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Speaker: Elsebeth Lavold

Elsebeth Lavold is the only Swedish knitwear designer with her own yarn label. As our speaker, she will share her vast knowledge of Viking design. Lavold is a prolific author, with more than a dozen books in print including *Viking Patterns for Knitting: Inspiration and Projects for Today's Knitter*,

~ Kate Findley

Library Helpers Needed

Can you arrive by 4:00 p.m. on Knitting Guild meeting nights?

Can you stay late on Knitting Guild nights?

Can you push a library cart on wheels?

Do you have several hours a month to volunteer outside of the MKG meetings?

Fill out the board interest form on the MKG Web site:

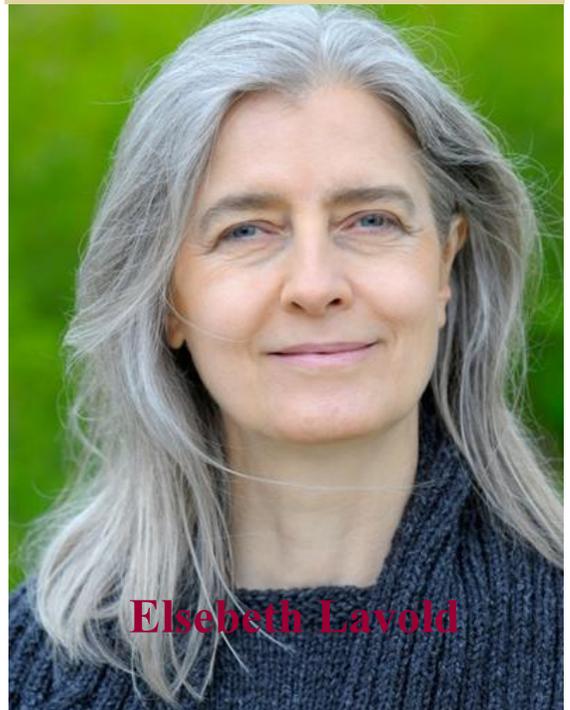
<http://www.madisonknittersguild.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1495464>

Or contact us at

<http://www.madisonknittersguild.org/contact>

Upcoming Events

- 3/11: MKG March Meeting
- Neighborhood Knits
- 3/9: MKG Knit-In
- 4/8: MKG April Meeting
- 5/13 MKG May Meeting & Elections



Elsebeth Lavold

March is Craft Month!

Download a free "I (Heart) Crafts" image:

<http://whencreativityknocks.com/mycraftspace/m/store/view/I-Heart-Crafts-PDF>

Community Projects

Donations for the Road Home and Porchlight, Inc.

A big thank you to all who made knitted items. The sensory stimulation balls and lap robes were taken to Agrace by Lynn Levin. The knitted clothing and baby blankets were delivered to Bayview by Kris Rasmussen.

Items donated at the February Guild meeting:

- 6 Mittens
- 15 hats/headbands
- 11 scarves
- 4 baby blankets
- 4 sensory stimulation balls
- 43 Total for March

Three lap robes were donated in past months and saved for Hospice.

Thanks also to Betty Ulanski for delivering yarn to Urban Ministries for Taycheedah last month and for bringing yarn back and forth between the guild meeting and storage.

March is Baby Month

Baby items donated at the March meeting will go to DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Services) and River Food Pantry. Please make regular baby sizes, not patterns for preemies. DAIS offers a wide array of crisis services for victims of domestic violence in Dane County including a 24-hour Help Line, programming for children from violent homes, legal advocacy, support groups, emergency safety planning, and the only domestic violence shelter for all of Dane County. They have ongoing education programs at West High School and the UW to support young men in their development of a healthy male identity in a culture that sends them many mixed messages. They also work to provide education, strategies and support for adults who interact with young men to assist them in reinforcing positive messages about respect and safety. Their vision is a nonviolent community that actively promotes safety, peace, justice and hope.

River Food Pantry is Dane County's busiest food pantry, offering free groceries, meals and clothing to anyone who comes for help. Located in a warehouse just off Northport Drive and Packers Avenue, The River is surrounded by low-income neighborhoods and subsidized senior housing. Our knitted items will go to their clothing room.

5-Hour Baby Sweater Pattern

Pattern adapted and corrected by Jennifer Cox, Beth Koskie and Beverly A. Qualheim (adaptations Copyright 2002) Used with permission. www.bevscountrycottage.com



Materials :

4 oz. (120 g) soft worsted weight yarn

[55-75 yd/oz, 180-240 m/100g]

Size 10-1/2 needles (full-term 7-8 lb baby

Size 8 or size 5 needles for preemie baby sizes

(be sure needles are at least 13" long)

4 stitch holders.

Gauge: 4 sts = 1" 5 rows = 1"

Cast on 34 sts for neck edge.

Always keep first and last 3 stitches in "knit" even on a "purl" row.

Row 1: K

Row 2: K (34st)

Row 3: K3 *P2tog, YO. Repeat from * ending P2 tog, K3 (34st)

Row 4: K

Row 5: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3

Row 6: K3 *inc 1 by knitting once in the back of the stitch, then once in the front; K1. Repeat from * ending with K4 (48 st)

Row 7: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3

Row 8: K3 *K2tog. Repeat from * ending K3. (27 sts)

Row 9: K3 *K1, insert needle under next horizontal loop of row below (between sts) and knit this st. Repeat from * across, ending K4 (48 st)

Row 10: K4 * inc 1 st in next st, K2. Repeat from * end inc. 1, K4 (62 sts)

Row 11: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3 (62 sts)

Row 12: K3, *K2 tog. Repeat from * ending K3 (34 st)

Row 13: Same as row 9. (62 st)

Row 14: K4 ♥ *inc 1 in next st, K3. Repeat from * ending with inc. 1, K4 (75 st)
(took me 1 hour to get this far)

Row 15: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3 (75 sts)

Row 16: K3 *K2 tog. Repeat from * ending K4 (41 st)

Row 17: K3 *K1, insert needle under next horizontal loop of row below (between sts) and knit this st. Repeat from * across, ending K4 (75 st)

Row 18: K4 *inc 1 in next st, K4. Repeat from * to end, ending with inc. 1, K5 (89 st)

Row 19: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3

Row 20: Same as row 16. (48 st)

Row 21: Same as row 17. (89 st)

Row 22: K5 *inc 1 in next st, K5. Repeat from * to last 5 sts-K. (103 sts)

Row 23: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3 (103 st)

Row 24: Same as row 16. (55 st)
 Row 25: Same as row 17. (103 st)
 Row 26: K17 (front), inc 1 in next st, place marker (pm), inc 1 in next st, K 15 (sleeve), inc 1 in next st, pm, inc 1 in next st, K 31 (back), inc 1 in next st, pm, inc 1 in next st, K 15 (sleeve), inc 1 in next st, pm, inc 1 in next st, K17 (front) (111 st)
 (keep moving markers on each row)
 Row 27: (WRONG SIDE, but I have been told this is a good place change colors.) K3, P to last 3 sts, K3 (111 st)
 Row 28: Knit, increasing 1 st at each side of markers (119 sts)
 Row 29: Same as row 27.
 Row 30: Same as row 28. (127 sts)
 Row 31: K3, P to last 3 sts, K3
 Row 32: K21, place on holder, (remove markers as you place sts on holders.) K 23 sleeve st and keep on needle, place rest of stitches on holders -- 39 for back, 23 for other sleeve, 21 for other front.

Sleeve (make sure you get the sleeve and don't knit the front)

Rows 1-16 : work in stockinette st (Knit one row, purl one row)

Row 17: K2tog *P1, K1, P1, K2tog. Repeat from * ending with K2tog. (18 sts).

Rows 18-22: Work K1 P1 rib.

Bind off loosely. Cut 12" yarn tail for sewing arm seam. (took me 4 hours to get this far)

Remove the 23 sts for the other sleeve, and place them on needles. Work other sleeve the same (Look at Row 26 to see which holder has the sleeve sts.)

Remaining Sweater:

With wrong side of sweater facing you, carefully open stitch holders and move the stitches from the holders to the knitting needles. Attach yarn at underarm on right side of work and K across body (81 sts).

Work in st st keeping K3 garter border for 12 rows

Row 13: Repeat row 16 of top of sweater, but end with k4. (44 sts) (Right Side)

Row 14: Repeat row 17. (83 sts)

Rows 15-18: Work in st st keeping K3 garter border

Row 19: K3, *K2tog, YO, repeat from * ending with yo, K3.

Rows 20-23: Work in garter stitch (knit every row)

Bind off loosely.



Sew sleeve seams. Crochet a chain to thread through eyelet in top of sweater or use a pretty ribbon.

For adaptations and accessories, go to <http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/kp3.html>

Here is the Ravelry link: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/5-hour-baby-sweater>

- Bonnie Dill, Community Projects Chair communityprojects@madisonknittersguild.com

Make Your Pledge for Monona Library Summer Reading Program Prizes

We received 60 critters before the February meeting and an additional 31 at the meeting for a total of 91. We're hoping to see many more at the Knit In. Remember that with every critter delivered at the Knit In, you get one entry in a drawing for free entry to next year's Knit In.



Last year Guild members provided over 400 knit and crocheted prizes in a very short time. This year we are hoping to provide 500 prizes and are asking for pledges so we can give the library staff an estimate soon so they can continue their planning.

Will we make the goal? Make your pledge today.

~ Lynn Levin, Monona Library Critter Coordinator

Here are the critter links again:

Mouse:

<http://media.wendyknits.net/knit/mouse/pat4.htm>

Bunny, monster and bird:

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bunny-nuggets> (Tip: 6-stitch I-cords for the ears are much easier!)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/chubby-chirps>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/monster-chunks>

If you're not a Ravelry member – the patterns are available on her blog:

<http://www.rebeccadanger.typepad.com/>

Pencil toppers: <http://flutterbypatch.blogspot.com/2011/04/pencil-dolls.html>

Fairies: <http://flutterbypatch.blogspot.com/2009/10/my-knitted-fairy-pattern.html> Angry

Birds: <http://knitterbees.blogspot.com/2011/10/yellow-bird-plush-toy-pattern.html>



A coiling snake: <http://marymck.blogspot.com/2009/10/meey-sydney-stash-busting-snake.html>

Cute little snakes: <http://justonewip.blogspot.com/2010/02/snakes-adders.html>

<http://www.the-byrds-nest.com/2011/04/24/small-sssssnaake/>

And a fish to knit in the round: <http://www.lionbrand.com/patterns/80764AD.html>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/childs-play-crown>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/its-a-moustache-for-your-fingers>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bumble-bee-buddy>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/dragonfly-plushie>

[http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/teeny-tiny-knitted-toys-bunny & bear](http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/teeny-tiny-knitted-toys-bunny-&-bear)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/mini-alien>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/trumpet-sniffer>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/knubbelchen> (little doll--boy or girl)

http://blog.makezine.com/craft/project_excerpt_teeny-tiny_moc/ (tiny chickens)

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/baby-monster-beginner-amigurumi>

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/cat-knitting-pattern->



WHERE THE YARN WENT

We gave yarn that came in this month to Blankets for Critters. See article to follow. Taycheedah still had yarn we gave them in January. We also provided yarn to guild members who are knitting baby items for March and to the knitting classes at the Madison Children's Museum. Last month, yarn was given to a 4-H leader for knitting classes. Less yarn than usual came in, which was probably due to lower attendance because of the weather.

Are you a knitter for a critter?

There's only one way to find out! It's easy to make a huge difference in the lives of homeless animals awaiting adoption in area animal shelters. All you have to do is create blankets that will keep critters warm against winter chills and summer air conditioning. Then, once the animal is adopted, the blanket goes home with the pet in order to provide something familiar to comfort them while they adjust to the new home.

The Blankets for Critters motto is "your skills, your schedule" the group is made up of about 50 volunteers who knit, crochet, sew, or fleece-tie an assortment of blankets. "When I founded the group," said Shauna Cook, "I wanted to ensure that it was sustainable for all of us who work and have various other family and charitable commitments." Volunteers work at their own pace and skill level, while also being an integral part of a larger group. And for those who desire more structure and regular meetings, they connect on the Blankets for Critters Facebook page, share pictures and stories, and have regular gatherings.



Going into its third year, these volunteers have donated more than 1,500 blankets to date. But they need help if they're going to hit their goal of 5,000 blankets by its five-year anniversary in 2014. "The work that this group of volunteers does is crucial so newly adopted animals become comfortable in their new forever homes," said Shauna. "If you want to be a knitter for a critter, I encourage you to find additional information on our website at BlanketsForCritters.com." It's easy to make a difference.

Make Blankets

- Use washable yarn of any color and pattern.
- About two foot square works best for cats and four foot square for dogs.

Donate Yarn

- Donate full or partial skeins of washable yarn.

Join Us on Facebook

- Share photos and stories and join the in-person gatherings.

Where to Take Donations

- If you're seeking a tax deduction for your donation, please take it directly to the Humane Society or Angel's Wish. Or if you don't need a receipt, leave it inside the Warner Park Community Rec Center in the drop box. Drop an email to info@BlanketsForCritters.com to let us know of your donation.

For more information, please visit www.BlanketsForCritters.com

March Featured Sponsors

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FIVE OAKS FARM

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Five Oaks Farm began operation in March of 2005 with one pregnant female and four males. Since then we have grown to five female and eight male alpacas, one llama and a huarrizo (Gizmo is half alpaca and half llama). They are kept company by one goat and two miniature donkeys.

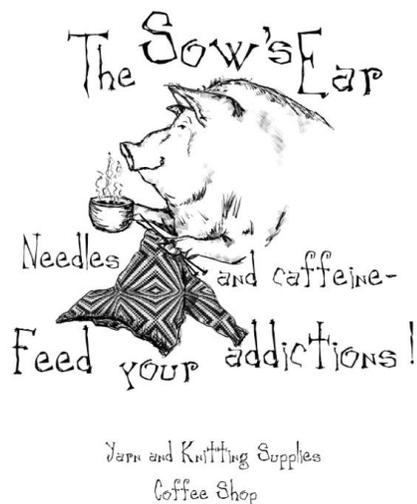


Manfred & Rita

Alpacas are camelids--members of the same family as camels and llamas. They originated in South America, primarily in the mountains of Peru, Bolivia and Chili. Alpacas were domesticated for their fiber, which is very soft and has a strong insulating value. Five Oaks Farm offers only natural color yarn and fiber.

Alpacas are very peaceful animals. Newborns, called crias, are typically on their feet and feeding within about an hour of being born. They grow to a maximum weight of about 150 to 175 pounds, and they eat grass, alfalfa and grain. In their first year, they already produce wonderful fleece. In this part of the country, alpacas are typically sheared one time per year, usually in April or May. By winter, they have grown a thick, warm coat.

The Sow's Ear (vendor)



Locally owned and operated since 2000, The Sow's Ear is the Midwest's first combined yarn store and coffee shop!



The warm and inviting atmosphere of The Sow's Ear is the perfect place to relax, sip a drink and grab a bite to eat while knitting your next masterpiece or just relaxing with friends. Our friendly staff prides itself on providing excellent service, camaraderie and knitting assistance if needed.



Visit the yarn and café sections on our website to see the large selection of yarn and knitting/crocheting supplies we carry, as well as the delicious drinks, baked goods and lunches we feature daily. Need a latte and sock yarn at 6:30 in the morning? No problem! We'll see you soon.

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 Phone: (608) 848-2755
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 Wednesday: 12-8 (Sit 'n Stitch 5-7:30)
 Friday: 10-6
 Saturday: 10-3
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 Email: info@fireflyfibers.com



Call For Artists of All Things Fibre!

Arlene Byrne/de la Pear is sponsoring the third annual Driftless Area Fibre Arts Faire which will be held June 1-2, 2013, at Shake Rag Alley in Mineral Point. We are excited about the event this year as it will coincide with the Artist Parade early in the day on June 1, followed by Gallery Night. We sincerely hope that you will want to be a part--again or for the first time--of this emerging event.

The festival is set outside at Shake Rag Alley in several areas: a large tent that will hold several artists and limited spaces for individual tents. We will do our best to accommodate your preference; first choice will be given to returning artists. The registration deadline is March 30. Notifications will go out April 15. Public hours will be 10am to 5pm both days.

Help us spread the word! When you receive the DAFAF flyer distribute it at your local coffee shops, libraries and shout about it on Facebook! For more information, contact: Jennifer Golubiewski, 608-287-6872 driftlessfibreats@gmail.com

Neighborhood Knits

Mini Classes Available Only to Guild Members

Registration for April and May mini classes opens Tuesday, March 12. These classes are offered FREE to Madison Knitters' Guild members only. Classes are one hour long at locations around Madison. We offer the classes as an opportunity to meet fellow guild members and instructors at a location and time convenient to you while you learn a new technique. Class sizes are limited and limited to one class per member. Please register only if you are certain you will attend. To enroll, go to Sign up at <http://www.madisonknittersguild.org/> "Events" on the MKG web site, read the class description and click on the class title to open the registration form. The following classes are offered:

Tuesday April 16	Liz Avery	Provisional Cast On Removable cast on stitches allow you to return later to a cast on edge to work live stitches for a finished edge. Learn three different cast on techniques and valuable tips for even tension in your cast on.	Sow's Ear 125 S Main Verona, WI 608-848-2755 knitandsip.com	6:30 pm
Thursday April 25	Mary Jo Harris	Portuguese Knitting By tensioning yarn around a shoulder pin or around your neck, you can create stitches with a flick of your thumb. Learn to knit, purl and make a simple scarf.	Lakeview Library 2845 N Sherman Av Madison, WI 608-246-4547	10:30 am
Sunday May 5	Terry Rutlin	2-Color Knitting with Ease! Create textured two-color knitting by simply combining knits, purls and slipped stitches, and only one color per row.	Stitcher's Crossing 6122 Mineral Point Road, Madison, WI	1 p.m.