



Cablegram



November 6, KnitAlong Fashion Show and Charity Knit Showcase

The year is nearly at an end, and our November meeting is set to celebrate some of our accomplishments this year. Please bring your KAL (remember we are knitting anything designed by Elizabeth Zimmermann) and be ready to walk the runway !!!

In addition, this will be a final collection for our Charity Knitting this year. We will have all your generously donated knitting items for viewing, and the after the meeting for those wanting to stay – we will be sorting for our two charities. A small reminder of our two charities:

Operation Nightwatch: <http://www.seattlenightwatch.org> An interdenominational Christian ministry serving the poor and homeless. They provide:

- Care and hope for the community at night;
- Compassionate relief and shelter placement;
- Low-cost housing supper for seniors and disabled;
- Education for others to assist in responding to those in need.

Trinity Place YWCA housing: <https://www.ywcaworks.org/page.aspx?pid=449> This is a twenty-two unit building supported by YWCA, Rotary Club and Rick Steves, that offers:

- Transition housing for mothers and their children up to 18 months;
- On-site family and individual mental health services;
- Employment and educational assistance;
- Access to family law services;
- Childcare while mothers are in training.

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*Looking Ahead:
December 4
Holiday Party and Gift Exchange*



Please come and join in some fun and social time with your fellow Knitters Guild members (and who knows there maybe small delicious treats!!)

— Paulette Hauck, Program Co-Chair

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From the President:

When I volunteered to be Vice-President of the Seattle Knitters Guild for 2012–2013, it was because I wanted to be part of this amazing group of committed knitters where passions freely flow. Now as president for the next year I am thrilled to continue to be part of this great group and fellow knitters and fiber enthusiasts. The SKG is overflowing with people who are full of skills, inspiration, generosity, and friendship. The laughter is infectious— and willing to share insights with fellow knitters.

As President, my goals this year are to continue the work of the Guild in promoting SKG to the knitting community at large. How this is played out is by focusing on our Internet presence on Ravelry and finessing our logo. There are a lot of other Seattle area knitters out there right now who have no idea we exist or are fearful of “not being good enough” to be part of this community. I know— I was one of those too scared to come to a meeting even after I paid my dues! But that was a while back and with a little knitting therapy I got over it. I love to knit, talk about knitting, and be with knitters so how could I lose coming to the SKG!

The Guild still remains the only place that presents a high level of programming where a variety of knitters can gather and learn from top-level knitting designers, fiberists, and marketing geniuses. The intimacy of our meetings allows for questions and the ability to touch amazing creations or future garments.

I am excited about the year ahead and all we will learn and do together! We are at this point seeking a Vice President to join our team. Email me or the board with any questions!

Membership Dues Update

We have avoided raising our dues for as long as possible, but we can no longer prolong the inevitable. Starting January 2014 dues will be \$25 for the year and \$15 after July 1st for 1/2 year rate.

We wish to thank you for your valued membership and know that you will understand the necessity for this price increase.

— Charla Jaffee, 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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 Library cart open 6:30 to 7pm
 Only members may check out books.
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Membership Notes

Welcome to new members:

Brenda Crist (Ravelry name looking good)
 Ethelyn Abellanova (Ravelry name seattlesparkle)
 Joani Harr
 Lesley Ankeny (Ravelry name ankles)
 Pam Klapstein (Ravelry name gramcracker)
 Stephanie Smith (Ravelry name stephanies1019)
 Trina Amundson (Ravelry name amundsonhome)
 Vanessa Eng (Ravelry name vanessarocks)
 Alyson Garland

— Lisa Burlingame, Membership

Board Knits

Did you know that Knitters Guild board meetings are almost like mini knitting events? Every time the board gets together we share what we have knitted during the past three weeks and we also get to knit during the meeting.

You could be part of our group: the Guild is looking for a Vice President (with understanding that she would step up as President the following year) and Marketing person (who would help get our presence in the web more up-to-date). Being part of the board is fun and not too taxing, we only meet once a month in addition to guild meetings and the rest is done by email and phone.

Susan showed off not one but two Wingspan shawlettes. The rainbow colored one is knitted in Kauni and I believe the purple-gray is Evilla. She also showed us her new Karbonz needles that she got from Fiber Gallery by special order. Very nice pointy tips! Charla was knitting the scarf from our last guest speaker, the Churchmouse. And Nanette had Misty Alpaca scarf on the needles. If you want to know more, check [www.ravelry.com/groups/seattle-knitters-guild!](http://www.ravelry.com/groups/seattle-knitters-guild)

— Anu Slorah, Newsletter



Anatomy of a Churchmouse pattern

October brought Kit Hutchin, Karen Alfke, Kate Molendijk, and John Koval from Churchmouse to the Guild.

About thirteen years ago when Kit first opened Churchmouse she had a nice selection of free patterns to give out with yarn purchase. People liked it, word spread, and over time other yarn shops started asking to use these patterns. The very first Churchmouse pattern batch was printed in 2009. It was a series of ten designs. At this point Churchmouse has published more than fifty patterns that form a very cohesive collection.



tips, and new finishing options. The goal is to make knitting the pattern feel as if you were in the shop with the staff. When pattern is finally written out it is time for planning the photo shoot with Jared Flood. All the pieces get reknitted. First the color is chosen, not just to match the seasonal color story of the current collection but to fit into the palette of fifty plus patterns that Churchmouse has published. It is rechecked that the yarn would be readily available and that there would be an affordable and luxury option. Unfortunately, even though Churchmouse works with Jared Flood, Brooklyn Tweed yarns will not appear on Churchmouse patterns since the yarns are not

widely available. All Churchmouse pattern photos are work of Jared Flood. Since he is a knitter he knows how to really focus on the knitting rather than the models.



Churchmouse pattern design is amazingly collaborative. Kit and Karen walked us through the design process for the One by One, Two by Two Scarf pattern in Erika Knight's British Blue Wool. And every member present walked away with a little ball of their own to see what they can come up with. Thank you Churchmouse for a most interesting evening!

— Anu Slorah, Newsletter

Show and Tell

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





December Holiday Party

Just as a head up, in December we will have a potluck and gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share (do not forget serving pieces!). A label with main ingredients and any potential allergens would be nice. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$15 value MAX) and place it on the exchange table. Later everyone who brought a gift to exchange will gather around the table to select a gift to take home.

New Yarn Store Opening!

Tolt Yarn and Wool is a new neighborhood knitting and spinning shop opening in Carnation, WA. The grand opening is on November 9, 2013 10am-6pm. For more info <http://toltyarnandwool.com/>

Knitters Calendar

November 2-3, KnitFit, Seattle
November 10-11, FiberMania, Grants Pass, Oregon
February 13-16, Madrona Fiber Arts, Tacoma
March 14-16, Vogue Knitting Live, Seattle



Seattle Knitters Guild Calendar

December 4 Holiday Party and Gift Exchange

January 8 TBA

February 5 Guest speaker from Madrona Fiber Arts

March 5 TBA

April 2 Fiber Frenzy

May 7 Vicky Eberhart – Bunny Gold

June 4 Karen Alfke

July 2 KnitAlong

August 6 Ice Cream Social

September 3 Back-to-School Mini Classes

October 1 Market Place

November 5 Rebecca Danger

December 3 Holiday Party

Speakers are subject to change