

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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TRISHA MALCOLM, Editor of *Vogue Knitting* November 27th

For our November 27th meeting, we are pleased to welcome Trisha Malcolm, Editor of *Vogue Knitting Magazine*. Trisha will show us items from the current issue of *Vogue* and discuss current trends in the world of knitting.



Trisha Malcolm's life in needle crafts began at the age of four and has spanned summers of knitting, sewing, crocheting, and embroidering while at the beach, backpacking around the world, and during academic years as a high school needlework teacher. An editorship at *McCalls Needlework* and *Craft Magazine* led Trisha to a career in craft publishing. She worked as the Craft Editor at *Family Circle Magazine Australia* and other publications before she took over the helm of *Vogue Knitting* in 1997. Her role at the company has expanded in the ensuing years, to encompass *Knit Simple* magazine, a book publishing division (publisher of *Stitchionary* series, *Knitopedia*, and more), custom publishing, and stitching-themed events. Trisha lives in Brooklyn with her son.



From the President

It is hard to believe that November is upon us. Where has the year gone? For the Guild, it means two meetings in one month (November)! It also means that December is fast approaching and members must either approve the existing board for another year, or vote for new board members. If anyone wishes to run for the board, please let us know which position you are interested in.

The NYS Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck has come and gone. I know that many of you were at the event. The weather this year was glorious; if a bit warm to show off bigger items like sweaters or coats, although plenty of shawls were in evidence. Please share your finds with fellow members. If you have finished knitting an item from your newly purchased yarn stash, be sure to bring it to the meeting.

Looking ahead to December, we will have our annual Holiday Party. It is never too early to think about what food items to bring to this event. Appetizers and/or dessert items for 12 would be ideal.

Elsewhere in the newsletter, you will find updates from Suzanne Sunday concerning our next workshop, as well as a very useful guide to joining groups on *Ravelry*.

As always, happy knitting.

J. Evelyne Liebmann

SEQUENCE KNITTING KAL

COLORMILL SHAWL

At the Nov. 27th meeting, we will continue our Sequence Knitting KAL, focusing on the Colormill Shawl from Cecilia Campochiaro's wonderful book,

If you haven't joined us yet, it's not too late. The project is a simple one-row, pattern ideal for blending two solid or variegated yarns. It is also a great project for using up gradient kits. Bring 800 – 1,000 yards of fingering weight in two or more colors and a #3 circular needle, 40" long or longer.





Show & Tell
November 6th



When you register for Vogue Knitting 2018, use the following codes to receive a discount:

G10—10% off Individual Classes and Lectures

G15—15% off Times Square Day Tripper and Broadway Baby packages

G20—20% off 5th Avenue Getaway and Big Apple Weekender packages

HALFOFFG—Half off Marketplace Tickets.



MARCH 26TH CLASS & LECTURE WITH LAURA NELKIN!

We are set for a GREAT day on March 26th with Laura Nelkin. She will be teaching a class on fixing (and avoiding) mistakes in lace knitting from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the library. A number of people have already signed up, so be sure to register at the November 27th meeting. After that, if there are any spots still available, they will be open to the general public. The workshop price will be \$50 for guild members and \$65 for non-members. Laura is a great teacher and the class should be terrific!

Laura's lecture at the meeting will be on her innovative Novus sweater construction. I have made one of them (Pacificus), which I have worn many times and am almost done with another, La Jefa. I know there will be many more in my future. It's a great technique, which I know you will love learning about. So, plan on joining us for the meeting and, if possible, for the workshop.

Suzanne Sunday

UPCOMING FIBER ART EVENTS

Through Jan. 7, 2018, **War & Pieced, Quilts from Military Fabrics**, American Folk Art Museum, <https://folkartmuseum.org/exhibitions/war-and-pieced-the-annette-gero-collection-of-quilts-from-military-fabrics/>

Jan. 12-14, **Vogue Knitting LIVE!**, New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY
<https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork18/76013>

May 5-6, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD,
<http://sheepandwool.org/2018-maryland-sheep-wool-festival-2/>



War & Pieced, American Folk Art Museum



Ravelry-Groups 1:

One of the many things you can do on *Ravelry* is to join groups of like-minded individuals. Click on the *Groups* link at the top of the page and you can search for an unlimited number of groups focusing on anything knitting, crocheting and fiber related. So, type in your favorite designers, your favorite yarn brands, techniques you adore (such as lace or cables) and what you love to knit the most (socks, sweaters, shawls, etc.) and you'll find many options. One of these groups is the Westchester Knitting Guild, which, if you haven't already joined, please do so now.

I've been on *Ravelry* for almost ten years and I currently belong to 58 groups. Some of them I check out infrequently (like some of the sock groups that I joined at the beginning and some yarn groups that interest me less than they used to), while others I check at least once a day. I join groups that reflect some projects that I am currently working on, like the *Stephen West Westknits 2017 Speckle & Pop Mystery KAL* that is going on right now and the *October-December verybusymonkey* (one of my favorite designers) *Knitting Relay*. I also have a few favorite yarns (for example, check out Barking Dog Yarns) and I belong to the *Nautical Knitting Cruise* group, which gives me the most current info on the cruise that I'm going on in December. I've made many *Ravelry* friends by participating in these groups and when I go on a cruise or go to meet-ups at Rhinebeck or Maryland Sheep and Wool, I already "know" a bunch of people. So, when I joined other members of Laura Nelkin's group on the hill by the petting zoo at Rhinebeck, I got a chance to meet about ten people that I knew only from the group.

Many of the groups that I belong to have KALs or knitalongs and most of these give prizes to winners. I have won five handmade knitting project bags, over 20 skeins of gorgeous hand-dyed yarn, lots of patterns, knitting needles, lavender sachets and many other prizes for knitting projects that I would have knit anyway. How do you win the prizes? Well, you need to follow the rules about what to knit and when to start and finish, and sometimes which yarn and/or techniques to use. You'll also need to post cast-on and cast-off pictures and links to your project page. We will cover those topics in the next newsletter. In the meantime, search for some groups and join at least one that has KALs so that you can apply what we will be discussing next month. Until then, investigate and play on Ravelry!

Suzanne Sunday



Knitting News
Joan Ratner

Calendar

- Nov. 27 -Trisha Malcolm,
Vogue Knitting
- Dec. 18 – Holiday Party
- Jan. 22 - Charity Knitting

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Meetings are generally held on
the fourth Monday of the
month at the

Chappaqua Library

195 South Greeley Ave.
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www.chappaqualibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Membership renewal for 2018 begins in December. Annual dues are \$35 and treasurer Jeanne Scofidio will accept payment at the December meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic or bamboo 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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