



## Newsletter, September 2006

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 12, 2006  
7:30 pm, Waterloo Rec Centre

“2006/2007 Program –  
Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle  
(see details on page 2)

### KWKG Executive 2006-2007

These are the people who volunteer their time to make your guild the best it can be.

**President:** Nancy Binder, 883-1803  
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Kara Guild, 747-4157

**Goodwill:** Shelagh Hitchens, 886-7379

*Call Shelagh if you know of a Guild member who needs sympathy or congratulations. We like to look after our members, but need to have the info to do that so that Shelagh can send a card.*

**Library:** Marian Davies, [mrdavies@library.uwaterloo.ca](mailto:mrdavies@library.uwaterloo.ca)  
Cari Angold, 747-5535

#### Promotion:

**Volunteer Co-Ordinator:** Bev Mawdsley, 634-8615  
**Knitters' Fair Organizer:** Louise Krmpotic, 744-6700  
**Raffle Table:** Alfie Galda, Karen Ireland  
**Yarn Table:** Katherine Matthews, Megan Andrews,  
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### Newsletter deadline for items or articles: 20<sup>th</sup> of Each Month!

### Guild Web Site!

The Guild web site is up – check it out!

[www.kwknittersguild.ca](http://www.kwknittersguild.ca)

For info on how to use the Guild web site – see Page 3.

### A Word from the President

*H, and welcome back to another season of knitting.*

*I hope everyone had a good and enjoyable summer. My husband and I took a week to spend in Kingston during July (we were celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary). The weather was pretty good on the whole. We did get caught in the rain one afternoon though and it rained pretty heavily on and off for the rest of the day. Oh well, we needed to rest our tired feet!*

*I had knit a couple of baby blankets over the course of last winter. When they were done I realized that I didn't have anyone to give them to. Well, during a visit with my family, it came out that Merrymount Children's Centre is always seeking donations of any kind. Well to make this story short, the blankets were sent there by way of my brother-in-law. In the mean time I had forgotten about them until I received a lovely Thank You card with a note inside from the Program Supervisor. Apparently the blankets will go to teen parents with new babies. Merrymount Children's Centre is a family support and crisis centre located in London. It's nice to know the blankets will be used.*

*I made it to the Knit-in-the-Park event held at Waterloo Park and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The weather was quite pleasant. There was a good turn out over the course of the day. People would arrive as others left. It might be an idea to have more of these on a more regular basis – during the warmer weather of course.*

*Well, hope to see you at the September meeting.*

**Nancy Binder**  
Guild President 2006-2007

## 2006/2007 Program

### Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

For years Environmentalists have encouraged us to *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle* in the name of preserving the planet we call home. Well, what is good for the global environment is good for the personal environment, too. This year, our Program theme is ***Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle as applied to knitting!***

This year we're bringing in speakers to help us address issues such as reducing those expanding yarn stashes, reclaiming UFOs (UnFinished Objects), and responsibly managing toxic knitting disasters. Among our guests this year we'll welcome *Knitty's* Amy Singer, the very talented Maureen Mason-Jamieson, the illustrious Yarn Harlot herself Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, and the Kitchener-Waterloo Knitters' Guild's own Alfie Galda. You won't want to miss a single meeting this year.

In addition to guest speakers, the Program Committee is also organizing two Challenges for 2006/2007.

Our first is designed to get you thinking about practical ways to *Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle*. It's the One Ball Challenge, in which you'll receive a random ball of yarn. The challenge is for you to use that ball of yarn. You'll hear more about this at the September meeting.

Our second challenge combines fun with environmentally friendly natural fibres (not to mention soap and hot water) in the art of Felting. Don't let this happen to your sweater by accident; do it on purpose to make great garments and accessories! If you've never tried Felting before, 2006/2007 is your chance. We're sure you'll love it, and that everyone will love the marvelous projects you create. You'll hear more about our Felting challenge later.

On behalf of the Program Committee, welcome back! Pull out those needles and get ready for an entertaining and informative year.

- Kara, Betty, and Joy

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Along with your newsletter, you should receive a copy of the K-W Knitters' Guild membership form. If not, it can be printed from the web site. Renewals received prior to the September meeting will be eligible for a draw for a free membership!

When filling in your membership form, please provide your e-mail address so that you can receive your newsletters by e-mail.

## Knitting Bags

Norma Hounsell wants to remind all 2005-2006 members that haven't yet picked up your commemorative Guild knitting bag -- You can pick them up at the Guild Table at the Knitters' Fair on September 9.

**Absolutely last chance is the September 12 Guild meeting.**

## K-W Knitter's Fair

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2006

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: [Bingemans](#)

425 Bingemans Centre Drive  
Kitchener, Ontario

Admission: \$5.00

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## 2006 Adjudicated Show

The KW Knitters' Guild Adjudicated Show was held on June 6, 2006. Our emcee for the night was Sally Melville and our adjudicator was Barbara Klunder.

Barbara's talk and slide show of her work showed us her artistic background and sense of humour as well as the variety of her projects.

There were eight categories for adjudication and 140 entries in total. Photos of the winning items are on our website. All of the entries were modeled at the show making for a great "show & tell". It is interesting to see your own item worn/displayed by someone else, at a distance – gives a new perspective to a project you have spent a lot of time on up close.

What can I say about the models that night? The modeling agency, which had been lined up for the night, cancelled a week before the show. Guild member Heather Morton was able to recruit teenagers to volunteer as models – and they just about stole the show! Thanks to Heather, her sons, and the rest of the models for making it a show to remember.

We want to thank again all of our volunteers who made the show a success. Thanks to Sally and Barbara for an evening of entertainment.

The next show will be in June 2008. Please plan to enter. Get knitting!

*Janet Davidson*

## How You Can Use Your Web Site

Have you checked out the Guild web site yet? Isn't it fabulous? If you haven't, then log on to [www.kwknittersguild.ca](http://www.kwknittersguild.ca) and be impressed. If you do not have internet access, I urge you to go to the nearest public library and get help to log on and look at it. Daytimes during the work week are

probably the best times to try, as fewer people are using the library. And it's free.

Those of you who receive your Newsletter by e-mail, will now be receiving an e-mail to alert you when the new Newsletter is posted. As each new one arrives, the previous month is retired, so take a hard copy when it appears. Open Membership and you will see a high-lighted Newsletter that you can click on to read.

Browse through the site and take a look at each of the titles listed on the left side of the home page. This will give you a good idea of where to find things.

Galleries are pictures, so you can see the Adjudicated show winners from 2006, as well as some general pictures of the Guild and some of its members.

The Calendar is also important. It will show when the meetings are, as well as other knitterly things going on in K-W.

If you use Internet Explorer as your web browser and would like to have the Guild site as your home page (to have it appear whenever you click on Internet Explorer), this is what to do:

1. Bring up the Guild web page.
2. At the top of your screen you will see : **File Edit View Favorites Tools Help**
3. Click on **Tools** and scroll down to **Internet Options...** and click.
4. At the resulting **General** tab, under **Home Page** click on **Use Current**.
5. At the bottom of the box click on **Apply** then **OK**.

You're done. The Guild web page will always appear for you.

If you have questions or problems, go to Membership and send an e-mail to [info@kwknittersguild.ca](mailto:info@kwknittersguild.ca), or grab someone at a meeting and ask.

*Your Web Page Committee*

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## 2007 K-W Knitters' Retreat

Sign up for the 7th Annual Knitters' Retreat. It will be April 27th to 29th, 2007 at Brentwood on the Beach located in St Joseph Shores, between Grand Bend and Bayfield. Although we do not offer formal workshops, many ideas and techniques are shared.

The Knitters' Retreat is open exclusive to K-W Knitters Guild Members until September 30, 2006. To reserve your spot, please respond by September 30, 2006 with your postdated cheques. After that date, it is open to the general public.

The cost is \$260.00 and includes Friday night dinner; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. Two cheques are required to hold your spot, one postdated for November 15, 2006 in the amount of \$100.00 and the second one postdated for April 1st, 2007 in the amount of \$160.00. Make cheques payable to Brentwood on the Beach. See Zona Endres at the September Meeting to sign up or call Zona at 519-749-9762 or email at zonaknitz@rogers.com if you have any questions or to reserve a space.

### **May Show and Tell**

**Alfie Galda** - Inspired by a store-bought stole, a stole made of long knitted rectangles – feel inspired to design your own!

**Janet** – scarf with tassels

**Louise Krmptic** – denim blue shrug with sleeves

**Hill Robertson** – black/white Norwegian stranded sweater with colour duplicate stitching

**Carol Mook-Soulis** – red and white Lopi ski sweater

## **May Library Report – Greta Cramer**

During the period September 05 to May 06, the K-W Knitters' Guild library purchased 39 books and several magazines.

Thank you all for your cooperation – you are a Great group! I learned a lot working with you and messing about in the library.

Thanks again, Greta

## **Library Update – Marian Davies**

Cari and I look forward to helping you with your library needs by promoting new acquisitions, as well as spotlighting older treasures, satisfying hold requests and helping you get the information you need. Kate Seely recently received a very nice donation from Joanne Tate, a former guild member. A complete list of this donation is forthcoming.

## **Raffle Table – Alfie & Karen**

Our raffle draw is a non-profit, just for fun concept in turn giving back to our members.

Prizes are varied in value and in the past 6 months have included:

- Books which are valued between \$30-\$50 – 8
- A leather lunch/knitting/handbag - \$45
- Sea Grass Knitting Basket - \$25
- Small items worth \$25, \$20 or \$10 – you've won 19
- Sock and scarf yarn/kits, and occasionally a skein of silk or silk chenille - \$15 - \$35 value

In the past 6 months, you've won more than 38 items.

We have collected \$384.51 worth of Zehrs tapes in the last 2 years and \$1,412.63 in the last 10 years. Keep bringing in your Zehrs' tapes.

## A Tip from Fiona Ellis!

*I have a latch tool that came with my knitting machine and it in fact just a machine knitting needle with a fancy plastic handle on it. I love it for "sewing" in ends. It is just the right gauge for most work that I do and is not so chunky that it would pull or distort finer knitting. So I weave it through the back of the knitting (approx. 5/6 sts) working towards the end to be sewn in. Place the yarn end into the hook and pull it back through the knitting, as you do this the latch closes and holds the end securely as it is pulled through the work. Snip off any excess and the end is secured. No need for threading of needles over and over.*

*I also use it for picking up drop stitches and re working stitches where I have made a mistake a few rows below. You can use a crochet hook for this but having the latch closure makes it much easier to manipulate the stitches without dropping them*

Fiona Ellis, [www.fionaellisonline.com](http://www.fionaellisonline.com)

## WEB SIGHTINGS

*Kate Seely submitted these two web sites....*

Are you like me? Hate doing short rows, because the first thing people say is "Oh, look, you did short rows." I know they are not supposed to show. So try these **Japanese short rows**. They disappeared and I may actually have found an answer at [http://nonaknits.typepad.com/nonaknits/2005/04/japanese\\_short\\_.html](http://nonaknits.typepad.com/nonaknits/2005/04/japanese_short_.html)

Have you come across an **abbreviation** that you haven't understood? You search for the explanation and even then you don't understand? Then this is definitely a web site for you to bookmark at [http://www.knittinghelp.com/knitting/abbreviations\\_explained/](http://www.knittinghelp.com/knitting/abbreviations_explained/) and never have problems again! Not only is there an explanation but there's video. And not only video but two videos, one for continental knitters and one for right hand throwers. It's an invaluable web site.

## Not your average "Dear Anne" Column

This is the first edition of the KW Guild Newsletter, with me, Anne Featonby, as Newsletter Editor. I hope to bring my own style to this column. You've had great newsletters for the past few years, thanks to Kate – so I've got big socks to fill (hand knit ones I'm sure).

It's my job to keep the newsletter informative, on topic, and to set the "style" so to speak of it's reporting. My take on the Guild, and the world of knitting, is influenced by my outlook as an enthusiastic traditional knitter, as a Guild member, as a knitting traveler, as a knit blogger, and as a home-based yarn retailer. All of these aspects of my knitting life will influence how I see things.

I'm committed to do my best, but I need your help.

Come across a great web site that you think your fellow members might be interested in – send me the link and a note as to why you think it would be helpful to your fellow guild members.

Any of you out there blog about your knitting? If so, send me your blog addresses – I'd like to do a report on fellow Guild member bloggers.

Done any knit-related travelling over the summer? Send me a trip report! I myself went to Shetland this summer with a group of knitters – and I'm blogging about it now on my blog.....  
[www.shadesofshetland.blogspot.com](http://www.shadesofshetland.blogspot.com)

Every time you send me a tidbit or an article for the newsletter, your name will be submitted for a draw to take place at the end of the year.

I hope you enjoy my take on the knitting world. As usual, the Editor has the final word – sometimes you'll agree with me, sometimes you won't, but that's life right?

Take time to enjoy your knitting.

Anne Featonby, Newsletter Editor

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## Guild Goings On...

**Regular events that happen at each Guild meeting, and scheduled non-meeting member groups.**

**Show and Tell** – Your fellow knitters love to see recent projects you've completed at the monthly show and tell -- only 2 items per knitter please.

**Raffle Table** – turn in your Zehr's tapes to the Raffle table and get a FREE raffle ticket. Buy raffle tickets for great prizes!

**Knit-Lit** - The date for the next meeting is Wednesday, September 20, 2-4:00 pm. We will be discussing the books by author Thomas Rendall Curran, "The Rossiter File" and "Undertow". You can read one or both. The venue will be announced later. Anyone interested in joining us please contact me at [leeclevercat@aol.com](mailto:leeclevercat@aol.com) or find me at the meeting. I'll make an announcement so you'll know who I am.

**Knit'n'Chat** - continues on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening of the month from 7:00 p.m. 'til whenever at Whole Lotta Gelato across from Waterloo Towne Square in Waterloo. Diehard chatters meet every week.

**Knitting 911, Knitting 411** - Kate Seely is usually at Starbucks in Waterloo Chapters from 10 to 11 a.m. on any given Wednesday. She can answer questions or tell you who can, or she can calm your panic attack with laughter and caffeine.

**Newsletter** - Don't forget that every time you submit something to the Newsletter, your name goes into the "Newsletter Submissions" draw which will be made at the May 2007 meeting.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Impressions Needle Arts Show**

September 15 & 16, 2006

Coliseum at Stratford Fairgrounds  
20 Glastonbury Drive, Stratford, ON

Friday – 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**\$5 admission**

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