



Meet Mary Jane Mucklestone on February 12!

Welcome Mary Jane Mucklestone! A native Seattlite now living in Maine, Mary Jane love to knit (especially with color) and to travel. She feels very lucky to be invited to teach in so many different countries, and is eager to share her adventures with us. She is bringing her colorwork swatches so that we can see how they look and feel – and to plan which ones we want to do in our next project!

She is the author of three books featuring stranded colorwork: 150 Scandinavian Motifs – the Knitters Directory and 200 Fair Isle Motifs – A knitters Directory. Her new book is Fair Isle Style, a contemporary take on colorwork featuring 20 projects from 10 popular designers. You can see Mary Jane’s inventive designs and learn more at her website www.maryjanemucklestone.com

— Susan Parke, Program Co-Chair

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The SKG Board has had an exciting and busy month and robust beginning of a new year. First and foremost— please help me thanking Margarite Hargrave who started on the board late 2009 as the Newsletter Editor and later became the guild's webmistress leading the way for more innovative internet modalities. Margarite's efforts will be missed but we count on seeing her at meetings modeling her beautiful knitwear and sense of style. Thank you for all the work you have done for the Guild over the years!

Looking at our calendar for this coming year we are very lucky to have a golden spot on the knitter's circuit. From Madrona, to Vogue and then the sweet nugget Knit Fit in the Autumn we have a lot of able knitters and enormous talent traveling through the Northwest. And then there are our precious local resources found in local yarn stores, knitting groups and here at the Guild. I never get tired of the "OHHHs and AWWES" during show and tell and Anu Slorah our Newsletter Editor has taken it upon herself to record all of the knits with links found on our Ravelry group page. This is a great resource! Thank you Anu as now I can "ooo and aww" knowing the patterns will be listed. Speaking of Ravelry, the energy is a riot at times with the KALs, MKALS and events such as the Ravellenic Games 2014. Just as there is a lid for every pot, there is a stitch for every kind of knitting out there and whatever mood one would like to knit in. It is an exciting time and I often think of my grandmothers and their love for knitting. How they would enjoy this movement and to be part of the knitting renaissance! When things go "right" with my knitting I think they are somehow channeling and bestowing their affirmation and also guiding me when I get a little frustrated.

"Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either."

— Elizabeth Zimmermann

— Charla Jaffee, President

Library Notes

SKG is looking for new book suggestions for the library. Do you know any great knitting books? Please email librarian@seattleknittersguild.org or post in our [ravelry group](#).

— Susan Earley, Librarian

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.

Dues: \$25 per year, \$15 after July 1

Library cart open 6:30 to 7pm

Only members may check out books.

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Membership Notes

Welcome to new members:

Cindy Ford
Clair Widing
Heidi Stender

Irene Broman
Kellene Gilbrough
Shelley Baumgarten

It is now possible to renew your membership online at <https://squareup.com/market/seattle-knitters-guild> If you renew using this link, please remember to enter your Ravelry name in the 'optional info' box.

— Lisa Burlingame, Membership



Knit It Forward

This year SKG will be knitting clothes for teddy bears given to children at the Seattle Providence Hospice chapter of [Camp Erin](#). Camp Erin, created and funded by [The Moyer Foundation](#), is the largest nationwide network of free bereavement camps for children and teens ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them. It is a weekend-long experience filled with traditional fun camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support — facilitated by grief professionals and trained volunteers.

Camp Erin is named in memory of Erin Metcalf of Woodinville, Washington, a remarkable young woman who developed liver cancer at the age of 15. Karen and Jamie Moyer met Erin through Make-A-Wish. Erin had a compassionate heart and when she was hospitalized she often expressed concern for the other children there as well as their siblings, who sometimes received little attention.

Bear measurements:

head circumference 15.5"
height (ear to toe) 18"
neck to tail 8"
legs 6"
ankle circumference 6"
toe to heel 5"
foot circumference 7.5"
wrist to under arm 5"
wrist to wrist 17"
wrist circumference 8"
neck around 11"
waist circumference 15.5"
rise (belly button to back waist) 12"
inseam 4"
outseam 6"

— Paulette Hauck, Program Co-Chair



Mary Ellen Roberts: How to Submit to County Fairs



Mary Ellen has been submitting projects to Evergreen State Fair for a number of years. She has won a rainbow of ribbons and rosettes for her crochet afgans, doilies, and shawls. She learned to crochet from her British grandmother as a small child and later learned how to read patterns from her mother.

Per last year's rules you could enter up to 15 items. There can be several items per category but they cannot all be done in the same technique or pattern. Your project has to be made during last year or adjustments on the project have to be made last year. The item itself does not have to be fancy, it can be simple. People enter all kinds of projects starting with potholders and baby booties and ending with afgans and lace.

Items are judged based on stitch quality (evenness), material and color appropriateness, finishing (how the ends are woven in, blocking) and presentation. The complexity of the item is not as big a consideration.

Generally you enter your projects two weeks before the fair and pick up after Labor Day. There are two days during which you can enter projects and two days during which you have to pick them up, so plan your schedule accordingly. During the fair you can come and knit in the fiber arts tent as craft demonstrator, if you sign up to do it you generally get a free day pass and free parking.

Mary Ellen hopes to see some of us at Evergreen State Fair section Q tent for knitters and crocheter meetup, usually held on Saturday or Sunday (check the fair calendar once the event is closer).

If you have ever wanted to enter a state fair, do as Mary Ellen says, "Put your big girl britches on and just go for it."

— Anu Slorah, Newsletter

150 Scandinavian Motifs: The Knitter's Directory by Mary Jane Mucklestone

I first saw this in the Seattle Public Library catalog the last fall and just had to check it out. Literally and figuratively. After checking it out several times I decided I needed this in my own library.

The book is nicely laid out. At the beginning you have an essential skills chapter. This gives all the information you need to get started and also how to finish a project. It talks about holding the yarn, stranding and moves on to using color providing many other useful tips. It includes some of the history of various Scandinavian knitting styles and patterns. Next you have the motif selector. It has the motifs side by side with the page number and motif number. Here you can look at many patterns at the same time. Once you decide on a motif you go to the page number listed and you see a full size picture of a swatch of the motif on one side of the page and on the other side you have charts for swatching. The best feature is that the motifs appear both in black and white and also several color variations. At the back of the book you will find several small projects to get you started working with stranded color work.

I think both beginner and advanced knitters will find this a very useful and beautiful book to have in their own library. The motifs are beautiful and it makes you want to pick up your needles and start a project. I have spend hours just looking through this book. I find it inspiring and hope to start a colorwork project soon. I may even venture into making up my own combination of patterns just to please myself.

— Susan Parke, Program Co-Chair

My Local Yarn Store: Tolt Yarn and Wool

The lovely smell of beautiful yarn and old wood hits you when you walk through the door. It has an ambiance that makes you want to sit and knit and learn even more about knitting and fiber arts. Beautifully arranged collections of yarn, in all colors line the walls and fill every nook.

Every time I visit I find a new brand — Madeline Tosh, Malabrigo, Shetland, HiKoo, Cascade, Spincycle, British Blue Wool, Zauberball, Dream in Color, Sweet Fiber, Hazel Knits, and on and on. Sample knits and patterns are displayed throughout the store to give inspiration.

Anna and her staff are helpful, energetic, knowledgeable and oh so talented. Their class list was basic the first month and has been expanding since the new year. Project bags, stitch markers, Hiya Hiya and Addi needles, books and chunky Tolt coffee mugs add to the shopping experience. Several seating areas with comfy chairs and even a fireplace make the store welcoming and accessible.

Right in the middle of Carnation on Highway 203, the store is flanked by an Ace Hardware and a Classic Car emporium, just in case your Dear Husband wants to tag along. Closed on Mondays, they are open 11-5 on Sundays, 10-8 on Tuesday and Thursday, 10-5 on Wednesday and Friday and 10-6 on Saturdays. Visit their website at toltyarnandwool.com and be sure to check out their [blog](#)!

— Patti Puzan

I want to add my two cents to the review of Tolt Yarn and Wool. Great shop! I managed to do some stash enhancement – you know, because there's no yarn at my house! (cough cough choke choke) That's my story, and I'm sticking with it! There is some yarn that I didn't buy (I was surprised!) that I keep thinking about, called Elsa Wool that is undyed and incredibly squishy. They actually have a terrific selection of natural colored yarn, and I'm still surprised that it didn't come home with me – I am a sucker for yarn that has the name of the sheep or alpaca instead of a dye lot number!

In addition to very helpful and friendly staff (who contributed to our holiday party raffle!), they have several iPads available to customers in case you need to check Ravelry for project ideas, or for yarn requirements for something in your library.

It's a lovely drive out to Carnation – you'll be very glad you made the trip.

— Susan Parke, Program Co-Chair

Show and Tell

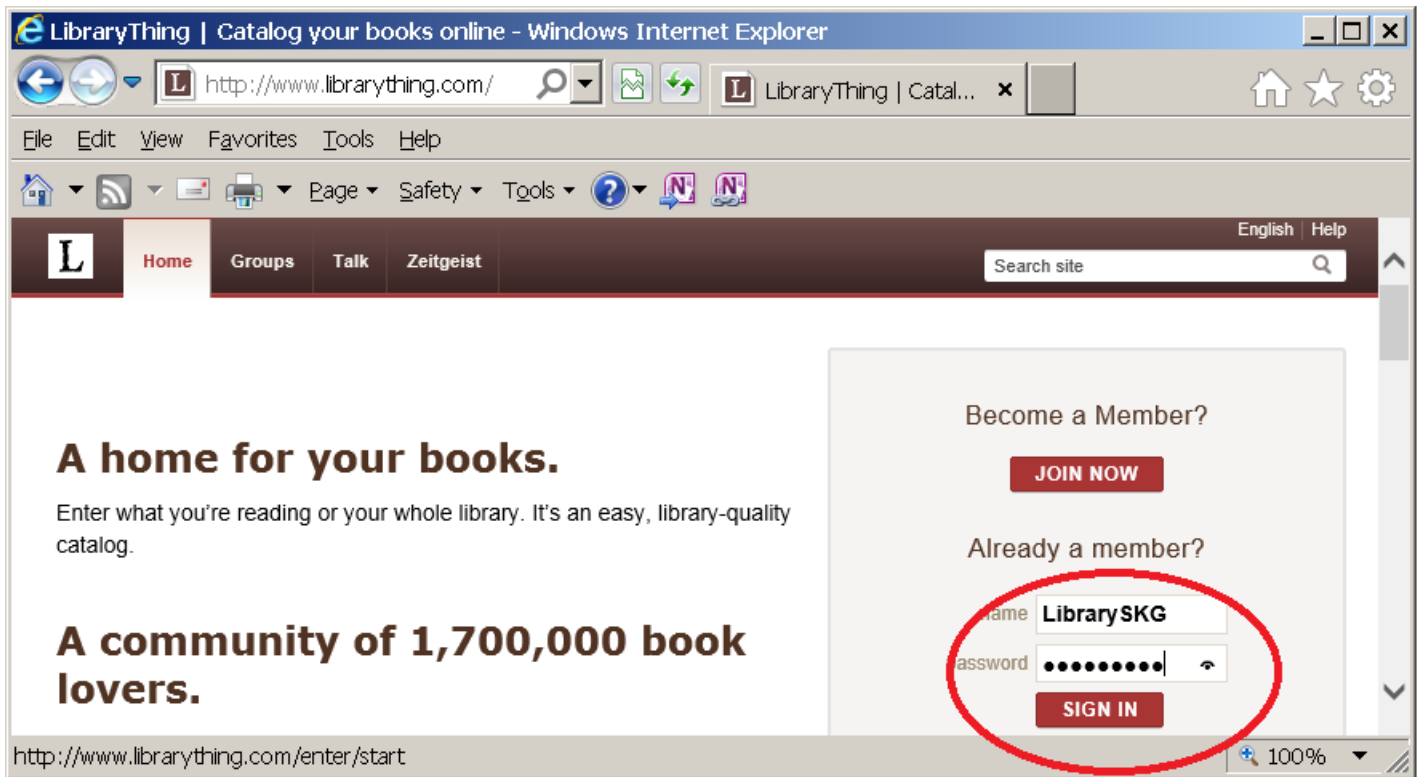
Do you take great photos? We would love some help. We have a camera present at meetings but no dedicated photographer. If you would like to lend a hand, talk to a board member!

If you would prefer not to have your project featured in the newsletter, or to have photo of just your project and not yourself, please tell us (photographer or any board member) at the meeting. We strive to make you happy!

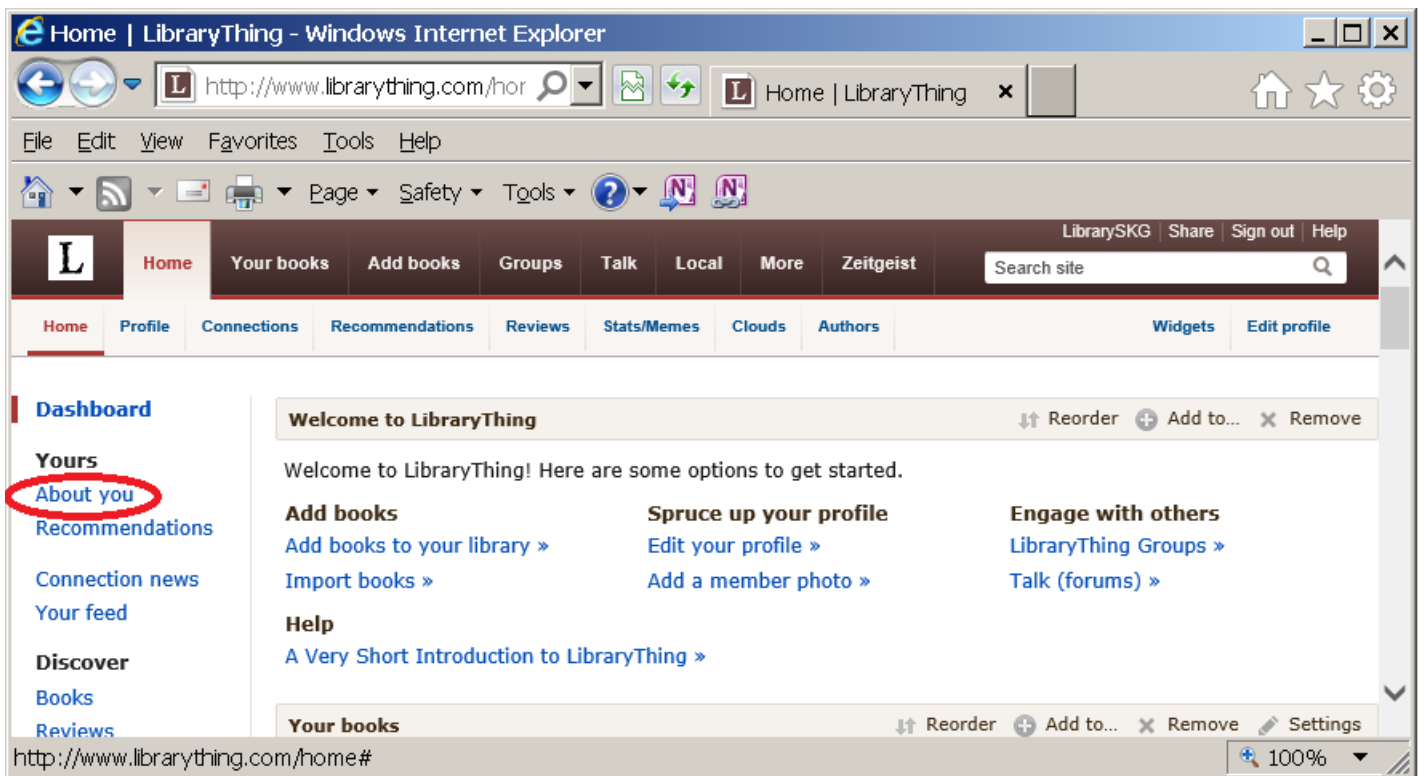
Check our Ravelry group for pattern links www.ravelry.com/groups/seattle-knitters-guild



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Organization

SeattleKnittersGuild is one of more than 5,000 organizations on LibraryThing. SeattleKnittersGuild is listed as a "knitters guild."

Random books from SeattleKnittersGuild's library

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This is the library. You can sort by clicking on a column heading or by doing a search.

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The page title is "SeattleKnittersGuild's books | LibraryThing". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.librarything.com/cat". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Your books", "Add books", "Groups", "Talk", "Local", "More", and "Zeitgeist". A search bar is visible with the text "Search site". Below the navigation, there are options for "Your library", "List", "Covers", "Tags", and "Authors". A table of books is displayed with columns for "Title", "Author", "Date", "Tags", "Rating", and "Entry date". The first three books listed are:

Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Entry date
100 Afghan Squares to Knit: Patterns and Instructions for Mixing and Matching Afghan Squares for Blankets and Throws	Debbie Abrahams	2002		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-03-26
1000 Great Knitting Motifs	Luise Roberts	2004		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-03-07
1000 sweaters : mix and match patterns for the perfect personalized sweater	Jane Crowfoot	2004		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-03-26

EXAMPLE: search for Barbara Walker

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface with search results for "barbara walker". The search bar is circled in red and contains the text "barbara walker". The search results show 7 books found in all collections. The first three books listed are:

Title	Author	Date	Tags	Rating	Entry date
Charted Knitting Designs: A Third Treasury of Knitting Patterns	Barbara G. Walker	1972		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-02-28
A Fourth Treasury of Knitting Patterns	Barbara G. Walker	2000		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-02-28
Knitting from the Top	Barbara G. Walker	1996		☆☆☆☆☆	2013-03-26

Check it out!

Find yarny places around the country
<http://yarnplaces.com/>

Beautiful blog post on why we knit
<http://thecraftsessions.com/blog/2014/1/15/craft-as-comfort-craft-as-art>

How to make a simple shawl pin with two buttons and a piece of elastic
<http://sheilazachariae.blogspot.com/2014/01/diy-shawl-pin-with-buttons.html>



Knitters' Calendar

February 13-16, [Madrona Fiber Arts](#), Tacoma, Washington
 February 20- 23, [Stitches West](#), Santa Clara, California
 February 27- March 2, [Rose City Yarn Crawl](#), Portland Oregon
 March 14-16, [Vogue Knitting Live](#), Seattle
 March 21- 22, [Fibers West](#), Cloverdale, British Columbia
 April 4- 6, [Sheep-to-Shawl Women's Retreat](#), Brookings Oregon
 April 4- 7, [Lantern Moon Retreat](#), Mount Hood, Oregon
 April 5- 6, [Alpacapalooza](#), Ridgefield, Washington
 April 10-13, [Sheperds' Extravaganza](#), Puyullup, Washington
 April 18- 20, [Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival](#), Hood River, Oregon
 May 15- 18, [LYS Tour](#), Puget Sound, Washington
 May 26- 27, [Fiber Train](#), Nampa, Idaho
 June 20- 22, [Black Sheep Gathering](#), Eugene Oregon
 September 27- 29, [Flock and Fiber Festival](#), Canby Oregon
 October 3- 5, [Nordic Knitting Conference](#), Seattle, Washington
 October 4- 5, [Knit City Fiber Festival](#), Vancouver, British Columbia
 October 18-19, [Fiber Fusion Northwest](#), Monroe, Washington
 November 8- 9, [Knit Fit](#), Seattle, Washington



Seattle Knitters Guild Calendar

February 12	Mary Jane Mucklestone
March 12	Carol Milne
April 2	Fiber Frenzy
May 7	Vicky Eberhart: Bunny Gold Angora
June 4	Karen Alfke: Sweater Design, Knit and Fit
July 2	KnitAlong: One Skein Project
August 6	Ice Cream Social
September 3	Back-to-School Mini Classes
October 1	Annual Market Place: Shop and Socialize
November 5	Rebecca Danger: Toy Design
December 3	Holiday Party

Speakers are subject to change