

Big Apple Knitters Guild GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, February 10, 2018

1 PM – 4 PM

New York Society for Ethical Culture (Social Hall)
2 West 64th Street (at Central Park West) New York, NY

Guest Speaker: Védís Jónsdóttir, Designer and Author



Védís grew up on a farm on the west coast of Iceland. As a child, she learned to knit and to care for the sheep, but her biggest passion was drawing. After high school in Reykjavík, she moved to Copenhagen and attended The Danish Design School where she studied fashion design.

Védís worked as knitwear designer for many companies in Iceland, and in the costume departments of the opera and television companies. She then started designing hand knits and became the Head Designer at Ístex, revitalizing Icelandic knitting by introducing new shapes and more intricate color combinations. Her designs for Loppi, sweaters, and patterns are sold all over Iceland. Védís has continued to design yarn colors for Ístex, seeking inspiration from Icelandic nature to bring out the best qualities of Icelandic wool. She also designs woven blankets and throws for Icelandic companies.

Védís received the Pamela Sanders Bremont grant twice to study at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Maine, working with sculptural knitting and embroidery. She has also taken courses in classical techniques of mosaic making in Ravenna. She currently lives in Rome, Italy.

Presentation: Yarn and Pattern Design

Védís will talk about Icelandic wool and her work for Ístex designing yarn colors, yoke patterns, garments knitted in the round, and knitted sculptures. She will do a short instructional segment on how she works two-color stranded knitting with Loppi in the continental style and how she knits backwards (from left to right).

Optional: Bring two colors of yarn and appropriately sized needles if you wish to try the techniques above as they are being demonstrated.

Following the presentation, you can join our **Charity Table**, our **Piccadilly KAL** (<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/piccadilly-2>) or the **4 Ladder-Rung Scarf KAL** (<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/4-ladder-rung-scarf>), both led by **Norine Grodin**, or participate in our **“Beginners Circle”** led by **Regina Hood**. You are also welcome to stay and knit during the remainder of our time together.

Beginners Circle: Are you just getting started with knitting, or returning to it after a long hiatus? Please join this group at our general meetings to learn basic knitting skills. Bring a light-colored worsted-weight yarn and straight or circular needles suitable for your yarn (e.g., US # 7- 9).

Guests: We welcome guests to all meetings. First guest visit: Free Admission. A nominal \$5 guest fee will be charged on subsequent visits; this fee may be applied to annual dues, if paid on the meeting day. Join us!

A jumbo ball winder and yarn swift are now available for your use at meetings.

BAKG general meetings are photographed. By your presence at these meetings, you consent to the photography and use of your image in print and social media.

BAKG GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: February 10, 2018

Looking Ahead: BAKG Calendar

2018

March 10: Amy Herzog, designer and author

April 14: Keith Leonard, professional knitwear finisher

May 12: Jesse Ksanznak of Yarn Over New York

June 9: Members Share-the-Talent Day

September 8: Karida Collins of Neighborhood Fiber Co.

October 13: Susan Guagliumi, machine knitter and author

November 10: Trisha Malcolm of Vogue Knitting

December 8: Steven Berg of StevenBe



For Returns Only

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