

**DON'T MISS THIS
MONTH'S WORKSHOP**

Knitting 101: Basic Scarf

with Cathey Gidman

Thursday, February 13th 7pm-9pm
in the Old Warrenville Post Office

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**

Council Meetings

2nd Wednesday of
the Month

February 13th, 2020

Knitting 101: Basic
Scarf
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March 12th, 2020

Finding the Writer
in You
with Marian Matthews

Ever thought about trying to knit? Come and begin the adventure!

"To Knit" means to interlock loops of wool or yarns with needles or machine. In this workshop you will learn the basics of knitting; including needle selection, yarn selection, and the two most basic stitches. The challenge in knitting lies in the development of consistency throughout your stitches. By mastering these two stitches, the knit stitch and purl stitch, the world of knitting opens.



Cathey began knitting over four decades ago. While making her way through all types of knitting, today she is most known for her knitted socks and fingerless gloves. She calls her work 'practical art' as everything she makes is intended for use. Using yarns from bamboo and super wools, all her creations are machine wash and dry, "why have a pair of socks you cannot put into the washer and dryer?" she says. As the years go by, her style evolves, and the patterns will change, but her love for hand knit socks will always remain.

Contact Cathey Gidman (860) 450 – 9153 or GidmanCL@gmail.com to register;
Workshop is FREE to members; \$5 for non-members.
\$10 Materials Fee for all participants (will take home yarn and needles)
MUST PRE-REGISTER – SPOTS ARE LIMITED

Thank you to all the artisans, visitors, and volunteers who came out to support the 4th Annual Holiday Artist Market. While the rain may have been falling outside, the Holiday Spirit was alive and well, making the event a complete success!

From all of us at the Ashford Arts Council we wish you and yours a Happy New Year!

OUR SEARCH FOR ASHFORD'S POET LAUREATE

The Ashford Arts Council (AAC) requests applications for consideration as the Poet Laureate for the town of Ashford. Applicants should be recognized for a long-standing involvement in poetry and should demonstrate passion and expertise in poetry.

- The Poet Laureate, in coordination with the AAC, will be expected to fulfill several duties over a 3-year appointment, some of which may include:

- organize and / or participate in poetry readings open to the public
- read a poem at AAC and town events
- write or find poems about the community, historical events, figures, etc.
- visit schools and work with students
- present poetry workshops for the AAC
- facilitate the publication of an anthology of poetry by community members
- work with the local library to create a poetry corner or collection of poetry books by CT authors

An Honorarium of \$600 (\$200 per year) will be provided.

For more information visit our website www.AshfordArts.org

**SEARCH CLOSING
FEBRUARY 29TH**