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ENTER YOUR KNITTING IN THE FAIR BY CHRISTINE HALL

This is the time of year to consider making a project to enter into a county or state fair. Please do a little research before making something to find out what the categories are. A personal tip is, don't compete against yourself. The first time I entered a fair, I put two dresses in the smocking category. I won a first and second place. I could have entered one of the dresses in the children's dresses category had I known this was a different judging and possibly have won two first place ribbons.

Deb Bosetti has been quite successful over the years in entering her projects in the Champaign County Fair. This past summer Deb won best of show for the felted purse she is holding up. Her entralac socks took a first place and a scarf she knit took first place.

Shelley Stevens has won at the county and state level! The afghan and the I-pad bag both took Best of Show last year at Clark County - firsts this year at State.



These five pictures are from Shelley's prize winning entries.



Deb Bosetti with her ribbon

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Wendy Christensen has been very successful at the Greene County Fair. Last summer she won three blue ribbons for a hat, a scarf and a rabbit.



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RAVELRY BY CHRISTINE HALL

Rebecca Lowe was the featured presenter for the January guild meeting. Rebecca did a wonderful presentation on Ravelry. It was obvious she is quite an expert and spent a lot of time and effort putting the presentation together. Thank you Rebecca!

I am a huge fan of Ravelry and I want to tell you how it is a time and money saver for me. First of all there are thousands of free patterns on Ravelry. Despite the fact that many patterns are free you do have to use the “buyer be ware” attitude. Check and see how many people have finished the project and read the comments before you spend your time. I recently found a scarf I loved until I read the comments. After seeing multiple comments about how I have never ripped anything out so much and I would never knit this again, I moved on to a different pattern before I cast on a stitch.

In your personal library, not only can you retrieve patterns you have downloaded from Ravelry, but you can list all the knitting, crochet and weaving books you have on your shelf. The reason you want to do this is because it may save you from purchasing a book twice. If you see a pattern that is featured in a book in your library Ravelry will let you know you already own the pattern. On the other side of the coin if you are considering purchasing a book, you can see all the featured patterns in the book. Often you can purchase individual patterns on Ravelry. If you only want to knit one or two of the designs in a book this may be a money saver for you.

I cataloged my library by taking photos of the spines of the books with my cell phone camera. As you enter the book name into your Ravelry library, usually a list appears of books with similar names. You can look at the list and choose the title often without typing in the entire book title. This took me less than an hour to catalog my books. If you have hundreds of books, this may take you an afternoon. (Continued on page 7.)

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RAVELRY (CONT.)

Another organizing tip I have is that if a pattern from Ravelry is free but not a Ravelry download, make a note of where you stored the pattern. For instance if you printed the pattern, you can make a note that it is stored in your red notebook. I try not to print patterns until I use them. So I make note that the pattern is stored on the hard drive of my lap top or on the home server. This has saved me loads of time looking for patterns. I also have some paper patterns and booklets I purchased years before we had Ravelry and computers. I have added these to my Ravelry library and made note that these are paper patterns or booklets and they are stored on my shelf in the yellow binder. This has saved my sanity on several occasions. You can also make note in the library if you have lent a book or paper pattern to someone. Again this can save you a lot of time looking for a pattern that is not in your house.

I have been slowly cataloging my yarn stash. Whenever I bring new yarn home, I put the yarn names and

amount in Ravelry before it goes into storage. You can make a note of where you put the yarn such as green bin or drawer in guest room. The older stash is cataloged a few balls at a time when I am in the organizing mood. The benefit of this is that you know what you have. If you see a pattern you like in Ravelry often it will tell you if someone else has knit that project with yarn you have in your stash. This is a great way to use up balls of yarn you didn't know what to do with. You can also save money by not purchasing a ball of yarn that you already own.

There is also a feature to keep track of your hooks and needles. Most of us have the standard sizes. When you are in a yarn shop and want to knit something with the new extra bulky yarn, you can check Ravelry on your smart phone to see if you indeed have that pair of size 17 needles or not and save yourself a trip back to the store if your don't.

Ravelry is not just a place for inspiration but a great way to organize your knitting life and save money so you can afford that extra special ball of yarn.

THIS IS WHY I KNIT

BY MARY OWENS

I became an empty nester, lost my father, and took care of my mother-in-law after a heart attack. Needless to say, I was under a lot of stress. I read a newspaper article about the knitting group at Books and Co. and thought that might be something to get me out of a major slump. I stood behind some book shelves while I observed the group and decided they looked like nice ladies (I am a bit shy!). These kind ladies suggested that I take lessons from Kay at the Yarn Basket. Due to Kay's patience, I finally learned to knit and joined the Books and Co. group. From that day on I have found so much pleasure in the process of knitting, the relaxation that comes with it, and the wonderful lifelong friends I have made through the knitting group and the Guild.

Some of my favorite knitting stories follow.

I went on a trip with my daughter, Jennifer, to explore Civil War battlefields and took my knitting along to pass the time while we drove.

Jennifer had a convertible so I have a picture of me knitting with the top down and my yarn flying out behind me. Since she was the driver she chose the top down instead of me knitting and I had to give up! My husband is thrilled that I learned to knit as he likes to drive on vacations. I used to sleep or read to pass the long hours in the car but now I actually talk to him while I am knitting. Last year we drove 4,000 miles on a trip and I knitted a shawl. I have even been known to wear a headlamp and knit at night while we are traveling.

This year we went on a train trip and I almost finished another shawl. Of course, my husband's patience was tested when I discovered I was missing my toolkit and needed a crochet hook and tape measure. Luckily, we found Walmart and resupplied!

Knitting has brought me friends, relaxation, challenges to keep my mind sharp and lots of new experiences. I wouldn't trade it for anything

MEET YOUR GUILD MEMBERS

SANDY KULIK

Q: Tell us a little about yourself

A: I have three children, 2 daughters and 1 son. My youngest son lives in St. Louis and is married with 3 children. My oldest daughter lives here in Dayton and is the reason I moved back to be closer to her and her partner. I was born and raised in Pittsburgh and moved to Dayton originally in 1983 and worked at the University of Dayton as the Safety and Health Administrator until 2000 when I moved to Blacksburg VA to take work at Virginia Tech as a Fire Safety Engineer and to be closer to my parents who needed help. My health forced me to take early retirement a few years ago.

Q: What is your favorite thing to knit?

A: I've been knitting since I was 16 years old. An old boyfriend taught me how to knit in high school. I knit just about anything and everything, but I do like a challenge once in a while. I like to make sweaters, shawls and love color work. My favorite yarn is Koigu and many years ago Mary Hal Davis from the guild got me hooked on collecting it, I have a blanket chest full of it, over 700 skeins last time I did an inventory.

Q: What are you working on now?

A: I have several sweaters on needles and winter is always busy making hats, scarves, cowls and mitts for the grand kids. Having just moved back to Dayton in October, I'm still trying to unpack and organize the stash.

Q: Do you have a favorite hint to share?

A: In Blacksburg I worked at a yarn shop part time and taught classes there. I believe anyone can knit and the knitting brings people together with the common interest and friendships develop through that interest. I've made friends all over through

knitting and you always feel welcome when around other knitters.

Q: Do you have any other interests?

A: I like to binge watch series on HBO, etc. while I knit. I'm on the internet with

Ravelry and like all the new apps for knitting, such as Knit Companion, I never print out patterns anymore since I started using it.

Q: Is there something you want the guild members to know about you?

A: Over the years of knitting I've developed a talent for finishing and fixing projects and it has turned into a mini business for me. People send me all the completed pieces of a project and I sew them together, block and finish them. It gives me a sense of accomplishment to see someone's hard work look finished as it should.

I chose to come back to Dayton now that my parents are gone not just for my daughter and her partner but because of the close friends I've had in the Dayton knitting guild. I joined the guild soon after it began in the late 80's and have been a member every since. It is amazing to me how the guild has grown and how the younger generation of knitters have found the community so welcoming as I have all these years.

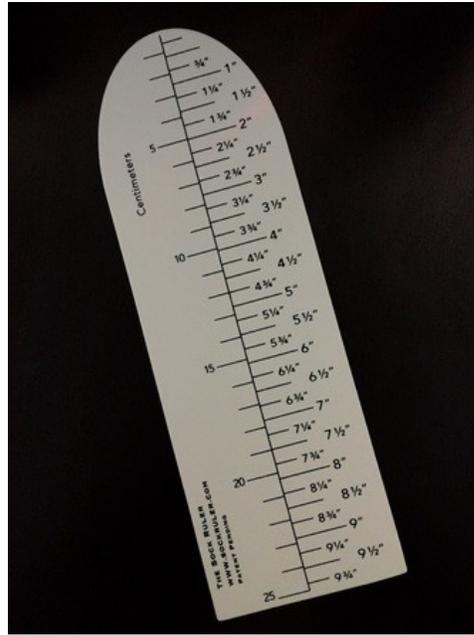
Editor's Note—Sandy knit the amazing sweater she is wearing in the photo. We are so lucky to have her in our guild!



PRODUCT REVIEW BY CHRISTINE HALL

During the yarn crawl this past summer I decided I already owned too much yarn, but I was very interested in knitting gadgets to review. At one of our stops I found the highly touted “The Sock Ruler”. I paid \$10.95 for this ruler. When I opened the package I discovered it is a heavy flexible plastic. It looked like cardboard in the package, so I was starting to like it. The disappointed started when I saw how vague the instructions were. The website has some instructions, but not all knitters have access to a computer. The website has shoe sizes and how they would relate to markings on the ruler. I take total exception to that. For a person with extra narrow feet, just by knitting the prescribed length on this ruler would not give me or someone with extra wide feet a well fitting sock. My suggestion is NOT to purchase this sock ruler.

I would highly suggest that you purchase the Fish Lips Kiss Heel pattern by the Sox Therapist on Ravelry. If you don't have a computer your local yarn store can purchase the pattern and print it for you. This pattern not only features the fish lips kiss heel which is incredibly easy—no wrapping, but it has a detailed description of how to make a template for a personalized sock. The pattern suggests that you trace your foot on cardboard. I was at a knitting retreat and as one of the projects, we all made this template using a vinyl placemat from a dollar store. This template allows you to make a perfect fitting sock for anyone, any size without the person having to try the sock on. I won't tell you the secrets of this pattern but it is all in a highly detailed format on sixteen pages for all of \$1.00!



There are almost 11,000 projects on Ravelry using this technique. I used this sock template when knitting a sock on an airplane. If you have ever knit a sock on an airplane and had to take your shoe and sock

off repeated times you will especially appreciate this pattern.

There are video links to answer questions about the techniques used in the pattern and just to repeat, the pattern is only \$1.00.

I just turned a heel yesterday using this pattern. I don't have the normal Frankenstein looking stitches you usually get with a short row heel and there are no holes!

I can't recommend this pattern enough,. Below is a picture of the template I made for my own extra narrow foot. Note I wrote my name on the template, my daughter has her own template and I won't get them mixed up.



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GARY BY KELSEY LEXOW

Gary is a pattern that developed from my signature “What Happens When I do THIS?” line of knitting design. What happened was that the beautiful, long-repeating colors broke out into the pattern repeats. I have made Gary with monochromatic yarn, and he is just as beautiful. Gary is a floppy, funky, almost beret-type of hat that is ridiculously comfortable.

Size: Adult medium-large (fits 20-24” head circumference)

Gauge: 4.5-5 stitches = 4” in stockinette stitch

Yarn: Sport (I used Noro Ayatori)- 220 yards

Needles: US size 3 (5mm) 16” circular

US size 5 (6mm) 16” circular

US size 5 DPNs or US size 10 16” circular for decreases

Notions: stitch marker, yarn needle

Pattern Begins:

Using size 3 needles, cast on 126 stitches

PM and join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

Set up round: *K1, p1* repeat from * around.

Continue in ribbing (k1, p1) until piece measures 2 inches.

Change to US 5 needles.

Welt Pattern:

Rounds 1-4: Knit

Rounds 5-8: Purl

Repeat welt pattern 3 times (total of 4 repeats)

Decreases:

Distribute stitches evenly on DPNs or 2nd circular when stitches are too few to knit on 1 circular.

Round 1: *K6, k2tog* repeat from * around.

Round 2-4: Knit

Round 5: *P5, p2tog* repeat from * around.

Round 6-8: Purl

Round 9: *K4, k2tog* repeat from * around.

Round 10-12 Knit

Round 13: *P3, k2tog* repeat from * around.

Row 14-16: Purl

Row 17: *K2, K2tog* repeat from * around.

Row 18: Knit

GARY (CONTINUED)

Row 19: *K1, K2tog* repeat from * around.

Row 20: K2tog around.

Finishing:

Cut yarn, leaving an 8 inch tail.

Thread onto yarn needle and draw through live stitches.

Pull gently to snug up the top.

Blocking is optional for Gary.

Abbreviations:

CO- cast on

k- knit

k2tog- knit 2 sts together

p- purl

p2tog: purl 2 sts together

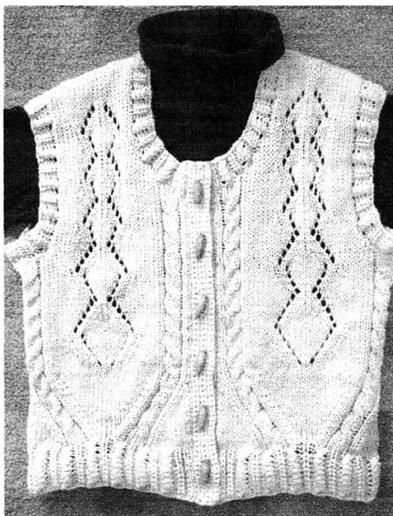
pm- place marker

st(s)- stitch(es)



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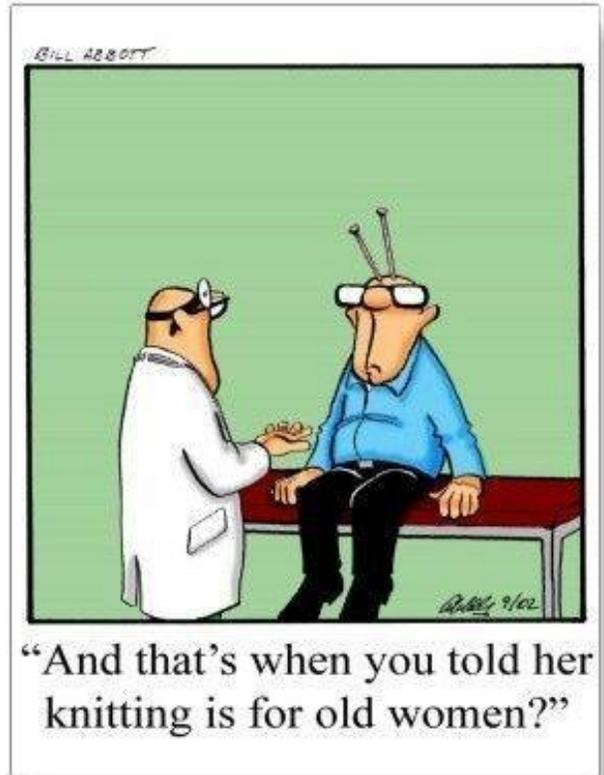
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GUILD ELECTION

BY LYNN MCGOWN

The DKG board wishes to announce the formation of a nominating committee to create an election slate for this Spring's election of officers: Heather Janney, chair. Phone # 253- 6933. The members are Mary Owens, Phone # 272-8356, and Peri Switzer, Phone # 212-9917. During the March 20, 2017 meeting the by-laws will be read and questions addressed. Any member wishing to nominate someone for President, Vice-President (who coordinates the retreat), Secretary (who also manages our website), or Treasurer of the guild (who also handles membership), please call one of the committee members. The completed slate will be presented at the April 17 Meeting. The election will be held during the May 22 meeting. The results will be announced at the June 19 meeting, which will also be a potluck, yarn swap, and knit-in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara Richardson and Wanda Royer for their many years of dedicated service to the guild.



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Zsa Zsa Gabor's best quotes about men and marriage

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1. "I'm an excellent housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house."
2. "There is nothing wrong with a woman encouraging a man's advances, as long as they are in cash."
3. "I know nothing about sex, because I was always married."
4. "I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?"
5. "I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back."
6. "A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished."
7. "Husbands are like fires. They go out when unattended."

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VALERIE'S BRILLIANT IDEA

Valerie Moseley had a Vera Bradley purse that she wasn't using. She cut off the strap and now uses it as her knitting bag. Great idea.



For the new year, I resolve to spend more time knitting or crocheting and less time doing housework!



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BY CHRISTINE HALL

I started knitting a cowl last summer. I got totally frustrated when I couldn't understand the instructions so I put the project aside. I recently decided to give it another try. I ripped out the previous work and started fresh. I got to the same spot and just didn't understand what to do. Frustrated, I went for a walk. When I got back I picked up the instructions and realized that I had stapled the instructions together in the wrong order. My page numbers ran 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 6, 5. I unstapled the pages, shuffled the pages and all the sudden everything made sense!

Guild Information

The purpose of the Dayton Knitting Guild (DKG) shall be to promote interest and skill in the art of knitting, to encourage high standards of quality and workmanship, and to encourage the use of those skills for the benefit of others. Membership is open to all skill levels.

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To join, come to a meeting or contact Karen Balk.

Annual Retreat

Attendance is limited to 45. Dues-paid members as of the September meeting (\$15 per year) have registration priority. Registration forms must be accompanied by fully paid registration fees. For questions, contact Heather Janney, retreat@daytonknittingguild.com.

Knit-Ins

The hostess will provide beverages. Call the hostess to let her know you will be attending and bring a sack lunch or food to share. If you would like to host a knit-in, contact Kim Kulasa or Lynn McCown.

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No meetings December, July and August

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Community Service Projects are collected at our scheduled meetings. These are:

Warm Up the Community

Barbara Evenson and Judy Banks co-chairs

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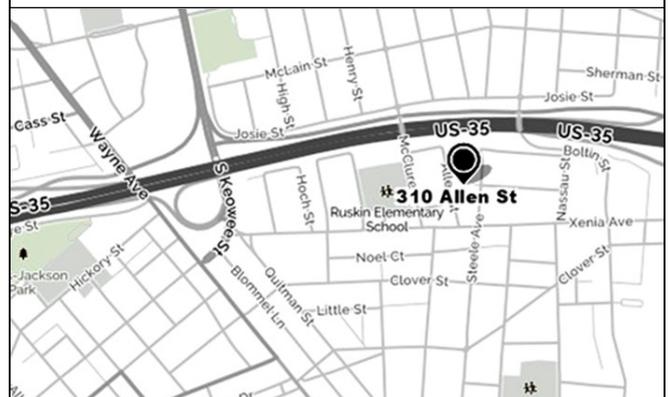
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Premie Hats

Nancy Newman, chair

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Members knit these for the Miami Valley Hospital Neo-natal Center. The hospital uses at least fifty hats per month.



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