

# Fox Valley Spinning Guild



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2015

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### MARCH MINUTES

FVSG March 9th

Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm with 19 members present.

Reports:

President: Ryan talked about the guild survey; let us know we can complete it on-line or on paper. The survey results will be compiled, and all comments and results will be made available to the membership for analysis and discussion.

Vice President: Ann will be hosting a program on finishing techniques tonight (March meeting). Next month the program will be show and tell with a spinning social. The program for May is to be announced. Watch your newsletter. We are hoping to have a basket class, possibly in June, taught by Sarah Jane Mischler. The workshop/class would be at a Sat. social. More details to come.

Secretary: approved as printed.

Treasurer: our only recent expense was the website fee.

Membership: no report

Web: no report, looking for a volunteer for this area.

Equipment: Mary brought in some items that had been donated. Some we distributed among membership, some will become a group project, and some went to the library.

Newsletter: Grace sends her apologies for the error in the photo caption of last month's newsletter. The item displayed was shared by Lois not Ruth, sorry for the confusion. Also Grace is always looking for newsletter additions, if you have something, please forward it to Grace.

Committee reports:

Bylaw committee: Looking for feedback,

please get your ideas and comments to a bylaw committee member.

Old Biz:

Fiber Art Socials - Saturdays - turn outs are great, often in the teens. Seeing some new faces.

Monday Nights - also nice; attended by about a half dozen. Nice location with great views.

There was some discussion on whether or not to add the book Spinners Book of Fleece to our library. The current consensus seems to be that our library is under-utilized, so we are hesitant to grow it at this time.

The July meeting will be our rummage/picnic meeting this year.

Demo opportunities - please watch the newsletter for dates and details regarding a new opportunity at Irish Acres in New London.

A sign-up sheet for Sinawa (Apr 17-18-19) went around; never too late to sign up. Here is who we have so far:

Neda, Ryan, Ann, Tracy, Becky, Grace, Carol, Amanda & guest, Jeanne W., Wendy, Lynn, Claire, Pat and Rachel.

Our next meeting is April 13th, program - show & tell.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:50pm and was followed by a short break before our program on finishing. Thanks Ann & Ryan for all the info!

See you in April.

Neda

**April Program:  
Show & Tell  
And  
Spinning Social.**



I would like to apologize for my error in the caption in last month's newsletter. Lois Drescher (not Ruth) brought the wonderful quilt shown below, and helping Lois display the quilt is Mary Silver. Mea culpa, Grace



Lois brought this lovely crazy quilt, made by one of her relatives, for show-and-tell.

Some info from Peg Mathews:

Dover Books [doverpublications.com](http://doverpublications.com) has something new! If you are not familiar with Dover Books - they reprint old and new books in a soft-back form. Their titles are widely varied. They also have an excellent line of coloring books that are not just for kids - the historical ones are very accurate! I enjoy getting their catalog in the mail, and I have quite a reference library and some of their craft books too.

They are starting a pattern download section on their website called CraftStash. (<http://store.doverpublications.com/by-subject-craftstash.html>)

You can download individual patterns from Dover's most popular knitting and crochet guides. This is just getting started, so check back often!

## Oconto Falls Cranking Day

8:30 am-4:00 pm Mon April 27, 2015  
Oconto Falls Public Library  
251 N. Main St  
Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Come and go as you please and as your schedule allows. Remember to bring a cloth or plastic for under your machine, a table or stool to mount it on, show and tell, something to work on and your lunch.

Ann at [chuckannj@gmail.com](mailto:chuckannj@gmail.com) for any questions.

The past get-togethers, we've collected a free-will donation for the library. They don't charge us for the room, as we are a non-profit group. So far with each event, the collection has been enough for the library to purchase a knitting book. The donation is optional and how much is up to you.

Vendors: There is no fee, if you would like to sell something.

Directions: You can also get a map from Mapquest or other internet services.

From the North/East - Hwy 141 south to Hwy 22 west. Follow Hwy 22 thru Oconto Falls, The library will be on the left near the downtown area.

From the South/East - Hwy 141 north to Hwy 22 west. Follow Hwy 22 thru Oconto Falls. The library will be on the left near the downtown area.

From the West - Hwy 22 east into Oconto Falls, past the beach. It will be on the right across from the Coach Lite Inn.

## April 13, 2015 Guild Meeting April Program: Show & Tell and Spinning Social

Some spinning humor from Chuck:

### ARCTIC CIRCLE Alex Hallatt



From Interweave Knits Patty Lyons' new video workshop, [Advanced Fixes In Knitting](#). She uses duplicate stitch to fix a worn sock heel

### Save Your Knitting with Duplicate Stitch

By far the most powerful tool in the knitter's toolbox is duplicate stitch. There are so many fixes that can be done once you master this little darling. Furthermore, once you do, you will also have a much better understanding of the anatomy of your stitches.

When I want to fix an area before it becomes a hole, I duplicate stitch over the threadbare stitches. Start by working a row below the trouble spot (leave a long enough tail to weave in when you're finished.) Remember, you can work multiple rows of duplicate stitch by first going right to left and then jogging up one row and working left to right.



Figure 1

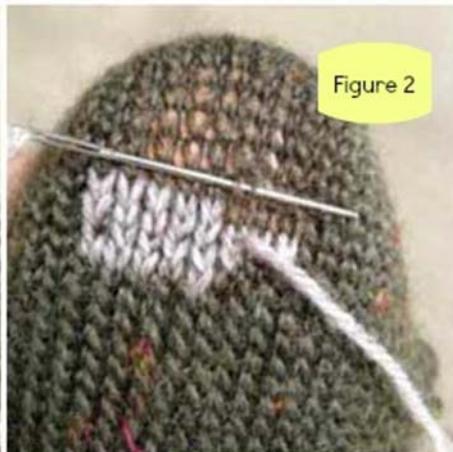


Figure 2

Start by bringing your needle back to front through the base of the stitch—the bottom point of the V. In **Figure 1**, I am working row 4, going left to right, always inserting the needle in the base of the stitch I am duplicating.

Next, bring your needle through the legs of the stitch above the one you are duplicating, as shown in **Figure 2**. Note: If you are working a row going left to right, your needle will also move left to right. Notice how I'm following the path of the stitch.

Finally, insert the needle back where you started at the base of the V. From the position shown in **Figure 3**, you can jog over to the next stitch (or up above to do the next row) and repeat.

Don't forget—when working the next row, you'll be moving right to left (**Figure 4**)!

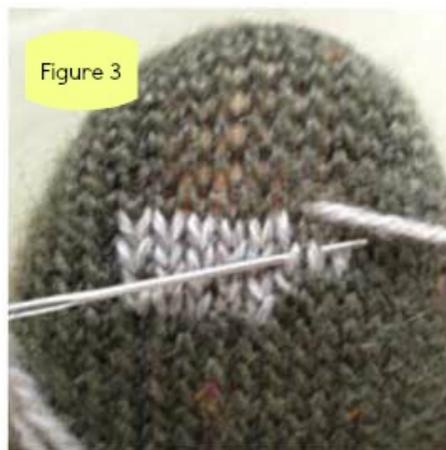


Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 6



Figure 7

Here's the finished heel, all reinforced. There's no extra bulk inside—very comfortable!

Although it's great to make this repair before the hole appears, fear not—you can also use a duplicate stitch technique called Swiss darning to repair a hole.

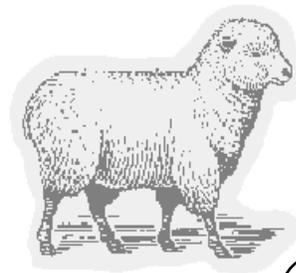
To find out how Swiss darning works,

along with a myriad of other repairs (fixes in cables, lace, colorwork, circular knitting, shaping, and more—both on and off the needles!), check out my new video workshop, [Advanced Fixes in Knitting](#).

—Patty Lyons, [Advanced Fixes in Knitting](#)

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## CALENDAR 2015

**Apr 11**—Fiber Arts Social  
Little Chute Library  
10am until 4pm-ish

**Apr 13**—FVSG Meeting  
April Program: Show & Tell and  
Spinning Social

**Apr 17-19**—Camp Sinawa

**Apr 25**—Fiber Arts Social  
Little Chute Library  
830/9am until 5pm-ish

**Apr 27**—Cranking Day  
8:30 am-4:00 pm  
Oconto Falls Public Library  
251 N. Main St  
Oconto Falls, WI 54154

**May 4**—Fiber Arts Social  
First Congregational Church UCC  
724 E South River St Appleton  
6:30 to 8:30 PM

**May 9**—Fiber Arts Social  
Little Chute Library  
830/9am until 5pm-ish

**May 11**—FVSG Meeting



**April Meeting :**  
Monday, April 13, 2015,  
6:30 Social Time/7:00 Meeting,  
Little Chute Community Center  
625 Grand Avenue, Little Chute, WI

**Camp Sinawa is next weekend,  
April 17-19. Sign-up and meal  
planning sheets will be available at  
the meeting on Monday.**



Fogle Hall

## DEMO OPPORTUNITIES

If any one has any demo opportunity dates, please get them to one of the officers. The sooner we get them on our calendar, the better participation we get from members.