



# Cablegram



## February 13th— Stephanie Tallent

Stephanie Tallent lives in Hermosa Beach, CA and has been knitting on and off for the past 30+ years. Several years ago she began self-publishing her knitting designs. She is also a technical editor for magazines and indie designers. Her first book, "California Revival Knits", was published in 2012 by Cooperative Press. She is currently working on her second book. She is also hard at work editing a multi-designer collection, "Hitch: Patterns Inspired by the Films of Alfred Hitchcock".

Stephanie is hoping to have patterns and books for sale at the meeting. All of you who voted for Cables for the KAL - you will be especially pleased with the great cable designs on many of her patterns.

When she is not designing, knitting, tech editing or working as a veterinarian, she gardens (native plants and vegetables), hikes, and beachcombs. At home, she is well supervised by a dog and some Tonkinese cats. They also "help" by modeling finished projects. Stephanie blogs at [sunsetcat.com](http://sunsetcat.com). You can find her on Ravelry as "Stephcat". Check out her designs on Rav - really interesting color work, and lots of cables.

Welcome, Stephanie!

## Charity Knit 2013— Trinity Place

This year SKG is promoting two charities for our knitting: Trinity Place and Operation Nightwatch.

Rotary Club of Edmonds partnered with Rick and Anne Steves, and the YWCA to create Trinity Place, a place where single mothers can find shelter, friendship, support, and build successful lives.

This location houses 22 single mothers, who are working at getting their lives together, to provide for themselves and their children. Most of the women are in their early twenties and have no family support to stay off the streets. Our Charity Knit will be for the children at Trinity Place. These children, mostly ages 0 to 10, need all kinds of knit garments and accessories: hats, gloves, scarves, etc. Please remember it is fun to knit the baby items, but the 7, 8, and 9 year-olds need things too.

We will be knitting through August, and taking the items to Trinity Place in September. If you want to drop off your project sooner, we will have a collection box at meeting next to the name tags.

— Paulette Hauck, Program Chair

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## Charla Jaffee— New Vice President

Sometime around a year ago I attended my first Seattle Knitters Guild meeting. This is not to say this was my first time being a member as I “joined” a few years ago but was terrified to go to a meeting. I think in the dark side of my imagination: I envisioned entering a room full of knitting snobs similar to what I have encountered in the world of knitting stores. You know the type – they look you up and down and scrutinize EVERYTHING. In situations like those I have over bought yarn, I think, to prove my credibility as a committed knitter. I am over the yarn snobs – I love knitting in my own right – may not be the best but get a profound sense of accomplishment stemming from so many areas. The love of the texture, colors, patterns, and continuing the tradition passed down from my grandmothers.

I must say, at my first attendance of the Seattle Knitters Guild last year I was charmed. I was in a room full of amazing people with a similar love bordering on obsession as me! I have found co-navigators in my knitting lust. We love to share what we are working on, have completed and have no shame discussing our trials – tribulations and joy at times with togetherness. I chuckled a lot at that first meeting and jumped up “to share” at the end feeling the approving eyes of the masses. I had arrived.

So, what am I working on? On [Craftsy.com](http://Craftsy.com) I am taking the virtual class with Carol Feller and making Portulaca out of a beautiful gray Soft Donegal. I have completed another Craftsy class over a year ago and like the forum. I also have a pair of Monkey socks on the needles as well as a few other items....

I decided to join the SKG board because it seems like the right thing to do and I look forward to getting to know more of you, hear about your projects and discuss any suggestions you may have.

— Charla Jaffee, Vice President



## Seattle Knitters Guild

(Est. 1985)

Meetings every first Wednesday of the month 7pm

Wedgwood Presbyterian Church

8008 – 35th Ave. NE, Seattle

(NE corner of 35th and 80th)

Visitors always welcome.

Parking available in the lot behind the church or across from the south side of the church on 80th.

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(Only members may check out books.)

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## Membership Notes

Welcome to new members:

Barbara Ford (harpgirl on Ravelry)  
Dawn Cottone (nesahnwad on Ravelry)  
Sandy Burga (ssknit on Ravelry)  
Kerry Peck

— *Lisa Burlingame, Membership*

## Notes from the Board

The final pieces to this year's program schedule have fallen into place, and I am very excited for what is to come! I would like to thank our program chairs for working very hard on scheduling speakers for our meetings, as well as coordinating our charity knitting project. We also have a few other projects and events up our sleeves for this year, and we cannot wait to share them with you!

Be sure to look for a few new features in our newsletter this year, such as highlights on local yarn stores as well as on some of our guild members. We still need your help to fill our newsletter pages, and our newsletter editor is working to make it easy and fun for our members to participate.

## President

Some of my duties as President are rather obvious, such as operating both general membership and guild board meetings. Many times I am the first and last to leave meetings, making sure that everything is unlocked (and locked at the end) and everyone is doing what needs to be done. I am also called on to fill in when a board member is absent.

After the meetings are over, I prepare board meeting minutes and agendas, answer emails submitted through the website, and monitor the guild group on Ravelry along with the forums attached to it. At times I deal with requests and donations from the general public; just this last December I met with a widower who donated his late wife's stash to the guild, which we will be using in this year's charity knitting project.

The best part of my job is all of the members of the guild I get to speak with! Normally I stick to what and who I know, and am not one to get up and speak in front of large groups. This position has challenged me to step outside of my box, and I have appreciated every moment of it!

## Hospitality Chair

The hospitality committee takes care of the refreshments served at the monthly meetings and participates as a board member of the guild.

The guild provides liquid refreshments, usually tea/coffee. All supplies are stored in the cabinet on the eastern side of the meeting room on the shelf marked as belonging to the guild. A member of the hospitality committee has a key to the cabinet, as do other board members.

Current co-chairs of the hospitality committee are Wendi Lewis and Kathy Riley. We are looking for other members to cover this when neither of us can attend. All refreshment items purchased for the guild are reimbursed by the treasurer.

## Program Chair

As your Guild Program Chair Team, we do just what you think we might do - arrange the program portions of our meetings. We start by putting together a "wish list" of topics or speakers, and then start contacting possible speakers. For February, we contact the scheduling genius at Madrona to see which of their teachers might want to speak the night before Madrona starts. We fill in the calendar as we get confirmations from speakers, and then plug in the non-speaker meetings - KAL fashion show, ice cream social, fiber frenzy and the holiday party.

In November we contact all sorts of fiber people and companies asking for donations of yarn, patterns, and books - all of the lovely raffle gifts that we give away at the party. We spread the fun of party prep with the rest of the board - purchasing the yarn store gift cards, and wrapping all of the donations.

Each month, we submit descriptions to both the webmistress and the newsletter editor so that you would be as excited as we are about the upcoming meeting. We stay in touch with the speaker, ensuring that we have what she or he needs for the talk.

On the night of the meeting, we have dinner with the speaker and the rest of the board before the meeting, and then head to the church. In February, we provide transportation (as needed) for the speaker to the meeting, and then to Tacoma after the meeting. It is a terrific opportunity to have conversation with some of the most interesting people in knitting and fiber arts world.

Being part of the Program Chair Team is great fun!



## My Local Yarn Store: Stitches

My Local Yarn Store is a new Cablegram feature which will hopefully cover all Seattle Area yarn stores over time. Seattle has many yarn stores. The only way to keep our wealth of brick-and-mortar stores is to patronize them and spread the word about our wonderful LYS's. If you would like to write about your favorite store, please contact [editor@seattleknittersguild.com](mailto:editor@seattleknittersguild.com)

Stitches 711 E Pike St, Seattle, WA 98122 Open daily 11-7

This store is easily accessible by bus (#9, 10, 11, 49, 60 stop just a block to the north on E Pine St) but there is no free parking.

Stitches is a Capitol Hill yarn store. While their primary focus is fabric, they have a pretty good cross-section of yarns as well.

All staff members I have encountered (and I have been a customer for over eight years) are somewhat knowledgeable about knitting. I have gotten good advice regarding closures and reinforcing button bands.

Stitches carries only Cascade Yarns label. While at first it seems a narrow selection, they have lots of yarns that I have not seen in any other Seattle area yarn stores. Who knew that Cascade has beautiful hand-dyed thick-and-thin yarns as beautiful as Manos, smooth cottons and elastic ones, a variety of different alpaca blends and lovely range of sock yarn in both solids and handpaints. Soft mohair blends and alpaca lace almost followed me home.. And I was pleasantly surprised when I saw that they have new bulky and super bulky selection this year, nice addition to the Eco+. There is even a relatively large selection of Acrylic/Nylon blends.

The yarn is organized by weight. They do not have swatches of all yarns to pet yet but are adding all the time. Color selection is quite large, I saw a rainbow of Cascade 220 and 220 superwash and most colors were available in sweater quantities. Even Cascade Heritage (sock yarn) and bulky yarns had sweater quantities in many colors on the shelves! This is my favorite detail: I love being able to buy a garment's worth of yarn without planning ahead. If they do not have the color, they will happily order it for you. They have all the color cards as well, you just have to ask.

They will also wind the yarn for you, should you so desire.

Just like yarns, the tool selection is limited to one label: Clover. The range of sizes in circular needles and double points is nice and large, single points are more sparse. Stitches carries Clover crochet hooks, which I consider most comfortable (and I have a very large selection of hooks). All little needles and stitch markers and other little helpful tools are available, also a selection of pompom makers (dangerous tools, purchasing one will make you immediately produce tons of pompoms even if you do not really like them) and needle felting tools and circular knitting frames.

Since Stitches is also a fabric store, they have a large selection of buttons, all Dill brand, a variety of ribbons and very wide selection of purse hardware. Knitting books are limited to one small shelf.

There is a small sale bin but I have not seen any yarn in it, only fabric, books, and notions.

Stitches offers one beginners' class where you can learn to knit and make a felted bag. They also have one beginning crochet class.

I think Stitches is a nice basic yarn store. You will not find fancy brands but the color and fiber selection is very nice and solid. I have found every tool I have urgently needed and purchased buttons for countless garments.

Stitches is MY local yarn store.

# Remembering a Knitter: Marjorie Michelson

Marjie grew up in Everett Washington and attended BYU before marrying Robert Michelson and graduating from the University of Washington in 1974. She earned a B.A. in home economics concentrating on clothing, textiles, and art.

Marjie loved to sew, knit, crochet, embroider and do all manner of handwork. She was a part time seamstress working from her studio in our home. "Marjorie Michelson Custom Clothing" was her business for over 30 years.

Her knitting was strictly for fun, for her family, friends and herself. Marjie would knit while she was traveling, during concerts, waiting for the doctor and at home when the mood struck her. She made her husband many sweaters, hats, and socks. She loved to make little baby sweaters and hats for the newborns in her family. One of her best projects was matching ski sweaters for her husband and one of her sons.

When not sewing or knitting Marjie was a skilled genealogist doing family history research for her family and for other customers. And she was a wonderful musical wife playing the piano (classical) and flute and was also a church organist.

Marjorie was Robert Michelson's loving wife for 39 years. She passed away 2 years ago.

Last month Robert Michelson donated his late wife's stash to the guild. We will bring it to the meetings starting March to use for charity knitting.

Diane Eastman is looking for someone to complete a baby blanket.

Her mother passed away nearly ten years ago leaving behind a partially knitted baby blanket for her first great grandchild. Ten years later her daughter is having a second child. Diane hopes to present her with a completed blanket from "great grandma". She would love to find someone (even a reference to such a person) to finish the blanket. It is a very simple pattern but she herself is not a knitter.

please contact [president@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:president@seattleknittersguild.org) for Diane Eastman's contact information

Mariana Quarnstrom started a knitting class at the Rainier Vista Boys and Girls Club and is in need of some help. The only time available, is not the best, 4:30-5:30 PM on Fridays. She tried our Senior Center, but no takers! Please let her know if there is anyone interested in helping.

Contact [president@seattleknittersguild.com](mailto:president@seattleknittersguild.com) for Mariana's contact information



## Seattle Knitters Guild Calendar

February 13	Speaker from Madrona Fiber Arts
March 6	Gretchen Schlomann (Fern Ridge Alpacas)
April 3	Fiber Frenzy
May 1	Kathleen Cubley
June 5	Kristi Gabrielse (Ana Cross Stitch)
July 10	Shibaguyz Shannon and Jason Mullett-Bowlsby
August 7	Ice Cream Social
September 4	Back-to-School Mini Classes, Charity knitting collection
October 2	Churchmouse Yarns & Teas
November 6	Knit-Along Fashion Show
December 4	Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

Speakers are subject to change