

Big Apple Knitters Guild GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 11, 2019

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: Dalis Davidson – Dancing Leaf Dyeworks (formerly Dancing Leaf Farm)



Dalis Davidson is a shepherd, artist, dyer, painter, crafter, felter and knitter. Art is her outlet for her abundant energy and she feels she must create something daily that pleases her. Whether it be a felt scarf, a knitted cowl, or a mosaic mirror, she wants to end the day with having satisfied her “creative craving.”

Dalis’s main love is for fiber and the natural, organic feel of fresh wool in her hands. She uses her innate sense of color in the painting of her yarns, and watching colors emerge and overlap. When knitted, the colors flow gracefully and resemble an impressionistic painting. Knitting is a “soft” addiction for her and her knitting is never far from reach. Felting has been an interest for her for years and she likes abstract, multi-colored pieces with texture, body and undulating colors.

Presentation: Dalis will talk about her farm in rural Maryland (35 miles from Washington, DC), raising sheep and her journey from one sheep in the back field to her successful business, Dancing Leaf Dyeworks. She’ll tell us what inspires her colors, how she comes up with yarn names, her travels to ‘sheep’ countries around the world and what her day to day life is like.

Demonstration: Dalis will make and describe how to create a felted scarf. She will begin with a silk chiffon scarf, then layer merino roving, silk, sheep’s locks and Angelina glitz on top...all hand dyed by her. It is then wetted down with warm, soapy water, rolled up and then rolled back and forth, providing agitation that will felt (and shrink) the wool and everything will become embedded in the silk scarf.



Following the presentation:

Please stop by the **Members Share the Talent Preview Tables** to get an early look at the great lineup of classes that we have planned for the **June 8 meeting**.

You can join our **Charity Table**, the **Miss Grace KAL** led by Norine Grodin, or the **Beginners Circle** led by Debby Scheinholtz. You are also welcome to stay and knit during the remainder of our time together.

Skeino’s Miss Grace Shawl KAL



The **Miss Grace Shawl** requires 4 skeins of yarn: 2 in a base color, 1 skein in color one and 1 skein in color two. This project is for intermediate to advanced knitters. Knitters should be familiar with increases and short rows. You can download/print this free pattern at <https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/miss-grace-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. Please bring yarn and needles 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.

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Looking Ahead: BAKG Calendar 2019

June 8: Members Share the Talent

September 14: Sarah Solomon – Designer, teacher

October 12: Rebecca Kevelson – Clinton Hill Cashmere Co.

November 9: Carla Scott – Vogue Knitting

December 14: Marcy Winter – Delicious Yarns



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