

# WINDY CITY KNITTING GUILD

## AUGUST 2019

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### UPCOMING WCKG EVENTS

#### August Meeting

*Ice Cream Social and  
Charity Yarn Giveaway*

Welles Park: 2333 W Sunnyside Ave  
Tuesday, August 13, 2019  
6:45 – 8:45 pm

#### September Meeting

Welles Park: 2333 W Sunnyside Ave  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
6:45 – 8:45 pm

### UPCOMING FIBER EVENTS

#### Michigan Fiber Festival

August 14–18, 2019  
Allegan, Michigan

#### Wisconsin Sheep & Wool Festival

September 6–8, 2019  
Jefferson, Wisconsin

#### Fiber Expo

October 12–13, 2019  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

#### Madtown Yarn Shop Hop

October 18–20, 2019  
Madison, Wisconsin and area

## Charity Yarn Giveaway

A few months ago the guild received an email from Traci D, who inherited her mother's stash a few years ago and was looking for somewhere to donate the yarn for use in charity projects. She and her husband will be bringing it to our August meeting. She counted up 15 plastic containers of yarn, plus one of knitting needles (lots of Addi circulars and some straight needles too), so there will be a lot to choose from! They only ask that we use this yarn for charitable projects.

From Traci's email: *I will note that my mom collected skeins by color, which she combined into scarves/shawls, so I have a lot of onsies and twosies in terms of skeins, and many are specialty yarns.*

We hope you can make it to the meeting to pick up some yarn. You can bring your finished charity knitting projects to our October meeting.



**I scream! You scream! We all scream for ICE CREAM!  
Satisfy your sweet tooth at our annual ice cream social  
on Tuesday, August 13.**

# Guild & Knitting News

## July Meeting Recap

Our July meeting was our second annual Stash Sale and Maker's Market. Members brought in extra stash yarn and finished objects, including some lovely project bags.

Not all of the yarn found a new home, as there seemed to be more sellers than buyers. But many people did leave happy, with some money in their pockets, some new yarn for the stash, or both.

Many thanks to Julie S for organizing the entire event and to Kim R for her assistance with the sales.

## New Knit Night

Sam L told us about a new knit night that is starting up. This is not a WCKG event, but is open to all. The group will be meeting on the **third Tuesday** of each month, starting at 6:00 pm.

Independence Library Branch  
4024 North Elston  
Chicago

## Hat Not Hate

At our July meeting, some members brought in donations for the Lion Brand® #HatNotHate campaign. This campaign aims to bring awareness on the impact bullying has on children and teens by rallying together and crafting blue hats to wear on World Day of Bullying Prevention, October 7, 2019.

The 2019 donation deadline just passed, but you can get started now on hats for the 2020 campaign. There will probably be some great blue yarn in our giveaway that you can use!

You can show your support with these sweet wooden tags (buy one, get one free!) available at:  
[www.lionbrand.com/hatnothate-wooden-tag.html](http://www.lionbrand.com/hatnothate-wooden-tag.html).



## HAPPENING NOW!

### Stiches Midwest

Join your fellow knitters at Stiches Midwest, taking place at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center from **August 1 – 4**. There are still a lot of great classes available, and the market is always fun. The guild will not have a booth at Stiches this year, but keep an eye out for your fellow guild members who will be attending.

If you just want to check out the market, admission is FREE on Sunday.

#### Market Hours:

Thursday, August 1: 5 – 8 pm  
(*preview for registered attendees only*)  
Friday, August 2: 10 am – 6 pm  
Saturday, August 3: 10 am – 6 pm  
Sunday, August 4: 10 am – 4 pm

### Chicago Yarn Crawl

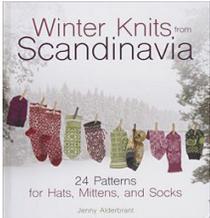
The Chicago Yarn Crawl is an annual celebration of Chicagoland's Local Yarn Shops. With over 20 participating shops, this crawl is a great way to experience the vibrant fiber arts community that lives in and around Chicago.

This year's Yarn Crawl started on July 27 and runs until August 4. Some of our favorite yarn shops are participating with free patterns, special events, and sales.

Visit [www.chicagoyarncrawl.com](http://www.chicagoyarncrawl.com) for more details.



# Reviews



## Winter Knits from Scandinavia

Jenny Alderbrant  
Trafalgar Square, 2018  
\$22.95

Swedish knitter and yarn-dyer Jenny Alderbrant came to knitting comparatively recently, but she has had much fun designing lovely stranded knit mittens, some associated with hats and socks. This collection includes a set for men and several for children (including a fun snail set!) but most, worked to the stated gauge, will fit a woman's medium hand.

There are beautiful all-over folkloric designs, which feel very different from what we are used to seeing in patterns coming from Norway. Some mittens are more pictorial, with foxes, horse heads, butterflies, tulips, and the famous Swedish Dala wooden horse. One pair of mittens forms a purr-fect cat face, when placed side by side. Mittens prevail, but the hats are good looking as are the several pairs of socks. All are worked in fingering-weight yarns and some of them are hand dyed. Substituting is discussed, sort of. Nearly all are worked in two colors at a time. Duplicate stitch can be your friend when additional colors are used to highlight details of faces, etc.

If you love stranded mittens, check this out. The author also has a presence on Ravelry as "JennyPenny" and has a mail-order business.

– Cathy G



Missy C



Hippa Tulippa



## Knitting Brioche Lace

Nancy Marchant  
Nancy Marchant, 2019  
\$38.00

Brioche enthusiast Nancy Marchant has developed methods for working eyelets and release purl stitches in brioche knitting, making lace openwork possible in this form of 2-color knitting.

Extensive pattern dictionaries are the backbone of the book, in both stitch formation methods. These are backed by detailed construction methods and technical tips. There is even a section on designing your own lace. Go on to a collection of nine lovely patterns for scarves and shawls to try out this technique.

If you love the beauty and mental intrigue of brioche knitting and would like a knitting challenge to create special fabrics, get this book. It is distributed by and available from Schoolhouse Press.

– Cathy G



Viceroy

Nightingale



Red Kite



# Reviews



## Norah Gaughan 40 Timeless Knits

Vogue Knitting Magazine  
Sixth and Spring Books, 2018

\$24.95

This is a collection of 40 of the more than 120 patterns published in *Vogue Knitting Magazine* by designer Norah Gaughan. The book is arranged chronologically, starting in 1987 and ending in 2017. It is a way to trace one designer's development, and also to put to rest any silly thoughts that all knitting was granny-like prior to 2000. There are also reprints of several articles from the magazine about Norah Gaughan and her work.

These are imaginative, wearable sweaters that will look good for many years. While a few are plainer and some feature great colorwork, what really comes through is the designer's love and creativity with cables. Wow! Intermediate and experienced knitters will find much to keep their brains and needles busy. Most styles feature a relaxed to oversized fit and come in

multiple sizes. A few are geared towards men. Both the original yarn and a suggested substitution for today, if needed, are given.

Every knitter will find favorites, but the simplicity of the Mitered Cardigan (2003) would set off hand-dyed yarns to perfection. I am intrigued by the flattering Gansey Pullover (2016), and as for cables, where to start? The 2017 Cabled Cardigan is stunning and the 2010 Criss-Cross Cables Pullover has an outstanding yoke. The cover design, a Cabled Bolero (2006) would be just plain fun.

Go pick out your own set of tempting sweaters.

– Cathy G



Mitered Cardigan



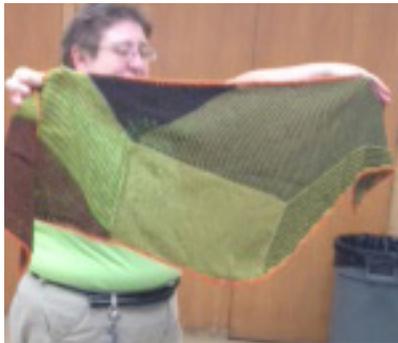
Guernsey Pullover



Cable and Chevron Top

# Show & Share

August 2019, Recorded by Marcie C, Photos by Tina S



Sam L shows off the yarn she dyed at our July meeting. The lace weight yarn was dyed with Kool-Aid in a mix of four different red flavors. We can't wait to see what she knits with it!

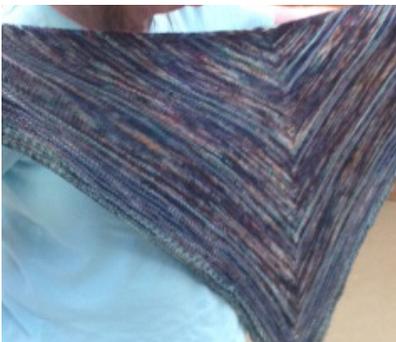
Sam also showed us a shawl — Vertices Unite by Stephen West. The design features geometric shapes, and Sam used wool yarn in greens with orange trim.

Pattern: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/vertices-unite>



Carol showed off her summery sweater, knit in a cotton linen blend with stripes of turquoise and white. The design is Anni by Gina Röckenwagner.

Pattern: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/anni-5>



Nancy J knit a lovely shawl in various colors with lace trim. The pattern is Downhome by Alicia Plummer and the yarn is Hue Loco Backyard Chicken 2018 Welsomper

Pattern: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/downhome>



Cathy G knit three stunning hats, although we only have photos of two.

Pictured are Olivers Hat by Sandra Manson (knit in natural colors in the Shetland style) and Merrie Dancers Toorie by Elizabeth Johnston (in fingering weight. Merrie Dancers was the 2018 Shetland Wool Week free pattern (now available for purchase).

Patterns: <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/olivers-hat>

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/merrie-dancers-toorie-2>

She also knit a “Camper’s Favorite Cap” by Elizabeth Zimmermann in green wool with a square motif.

# Shop News

**Firefly Fiber Arts Studio**  
2052 West North Avenue  
[fireflyfiberarts.com](http://fireflyfiberarts.com)

## Trunk Show

Visit Firefly to see the beautiful and natural yarn from Ovis et Cetera. All the way from Germany, Ovis et Cetera sources all their wool from local European farms. Her natural and jewel toned yarn is perfect for color work knits and textural patterns.



**Knitche**  
5221 Main Street, Downers Grove  
[knitche.com](http://knitche.com)

The featured vendor on the August Pop-Up Boutique is Urth Yarn. Knitche will be starting a knit-along for the Papillon Shawl using Urth's Uneek Fingering yarns. Every skein of Urth Yarns plants a tree in partnership with Trees for the Future!

Knitche is also currently celebrating the shop's 15th birthday celebrations with 15% off most merchandise in the store!

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**The Fold**  
3166 Millstream Road, Marengo  
[thefoldatmc.com](http://thefoldatmc.com)

The Fold will be CLOSED August 25 – August 31.

Due to this vacation, they will not be holding their usual Labor Day Sale this year.

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**Mosaic Yarn Studio**  
109 West Prospect, Mount Prospect  
[mosaicystudio.com](http://mosaicystudio.com)

**Retreat 2019: Selbu Mitten**  
Friday, November 8 – Sunday, November 10

Join Mosaic Yarn Studio for a fun filled weekend at the Grand Beach Inn in beautiful New Buffalo, Michigan. Guest instructor, Jeffrey Wall from The Yarn Guys, will give lessons on the construction of Norwegian Selbu Mittens. The cost is \$150, plus hotel.

Friday: Check in (3 pm or later)  
Intro to Fair Isle Knitting with Jeffrey Wall, 7 – 8 pm

Saturday: Selbu Mitten Part I, 9 am – 12 pm  
"Pot Luck" Lunch, 12 – 1 pm  
Selbu Mitten Part II, 2 – 5 pm

Sunday: Weaving Stitches with Georg Luxton  
10 am – 12 pm (optional, additional \$20 fee)

Learn more at [www.mosaicystudio.com](http://www.mosaicystudio.com).



# About Our Guild

**Windy City Knitting Guild** is an educational and social club. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest and skill in knitting, while encouraging high standards of quality workmanship.

The Windy City Knitting Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:45 to 8:45 pm, at:

Welles Park Clubroom  
2333 West Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago

WCKG is a 501(c)(7) organization. We do not discriminate. All knitters, from beginners to designers and teachers, are welcome at our meetings. As a prospective member, we encourage you to attend a few meetings. Check us out and, if you like, join.

For questions about or issues with receiving the newsletter, please contact the Membership Chair.

**Annual membership** costs \$25 for the calendar year. This money helps us send 12 newsletters via email each year and pay for monthly programs. You will receive a 10% discount at participating yarn shops and discounted fees for our weekend workshops and classes.

If you would like to join, make your check out to Windy City Knitting Guild for \$25 and mail it to:

WCKG Treasurer  
4821 North Leavitt  
Chicago, Illinois 60625

Call (773) 769-2362 if you have questions. Membership fees are non-refundable. You also have the option of paying for membership through our website using PayPal.

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