

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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GALE ZUCKER & KIRSTEN KAPUR March 27



Our guest speakers this month will be award-winning editorial and commercial photographer, Gale Zucker and knit-wear designer, Kirsten Kapur.

They will present a slide show with Gale's tips and tricks on photographing your knitwear, and Kirsten's favorite knitting tips and tools. They will also discuss the creation of their new book, *Drop Dead Easy Knits*. from a summer evening with three friends chatting over lobster and wine in Maine, through the process of making the book, to the final product.

After the slideshow guild members will be invited to see their trunk show. There will be copies of their book for purchase at a very reasonable price of \$16.99.

Kirsten Kapur has a background in ready-to-wear as both an apparel and textile designer. She has a strong knowledge of garment construction as well as surface design and particularly loves exploring the intersection of color and texture in design. She is the author of *Kirsten Kapur Shawl Book One*. Her designs can be found on Ravelry and her website www.kirstenkapurdesigns.com.

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From the President

It is hard to believe that is March already! If you haven't already done so, please be sure you renew your membership this month, so that you can continue to be in the loop about the activities and events we are planning for the year. Make your check payable to the WKG for \$35.00. If you can't make the March meeting, you can send your check to Jeanne Scofidio c/o WKG, PO Box 141, Chappaqua, NY 10514. Our email list will be updated, after the March meeting, to reflect those people who have paid their dues.

The WKG Board is happy to announce our newest Board member Suzanne Sunday. Suzanne is the Education Coordinator, and will be responsible for workshops, KAL projects, and will help with our KAL projects on *Ravelry*.

Speaking of *Ravelry*, Linda Higham will continue to help members unfamiliar with how to find us on *Ravelry*. We have a thread for both KAL works in progress as well as a thread for posting your completed items. All of the wonderful completed projects that members show at the meetings can now be posted on *Ravelry*, making it easier for other members to find the specifics of each project; pattern name, yarns used, and other helpful information.

Patty Lyon's Workshop at the Guild!

Have you ever looked at your decreases and wondered why your SSK and K2tog don't look exactly the same? Have you looked at the bump that is left after you have cast off and wished that you could fix it? Well, you are in luck, because you can answers to those and many other vexing knitting questions that knitters on all levels think about. Join us on Sunday, May 7th, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the Chappaqua Library Auditorium for *Patty's Knitting Bag of Tricks*. The workshop fee is \$50 for guild members (a real bargain) and \$65 for non-guild members. We currently have a signup list started at our February meeting; you can sign up for the workshop at the March meeting as well. We are anticipating that the class will fill fairly quickly, so be sure to bring a check with you to give to Myra at the March meeting. We will open registration to non-members after the March meeting, so that you can invite friends and family members. Patty is a fantastic teacher and has wonderful tips for beginners to expert knitters alike. Please make checks payable to: *Westchester Knitting Guild*. If you cannot join us for the March meeting, send your check to Westchester Knitting Guild, Attn: Myra Cohen, PO Box 141, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

Many of our members meet with like-minded people to knit and chat. If your group would like more knitters, or if you would like to start an informal group, we can post that information in our newsletter. We are planning on posting a listing in our next newsletter so, if you would like to be included, please give us (any board member) the vital information.

Looking forward to seeing you at our March meeting, we have a great program for you!

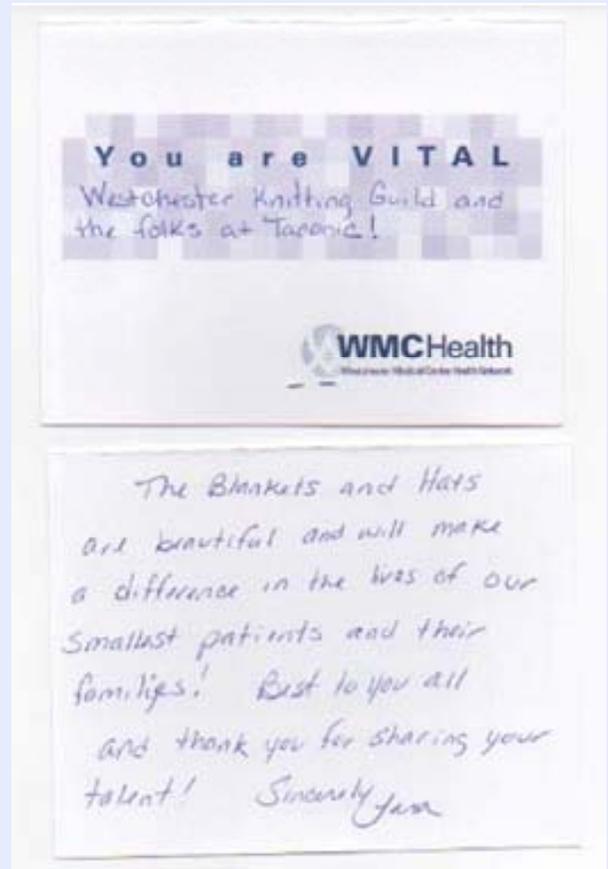
As always, Happy Knitting

J. Evelyne Liebmann

More Very Appreciative Recipients!

Recently, we received this lovely note from Tara, the Manager of Volunteer Resources at the Westchester Medical Center. It is such a pleasure working with her and hearing her sing your praises. Keep up the good work. →

And we also received this from Ram Wools Yarn Co-op – they requested knitted items for the refugees crossing the border from the US into Canada. It is upsetting to think what they must be going through – yet again seeking safety and compassion. ↙



Thank you for caring!

Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer



Our students at the Taconic Correctional Facility created this wonderful afghan for a volunteer teacher who is leaving the program.

SHOW & TELL GOES DIGITAL!

Our Guild Show & Tell is always amazing but often we want more information and we forget the name of the pattern and the beautiful yarn that was used. Check out our *Ravelry* group and you'll find a new thread, "Show & Tell". We are asking everyone who shows something during the meeting to post a picture and more details. If you don't know how to get on *Ravelry*, join a group, set up a project page, or upload a photo or post to a group thread and would like to get help, email Linda Higham at linhig@aol.com and come early to the next meeting and head over to the Information table.

Suzanne Sunday



POMATOMUS KAL

While quite a number of guild members are busily working on their socks, if you haven't started yet, it isn't too late to join us. This is an amazing pattern which looks very difficult but is definitely "doable" by almost anyone in the guild, especially with some hints. If you are interested in joining us, come at 6:00 p.m. to the meeting and bring the following: 1 skein (about 400 yards) of fingering weight yarn, a printout of the free Pomatomus pattern (see the link below), markers and 2.25 mm needles (if you aren't a gauge knitter, you may need to go up or down in size). You can bring either four or five, 6" double pointed needles, two short circulars or one long circular (magic loop)—whichever you think will work the best for you. I use four double points but have used all of the others, so I can help you. Here's the pattern link:

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

Suzanne Sunday



March Program continued.

Gale is the co-author/photographer of the books *CraftActivism* and *Shear Spirit*. Her clients include yarn companies, magazines, book publishers, knitwear designers and artisanal clothing manufacturers. She can found be online at www.gzucker.com, as @galezucker in social media or as *She Shoots Sheep Shots*, the name of her long running blog.



Kirsten Kapur



Gale Zucker

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2017 year for our knitting guild. We have found it necessary to raise the dues to \$35 for the year. Please pay by the end of March in order to avoid a \$10 guest fee.

Please make your dues check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG in the amount of \$35.00. You may give the check (or cash) directly to me at the next meeting or you may mail it to me at:

Westchester Knitting Guild
Attn: Jeanne Scofidio
P. O. Box 141
Chappaqua, NY 10514

Please include your current address, telephone number and current email id. 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. We have exciting programs lined up for 2017!

Thank you,
Jeanne Scofidio
Treasurer

UPCOMING KNITTING EVENTS

March 30 – April 2, **Long Island Yarn Crawl**, Roslyn, Mattituck, Oyster Bay, Port Jefferson, Huntington, NY <https://longislandyarncrawl.com/>

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

April 3 – 8, **LOOT: MAD About Jewelry**, Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY,
<http://madmuseum.org/loot/about-2>

April 4 – August 6, **Judith Lieber, Crafting a New York Story**, Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY <http://madmuseum.org/exhibition/judith-leiber>

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

April 22, **The Chancellor's Sheep & Wool Showcase 2017**, Germantown, NY
<http://www.friendsofclermont.org/sheep-wool>

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

June 10, **World Wide Knit in Public Day**, <https://www.wkipday.com/>



Knitting News
Joan Ratner

Calendar

- March 27 - Kristen Kapur & Gale Zucker, *Drop-Dead Easy Knits*
- April 24 - Sara Solomon, *The Handknitter's Double-Knit Buttonband*
- May 22 - Dora Ohrenstein, crochet designer

MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 Knit Along, Ravelry Help

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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