

Big Apple Knitters Guild

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, December 8, 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: Steven Berg - Fiber Artisan and Designer



Steven Berg is a fiber artisan armed with a wealth of experience, a daring sense of style, and a firm belief in the transformative power of creativity that knitting or crocheting offers to all who are brave enough to push the boundaries. After an eventful career in the fashion industry, his creative work brought him back to his favorite medium, the one that always inspired him the most: the imaginative world of fiber arts.

Today you will find Steven in his Minneapolis store, StevenBe: a 6,000-square foot nineteenth-century firehouse adorned with chandeliers, animal prints, and his eclectic collection of objets d'art. His knitwear designs, chunky creations, and signature multi-stranded knitting style have caught the attention of Hollywood celebrities and stylists and have been featured in national publications. Steven reminds all fiber aficionados: "There are no mistakes, only variations."

Presentation:

Steven never rips out his knitting and he wants you to feel the freedom that he knows every time he picks up his needles. Sit back and enjoy Steven's best tips and tricks for brioche, short rows, stretchy cast ons and bind offs, increasing, decreasing, running out of yarn (for your project, not your stash--though he can help with that, too!), and for letting go of the idea of perfection and loving the idea of leaving your signature on your project in the form of your own variation! Steven will bring a trunk show and will be selling yarn, patterns and books with our 10% BAKG discount.

<u>Homework:</u> Participants should bring a variety of lace-weight yarns in a color palette (not the same color, but in a color family) and needles in a range from US #6-9.

Following the presentation, you can join our **Charity Table**, our **KAL**, or the **Beginners Circle** led by Susan Liebowitz. You are also welcome to stay and knit during the remainder of our time together.

KAL: Arabella Shawl by Skeino



Join Norine Grodin in knitting this versatile scarf or shawl. It can be worked in a gradient yarn, or simply by joining different yarns of your choice, using the needle size suggested for your yarn. You can download/print this free pattern on Ravelry: https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/arabella-shawl

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. You will need to bring a light-colored worsted-weight yarn and straight or circular needles suitable for your yarn (e.g., US # 7- 9) and/or a project you need help with.

Guests: We welcome guests at 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: November 10, 2018

Looking Ahead: BAKG Calendar 2019

January 8 (Tuesday, 6 – 8 PM): Shira Blumenthal – Lion Brand

February 9: Annual Auction

March 9: Denise Bell – Lost City Knits – hand dyer and designer

April 13: Pat Olski – designer, teacher, author May 11: Dalis Davidson – Dancing Leaf Farm

June 8: Members Share the Talent

September 14: Sarah Solomon – designer, teacher

October 12: Rebecca Kevelson - Clinton Hill Cashmere Co.

November 9: Trisha Malcolm – Vogue Knitting December 14: Marcy Winter – Delicious Yarns



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