

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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CHARITY KNITTING & MEMBER-LED WORKSHOPS Monday, January 23th

Our January Guild meeting has become our annual **Charity Knitting Night** – an evening where you can sit and relax, chat with friends and knit a little something for someone in need. So how about choosing a pattern you've always wanted to try, search your stash for the appropriate yarn, grab the right needles and head to the Guild meeting to join your friends.

Need a suggestion as to what is needed? Unfortunately, any and everything is needed – any age, either gender, any fiber. But here are a few ideas: *Hawkwing* is still collecting warm winter clothing, especially for the children; they also have a new program which provides warm hats and socks for newborns, in addition to sweaters for all babies. The Kids Klost in White Plains always needs sweaters for toddlers, and hats, scarves and mittens for all children. Remember *aghans for Afghans* wants only wool hats, mittens and socks for girls of school age. *Metro World Child* distributes clothing for the entire family – any fiber but wool/acrylic blends are much warmer.

We've just revised our Charity Programs document, listing all the organizations we donate to, and it can be found on the Westchester Knitting Guild website.

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From the President

Happy New Year! We ended 2016 with a wonderful Holiday Party including delicious items to eat. The WKG Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected for another year. All in all, the evening was a cheerful event with many members starting our new sock KAL lead by Suzanne Sunday. If you would like to participate in the KAL, it is not too late to join in at our next meeting. We will begin the year with our charity knitting night and member-led mini workshops. We are looking for a member, who is well versed in provisional cast on to demonstrate the technique. We are planning to demonstrate the Twisted German cast on and the Elizabeth Zimmerman's sewn cast off. If you have a skill in a knitting technique and are willing to share with your fellow members, please contact me.

It is dues time once again. Please remember to see Jeanne Scofidio, or to mail your check for \$35.00. At our December meeting, three new members joined us. We look forward to seeing their finished items in the months to come.

On a personal note, and on behalf of the WKG I would like to thank Julie Saviano, of Etui FiberArts in Larchmont for her generosity over the last three years. Julie has donated books and yarn to the Guild and the Taconic Knitting program. Sadly, she has decided to close her beautiful store by the end of January. Julie has been a constant source of inspiration to the fiber community and will be missed.

J. Evelyne Liebmann

CHARITY KNITTING NIGHT continued.

Once on the site, click on "Membership," and then click on "Charity Programs."

Just in case, we will bring some yarn – in case you need help in securing yarn – but we can't provide patterns or needles. The yarn will be either worsted or dk weight.

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd – and remember you don't have to complete the project that night. We're very patient ...

Plus, we will have some members available to demonstrate knitting techniques you might not be familiar with, e.g., Twisted German cast on, which provides elasticity, and Elizabeth Zimmermann's favorite The Sewn Bind Off, and maybe more.



Twisted German Cast On

WKG KNITTERS' HALL OF FAME 2016 continued. . . .

MEMBERS

Amber Klein
Gretchen Flint
Olive McNeil

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Carletta Durante
Barbara George
Joan Murphy
Pat Nevergold
Sister Justine Mariculture
Sister Antonia McGuire
Sister Laura Morgan
Trudi Greenwood

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Charity Knitting Program.

Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer



If you are planning to attend the Women's March in Washington, DC or NYC on Jan.21st, it's not too late to knit yourself a "Pussy Hat". Directions appeared in the Dec. 2016 newsletter and here is another simpler version, knit in the round. You can knit it in a couple of hours. Get started!

Materials: Worsted weight pink yarn, size #6 or #7, 16" round needles

1. Cast on 96 stitches.
2. K2P2 ribbing for 4 ½ inches
3. Knit in stockinette stitch for 3 inches - (k47, p1, k47 p1, to create a fake seam)
4. Turn inside out and finish top with a three-needle bind off.



POMATOMUS KAL

If you were unable to start the *Pomatomus* KAL at the December meeting, it's not too late to join the group. Bring to the meeting one skein of solid or tonal (a self-striping or variegated yarn will obscure the pattern) fingering/sock weight yarn (385-420 yards, depending on the supplier), the pattern (follow the Ravelry link below to print it out) and, if you are a gauge knitter, 2.25 mm needles (4 or 5 double pointed needles, 2 short circulars or 1 long circular). If you are a tight knitter, bring 2.5 mm needles; if you are a loose knitter, 2.0 mm needles.

Suzanne Sunday

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEwinter05/PATtpomatomus.html>



Pomatomus Socks in progress from our WKG Ravelry Discussion Board.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2017 year for our knitting guild. We're very fortunate to be able to maintain our dues at \$35.00 for the year! We have some exciting programs lined up for 2017.

Please make your dues check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG in the amount of \$30.00. You may give the check (or cash) directly to me at the next meeting or you may mail it to me at:

Jeanne Scofidio
2 – 4 Brooke Club Drive
Ossining, NY 10562

Please include your current address, telephone number and current email address. I will give you (or mail to you) a 2017 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities!

Thank you, Jeanne

UPCOMING KNITTING EVENTS

Through Jan. 22, 2017, **Crochet Coral Reef: TOXIC SEAS**, Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY, <http://www.madmuseum.org/exhibition/crochet-coral-reef-toxic-seas>

Jan. 13-15, 2017, **Vogue Knitting Live! New York**, New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY, <https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork/20380>

February 4-7, **Wander / Wool Retreat**, Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY, <https://yarnculture.com/wander-wool-retreat-brochure.pdf>

March 31-April 2, **Black Sheep Yarns Annual Retreat**, Kent, CT, <https://www.blacksheepyarnsct.com/spring-needle-arts-retreat/>

Through April 16, 2017, **Scraps: Fashion, Textiles and Creative Reuse**, Cooper Hewitt Museum, New York, NY, <http://www.cooperhewitt.org/channel/scraps/>

May 6-7, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, <http://sheepandwool.org/info-faqs/visiting-the-festival/>



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Calendar

- January 23 – Charity Knitting & Member-Led Workshops
- February 27 – Shira Blumenthal, Lion Brand Yarn
- March 27 - Kristen Kapur & Gale Zucker, *Drop-Dead Easy Knits*

MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 Knit Along
7:00 Announcements & Show and Tell
7:15 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the
Chappaqua Library
195 South Greeley Ave.
Chappaqua, NY 10514-3398
914-238-4779
www.chappaqualibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Membership renewal begins in January 2017. Annual dues are \$35 and Jeanne will accept payment at the next meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic knitting needles for the prison knitting program at Taconic to monthly meetings.
- Guests are welcome. There will be a \$10 fee for guests.

MEETING ETIQUETTE REMINDER

We are fortunate to have high quality presenters during our monthly meetings. Even if you are not interested in the presentation or mini-workshop, please be respectful of others and remember:

- No talking during presentation
- Wait until Q&A period to ask questions
- Wait for the presentation to end before trying on, or looking at samples

Thank you for your cooperation.

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