flyers to yarn shops in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. We will get a full status report at our meeting.

Thanks to those of you who participated in the Worldwide Knit in Public Day! Thanks to Maggie and Amy for coordinating the locations. You can see pictures on Ravelry Memphis Knitting

Guild group in 2 threads: WWKIP and Worldwide Knit in Public Day.

Speaking of Ravelry, May's program was very interesting and informative! How wonderful to take advantage of technology!

Jan Hamilton brought books for the Delta Fair to the May meeting. I will bring some of them to the June meeting along with those for the Mid-South Fair. Details for the fairs can be found at <http://www.deltafest.com/> and <http://midsouthfair.org/>. We will have an opportunity to demo at both fairs; details forthcoming. I hope you are selecting your submissions!

Logo contest: I have 2 submissions. Please provide yours by end-of-day Monday, June 21. Send them to mkgpresident@gmail.com, and we'll see them at the meeting.

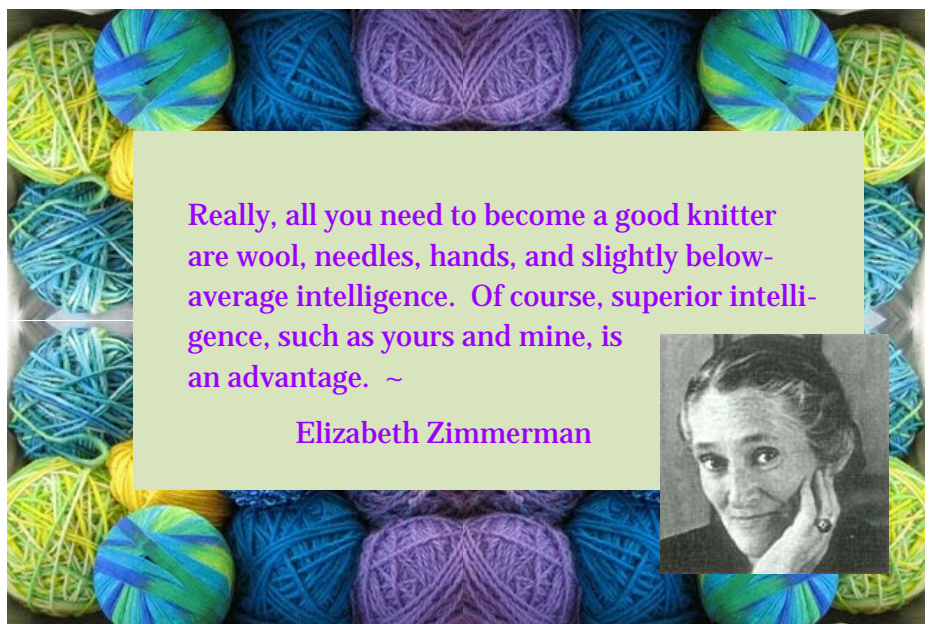
Hold the date: Sunday, July 25th will be our summer event, in lieu of the usual Tuesday meeting (July 27th). We plan on holding an auction, so be thinking of items which you want to bring. Details will be provided soon.

See you Tuesday, June 22!

Kathy

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Really, all you need to become a good knitter are wool, needles, hands, and slightly below-average intelligence. Of course, superior intelligence, such as yours and mine, is an advantage. ~

Elizabeth Zimmerman



VP Report

The Sally Melville flyers are out. Hank of Yarn sent letters to all knits shop in TN,AR,MS.

Knit in Public on Sunday was fun. We had a lady come by that saw a notice on Lion Heart web site, checked it out, saw we were going to be at the library and came. We gave her a MKG card, shared ideas with her. Another lady came to see what we

were doing. I will share her thoughts with everyone at the meeting.

We really need ladies to volunteer to do programs at the meetings. We want to share all our knowledge. If you decide to chair the program, then we can get other ladies to make samples or what ever needs done. Ladies please think about it. I know not all of us like to stand up in

front of a group and talk. I am one of those, if you remember the first meeting I talked so fast, but I it gets easier.

Gail

"Knit your hearts
with an unslipping knot."
-- Antony and Cleopatra



Charity Endeavors

We have sent the care packages to First Works for their Outreach Program.

Please remember the ongoing charities: Chemo hats, baby hats, any sewing, knitting, or crochet items.

Be sure to work on items for this year's Fairs---Delta and Mid-South.

We thank you in advance,

Rita

Here are some cute patterns we found in Ravelry for chemo and baby hats.



Colorful Summer
Chemo Cap
Free Ravelry Pattern



I Love You Momma
Chemo Hat
Free Ravelry Pattern



Fresh Picked Baby Hat
Free Ravelry Pattern



Boo Striped Baby Hat
Free Ravelry Pattern



Jingle Bells Baby Hat
Free Ravelry Pattern

Member Spotlight

Each month, we want to spotlight a few of our members by including a little bio and a photo of each. (Some of the answers may surprise you!) This is just a small way for us to get to know each other a little better. Of course, if you would prefer not to participate in the spotlight section, that's ok.

Kristin Geater

How long have you been knitting? **5-1/2 years**

What do you love about knitting? **Shopping for yarn, working on the project, watching it grow and the satisfaction of seeing it finished.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Sewing for my babies (Kaitlin 2 and Caleb 6 months), making hair bows for my little girl, drinking coffee, baking, reading biographies, historical fiction (especially anything related to Europe from the Middle Ages to the Victorians), Jane Austen and the occasional paperback mystery, and eating cupcakes at Muddy's Bake Shop.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I'm very girly, but I really love to watch Deadliest Warrior with my husband. It's the show where they take two historical warriors and test out their weaponry to see who would win in a fictional fight between the two. It's totally not my kind of show, but I think it is so interesting!**



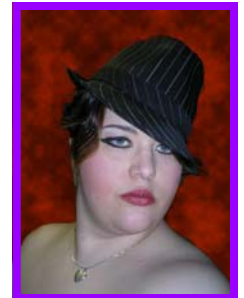
Amy Williams

How long have you been knitting? **About 5 years.**

What do you love about knitting? **Designing and seeing it come to fruition.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Photography, decorating (on a budget), animals, Stargate, Ghost-hunter or paranormal documentary shows.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **Before I'm here too long, everyone will know more about me than they probably care to.**



Lisa Loftis

How long have you been knitting? **7 plus years**

What do you love about knitting? **The process . . . definitely a process knitter. Love texture, fiber, luxurious yarns.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Spinning**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I was a pastry chef for 10 years, a corporate manager for 12. Also, I was an ice sculptor and placed 3rd in a national competition.**



May Meeting Highlights

We had a great meeting in May— Jessica, Eloise and Gail demonstrated on the big screen all the great features of Ravelry. It really is a “black hole” of information. And it’s absolutely free for us to use.

Also, here is a good piece of information from Carrie regarding Freecycle.

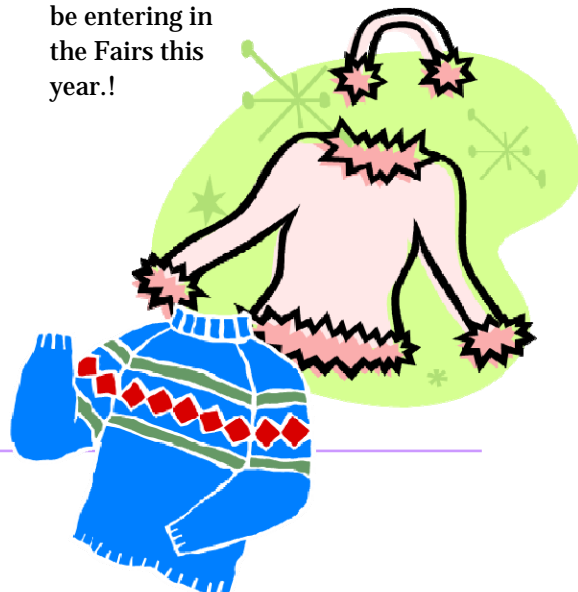
Freecycle: Internet-based international community recycling project of re-use/sharing usable goods. The Memphis group has recently been renamed as MemphisReUseIt on Yahoo Group. The purpose is to post for items you have to give

away, but don’t want to throw away, post for needs/wants etc..

To join the list, simply click the blue “Join This Group” button. For groups outside of Memphis, visit: >[ReUseIt](#)

The Memphis, TN Area ReUseIt Network is open to all who want to “recycle” that special something rather than throw it away. Whether it’s a table, a printer, or an old door, feel free to post it. Nonprofit groups are also welcome to participate too! ONE RULE: everything must be free, legal, and appropriate for all ages.

Also, Jan Hamilton, Director of Crafts, Culinary & Collectibles, Universal Fairs, was a guest at the meeting. She coordinates these categories for both the Delta Fair and the Mid-South Fair. She got us all to thinking about what we would be entering in the Fairs this year.!



Nothin’ but Knittin’

Do you have an extraordinary, funny, unexpected, incredible, horrible, wonderful (or all of the above) knitting story? We’d love to hear about it. Surely, there’s that one time that really sticks out—one that you really maybe have tried to forget?! Come on, share it with the group—there may be (probably is) someone who has had the same experience.

Email Ann at anniek-nits555@aol.com with your story and we’ll include one story a month in the next issue of the newsletter.



Mom, are you sure this will block out?



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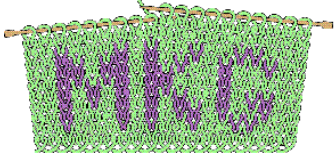
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Purpose

The Memphis Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills.

The Memphis Knitting Guild is a Member of TKGA.

Please join us for our regular meetings the 4th Tuesday at the Poplar-White Station Library, 5094 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. Meetings begin with a meet and greet at 6:00 pm.

June Program

BOBBLES!

We will be using a TKGA "Learn a Stitch Kit" to explore the world of bobbles. You will learn the basic structure of bobbles, and several variations. You will receive a valuable handout, and have the opportunity to examine completed samples in different yarns, colors, and needle sizes. Bring worsted weight yarn and size 8 needles to practice.

Future Meetings

June 22	September 28
July—TBD	October 26
August 24	November 23
	December 28

2010 Events

As was mentioned in our last MKG meeting, listed below are some events the Memphis Knitting Guild is interested in participating in throughout our new year. If you think you might be interested in organizing and coordinating any of these events, please contact mkgpresident@gmail.com. We need your help— lots of knitting experience is **not** a prerequisite! In addition, if you can think of any other events that you think would be fun for us, please let us know.

Stitch N Pitch (May)

Knit in Public Day (June)

Delta Fair (Fall)

Mid-South Fair (Fall)



2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of 4 new books to our library last month. They are as follows:

Knitting Tips & Trade Secrets by The Taunton Press

Handknit Style II by Linden Ward and Beryl Hiatt

The Yarn Girls' Guide to Knits for all Seasons by Julie Carles and Jordana Jacobs

Home Knits by Suss Cousins

Do you have any suggestions on content you would like added to the Guild library? Please forward your requests to: mkgpresident@gmail.com.

Terrie

Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings

VHS

Knitted Trims – For Woven, Pieced, Felted, Crocheted, and Knitted Projects by Ginger Luters

Knitting Workshop by Elizabeth Zimmerman

- Part 1 — Beginnings, A Hat
- Part 2 — Two Sweaters
- Part 3 — Master Classes

Hand Knitted Lace by Nancie Wiseman

Knitty Gritty TV Shows (with printed materials)

- Video 1 — Episodes 101-211
- Video 2 — Episodes 212-213

DVDs

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Free Form Knitting by Colleen Davis

Knitty Gritty TV Shows

Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213

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Home Knits by Suss Cousin

Knitting Without Tears by Elizabeth Zimmerman

At Knit's End by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Quick Knits by Vogue Knitting

Hand Knits for the Home By Caroline Birkett


Knitting the New Classics by Kristin Nickolas

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs

Knit Two (a sequel to The Friday Night Knitting Club)by Kate Jacobs

Drunk, Divorced and Covered in Cat Hair by Crazy Aunt Purl -Laurie Perry

The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs (this is the guilds 2nd copy)



Knit Two by Kate Jacobs
Heirloom Knits by Judith McLeod-Odell
Things I Learned from Knitting Weather I Wanted to or Not by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee
Knitting Beyond the Edge by Nicky Epstein
Domino Knitting by Vivian Hoxbro
Never Knit Your Man a Sweater Unless you've got the Ring by Judith Durant
Big Needle Knit Afghans by Jeanne Stauffer
Nursery Rhyme Knits by Teresa Boyer
Knitting Circles around Socks by Antje Gillingham
Knitwear Design Workshop by Shirley Paden
Styles by Sally Melville
Book 1: The Knit Stitch by Sally Melville
Book 2: The Purl Stitch by Sally Melville
Book 3: Color by Sally Melville
Mother Daughter Knits by Sally Melville
It Itches by Franklin Habit
Knit Together by Debbie Macomber

Booklets & Handouts (free to members)

Tricks of the Trade by Carol Anderson
Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)
Duplicate Stitch Handouts
2005 Newsletters

Magazines

Cast On magazine May/June 2010
Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Knitting in the Movies

Babe (implied)
Babette's Feast
The Bat (1927 silent film) Character Cornelia Van Gorder knits almost constantly.
Battlefront (men knitting)
Bend It Like Beckham (Parminder Nagra, Keira Knightly)
Mrs Bhamra (Shaheen Khan) is knitting for her expected grandchild.
Beware of Blondie (Penny Singleton, 1940'2?)
Birthday Girl (Nicole Kidman) She's knitting a red sweater with reindeer on it for her boyfriend/husband.
Blues Brothers 2000
Boogie Nights (2000?, 10 secs of J. Moore knitting a ?sock?)
Bless the Child (K. Basinger, J. Smits)
The Bliss of Mrs. Blossom (Shirley MacLaine, 1986)
Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961, Audrey Hepburn)
Breathing Lessons (Joanne Woodward, James Garner, 1994)
Breathless
Bridges of Madison County (Meryl Streep knits briefly)
Brighton Beach Memoirs (Anne Bancroft knits, winds yarn)
Brokeback Mountain (Heath Ledger, Jake Gyllenhall, Michelle Williams) Michelle Williams' character knits during a boring night at home with a crabby Heath boyfriend/husband.

Our Creations

Below are some of the gorgeous creations and pattern info that were shown in our last meeting.



Carrie's lovely pink scarf.
The Easy Lace Scarf Mira-
sol Qina in Pink



Elise's pink shawl—Ravelry
pattern—\$5 charge. Red
Heart Acrylic

[http://www.ravelry.com/
patterns/library/](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/)



Donnita's baby blanket—
Softee Baby—Knit Baby Blan-
ket, Bernat Acrylic



Christy's Beaded Scarf (free pat-
tern on knitty.com) Malabrigo
lace in the "rosewood" colorway

[http://www.knitty.com/
ISSUEwinter09/
KSPATTbitterroot.php](http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEwinter09/KSPATTbitterroot.php)



Jessica's sweater (Boku
—12 balls)
Klaralund Kimono
Sweater "Noro—Meet
the Man Behind the Leg-
endary Yarn"



Carol's unique
creation—love it!



Maggie's Kimono—"Knit
Kimono" Plymouth Fan-
tasy Naturale yarn



Rita's Eddie Elephant, Knitted Toy Tales:
Irresistible Characters for All Ages Using
Plymouth Jeannee yarn.

Sharon's socks -
Spring Vine, Kramer
Yarns—Spring

