

Midwest Machine Knitters' Collaborative

AGENDA

August 8, 2023, 7:00PM CST

- Welcome All
- Updates / Reports
 - President: Laura Heck
 - Vice President: Mardi Gauer
 - Treasurer: Gretchen Funk
 - Secretary: Maria Ann Youngs
 - Events / Calendar: Cindy Erickson
 - Member at Large: Rosemary Velez
 - Ex-Officio: Jane Niemi
- Appointees:
 - Service Committee (Bundles of Love): Patsy Fisk
 - Newsletter: Laura Heck, Gretchen Funk, Nakisha Smith, Kelly Nezworski, and Rebecca Yaker Bird
 - Website / Social Media: Rebecca Yaker Bird
 - Historian: Maria Ann Youngs
- New Business
 - November Presentation is to be determined.
- Old Business:
 - Minnesota State Fair: Demo Day is Saturday, August 26. Two volunteers per 2-hour shift will be needed – 9 am to 7 pm. Contact Jane to volunteer.
 - MMKC demo at Yarnover: Friday September 22nd
- Announcements:
 - Knit-in: Saturday, August 19th. Check-in at 9am
 - September 12 Program: State Fair Review, with an Emphasis on the MN State Fair
- Presentation: Roundtable Discussion – Outline on the next page.
- Around the Room: Show & Tell / Questions

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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- **Sourcing (15 minutes)**
 - What do you consider when sourcing yarn for machine knitting?
 - Are there any fibers that you stay away from?
 - What is your favorite yarn to knit with?
 - What is your favorite online yarn shop? Do they have coned yarn?
 - Do you know if a source that provides the yardage or weight requirements for typical projects?
 - ie, a one pound cone will make a women's XX sized sweater, child size large mittens will take XX yards.
- **Tools & Accessories (15 minutes)**
 - What tool or accessory could you not live without?
 - Do you have any unusual or non-machine knit related tools you use often for your machine knitting?
 - How do you assess used equipment before purchasing?
 - Do you have any tools or accessories that you can't identify their purpose?
- **Techniques & Patterns (15 minutes)**
 - How do you maintain gauge for your hybrid projects? (machine and hand knit)
 - What are some basic steps you take to troubleshoot when your machine begins to act up mid project?
 - What knitting techniques have inspired you lately?
 - Is there a pattern you used recently that you love? Any new patterns you want to try?
 - Where is your "go to" place for sourcing patterns?
- **Organization (15 minutes)**
 - How do you organize your swatches?
 - Do you have a method to organize punch cards?
 - Do you have a method to organize or catalog your yarn?
 - How do you organize your books?
 - How do you organize your patterns?
 - How do you store large bulky items? ie, Blocking boards, machine cases
 - Furniture & Equipment
 - What type of table do you use for setup?
 - If you have multiple machines, how do you store them?