

# THE KNIT STITCH

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Our **Presentation** for April will be:

### Edgings

Please remember to bring a garment with, or a sample of, your favorite edging to the meeting.

## From our President

by Heather

Greetings fellow knitters. As many of you know, my favorite thing to knit is afghans. I like the seemingly simplistic nature of it. Generally all one needs to do is decide on a weight of yarn, and discover which tension you prefer, and knit panels of fabric. You can join the panels as you go, or you can sit down and sew the panels after if you prefer. I like to join as you go. I have a few techniques that are my go to. One method is picking up both legs of the stitch and hang it on the edge stitch every 4 rows. Another is a slight variation of this where I pick up half of the stitch and hang it every other row. I recently discovered a YouTube video where the join was like a ruched heart. It gives you a lot of surface texture that I find fascinating. Here's how I did it: I made several panels the length of the afghan I wanted. Once the panels were completed I picked up the edge stitches using a 3 prong transfer tool, 3 sts from the left panel and 3 sts from the right, so that 6 stitches are hung on the needles. With the joining yarn I knit 8 rows on these 6 sts. I pick up 3 sts again from each panel and hang them on the same sts and knit 8 more rows. I do this until the panels are joined. At the end I hung the last set of 3 sts and knit 2 rows, then reduced down to 2 sts, then bound off. I'm sorry I'm not much of a pattern writer, but I have discovered a new favorite way to add surface texture to an otherwise boring afghan. I hope this inspires you to try a new twist on an old idea.





### UW-Stout Fashion Show:

In 2017, a few of us ventured east to attend the spring fashion show put on by the Apparel Design Program students. While the majority of the garments featured were sewn, there were a few items that incorporated machine knitting. After the show, we were able to see the portfolios created by the students of their complete collections. This is where we learned that the course does include a segment on machine knitting and all students are required to create a garment that is knit or has a knitting component.

This year's show is called "Enchanted Dystopia". I believe the ticket price is \$10.

Shows are scheduled for:

April 26th at 7pm

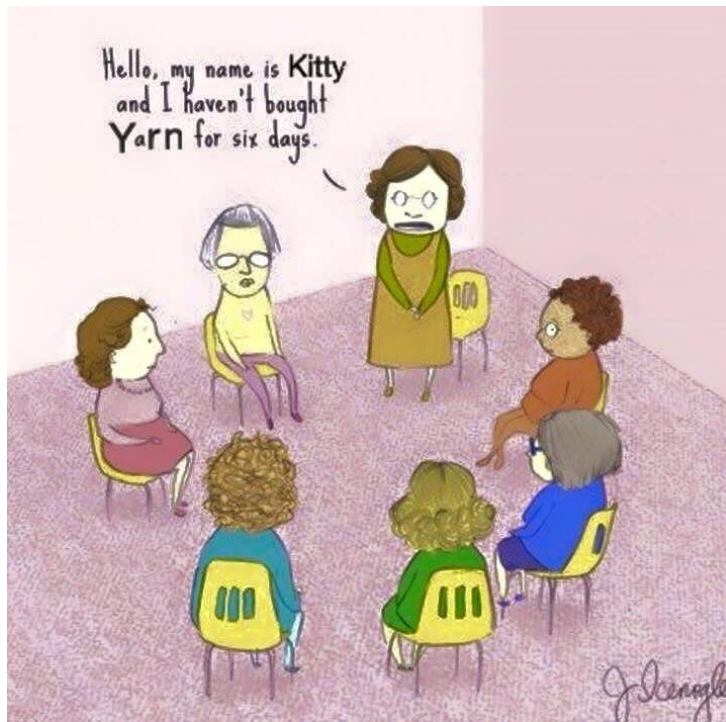
April 28th at 11am and 4pm

University of Wisconsin-Stout  
Great Hall

## Annual Meeting: Board Elections

Members will vote in the new Board on Tuesday, April 10. Your 2018 Board of Directors will be:

- President - Patsy F
- Vice President -
- Treasurer - Elektra W
- Secretary - Gretchen F
- Member at Large - Linda M
- Events - Vicki E
- Ex Officio - Heather S





## Textile Center Exhibit:

On March 21st the newest exhibit opened at the Textile Center: Artists in the Kitchen

This exhibit is a collaboration between women chefs and women artists.

You have until May 19th to check it out!

## Upcoming Events:

April 7 - RHF meeting

April 10 - MMKC Annual Meeting

April 14 - TC garage sale

April 27-28 - Purls of Joy

April 28 - Yarnover

May 8 - MMKC meeting

May 12-13 - Sheppard's Harvest

May 15 - MKG

June 2 - RHF meeting

June 12 - MMKC picnic

June 19 - MKG @ Twins game

## Textile Center Garage Sale

by TC Staff

This year's garage sale will be held on April 14th, from 9am-4pm, at the U of M Reuse Program Warehouse, 883 29th Avenue SE, Minneapolis.

There will be a preview sale (in advance \$25 members, \$30 non members/ or \$35 at the door) on Friday April 13th, from 6-8pm.

Donations will only be accepted Thursday April 12th, from 10am-7pm.

## Phone App for Color

by Cammy

If you were at the February meeting you may have seen a really interesting door prize. Have you heard of a tool/toy called a taleidoscope (nope, not kaleidoscope)? I saw one for the first time at this meeting. It's got the eyepiece, mirrors and ability to move them but without the colored bits inside - just a glass bulb. Some members said it works great when trying to figure out color combinations It could have all sorts of useful applications in knitting, weaving, spinning, interior design, quilting, etc.

So, I thought why not see if there's a phone app? Sure enough there's a really nice one called PrismScope. The free version is nice enough (PrismScope Lite) but after playing a few minutes I figured I'd truly get my \$1.99 out of the full version. No other apps came up in my search, so this is the only one I tried. For the cost of a smartphone I like to get as many uses out of it as I can!

Look for it in your app store if you think it might be valuable or just plain fun to see the world through many-colored glasses. Enjoy!



## Treasurer's Report:

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 carry over from 2016: 6449.22

2017 income + 8886.90

+ 15336.13

2017 expenses - 10501.66

End of year total + 4834.47

## For Sale:

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 Passap DM80  
 \$400.00

in like new condition, with  
 Deco and transfer lock.

If interested contact Joanne at  
 651-459-9270

## State Fair:

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 This year's dates are:

August 23- September 3

[www.mnstatefair.org](http://www.mnstatefair.org)

It's not too early to start  
 thinking about what you will  
 knit to enter.

Online registration begins May  
 7th and runs through August  
 7th at 4:30pm.

Drop off times are: Saturday  
 8/11 10am-5pm; Sunday 8/12  
 11am-5pm; and Monday 8/13  
 10am-7pm

## Ramblings...

by Jane

Thanks to you all for your support and patience with my recent life changes. Husband settled, well at least in better care than I would have been able to continue, into memory care; house soon to close; and I for the most part greatly downsized and once again a renter! How delightful to have maintenance change light bulbs and whatever else! Okay, perhaps a bit too much information, but that is my story for why I have not been knitting. My brain has been stuck in a non-creative mode for a while. Getting my new life, town home, garage, and most importantly knitting studio arranged and soon the carriages will be moving across the beds.

## Ramblings...

by Maria Ann

My story is not as good. We had a major renovation from September to December. The main floor had to be packed up and stored in the garage while we lived in the basement during the mess. The boxes seem to have multiplied in the garage as we are still unpacking... but my knitting room is finally back to normal!

## Founders' Fest 2018

Founders' Fest planning is under-way. The dates are Saturday, July 28 & Sunday, July 29. It will be held at the Textile Center.

Mary Anne Oger has been confirmed with classes established that will sure to be of interest and expand your knitting!

Watch for more details to come....