

Cablegram



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*Looking Ahead:
next meeting
December 3,
Holiday Party*

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November 5: Toy Design with Rebecca Danger

It is almost Halloween - so can our November meeting be far behind? No, in fact, shortly after all of those monsters are finished roaming the streets, we will welcome Master Monster Knitter Rebecca Danger to our Guild. Rebecca will talk about designing and knitting stuffies, something that should come quite useful since she will prepare us just in time to knit something fun and cuddly for upcoming holidays.

Rebecca has published three books to date: [The Big Book Of Knitted Monsters](#), [50 Yards of Fun](#) and [Knit a Monster Nursery](#). In addition she has a plethora of standalone patterns available on Ravelry, some of them free. If you have speedy needles, you could still knit her freebie [Monster Chunk](#) by Halloween or our next meeting since it takes only 30 yards of main color and 10 yards of coordinating color.

Check out her patterns on [Ravelry](#) and take a peek at her [blog](#), looks like she has two more books in the works!

Hope to see you on November 5!

— Susan Parke, Program Co-Chair



From the President:

Last month's speaker, Daniela Nii, gave a wonderful talk on building her career as a pattern designer, and what it is like to work with knitting publications. It was really fun to see her beautiful samples, one of which I remembered seeing on the cover of Vogue Knitting. As part of her talk, she mentioned a new website, localfibers.com, where small, local fiber producers can submit listings.

I love supporting our local fiber producers and the Pacific Northwest has a steady stream of fiber events. I hope some of you had a chance to visit Fiber Fusion Northwest at the Evergreen Fairgrounds a few weeks ago. I did, and was happy to see so many local spinners and dyers and their beautiful offerings. Board member Lisa Burlingame attested to the stashes exchanged at the Fort Worden knitting retreat the last week in October.

The real fun for me happened the last weekend in October on the Imperial Stock Ranch Retreat organized by the Fiber Gallery. The trip included a tour of the Imperial Stock Ranch (producer of Imperial Stock Ranch yarn), a design class by pattern designer Bonne Marie Burns, plus excellent food and knitting, knitting, and more knitting! It was a regular fashion show as everyone bundled up in their hand knitted garments, it was cold up at that ranch! I could get used to this.

There is lots of fun to be had closer to home with the trunk shows at local yarn stores—if you get on the mailing lists of your favorite yarn store, yarn manufacturer and/or knitwear designer, your calendar will fill with a steady stream of yarny goodness.

None of this is conducive to controlling your stash! But I bet every guild member reading this is busy working, raising kids, volunteering, caring for family members—or you're retired with a long history of such service. I say, we deserve! I encourage you to do your bit for the local economy and buy (locally) all the yarn you want—or at least, all your budgets and storage space will allow! And if you don't get around to knitting it all up, well, those fuzzy skeins make great pets. No feeding or walking required!

— Paula Ward, President

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Charity Knit:

We have received a message from Barb Demorest of Knitted Knockers:

“We have been getting so much publicity lately about knitted knockers that demand is through the roof. We are completely out of size Ds, DDs, and pairs of C’s.”

It is wonderful that the word is getting out about Knitted Knockers, which means they are counting on our contributions more than ever.

— Paula Ward, President



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— Lisa Burlingame, Membership

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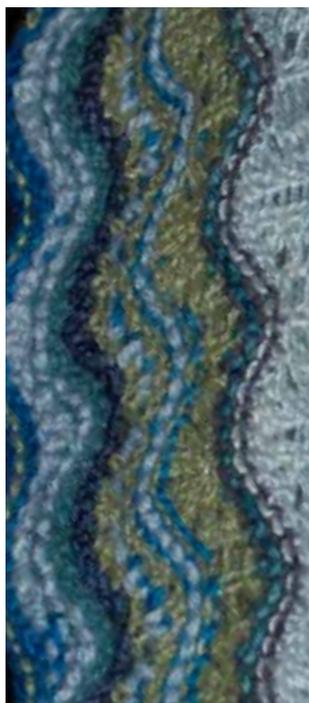
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Recap: Daniela Nii

Daniela Nii is a prolific designer and tech editor for Interweave Knits. She has 67 patterns on [Ravelry](#), both knitting and crocheting, and her patterns cover a wide range of techniques. Daniela likes trying new things and urges us all to take risks. To get started on risky knitterly behavior she taught us to knit cables without a cable needle:

Daniela: Thank you again for having me as a presenter at your Knitting Guild meeting! I've enjoyed meeting you all very much and hope I was able to share some interesting information as well.

I've been asked if it would be possible to share the step by step instructions for how to work a cable without a cable needle for your newsletter. Absolutely! See the instructions below. I will also post them and the accompanying videos to my [website](#) within the next week or so.

2/2 CR – 4-st cable crossed right

Work to where sts need to be crossed.

Hold yarn to back.

Move RH needle in front of work and insert in 3rd & 4th sts.

Use RH index finger to pinch first 2 sts against RH needle.

Pull out LH needle.

Move LH needle behind work and pick up “dropped”/pinched sts, being careful not to twist them.

Slip the 2 sts (3rd & 4th sts) from RH needle back to LH needle.

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2/2 CL – 4-st cable crossed left

Work to where sts need to be crossed.

Hold yarn to back.

Move RH needle in back of work and insert in 3rd & 4th sts.

Use RH thumb to pinch first 2 sts against RH needle.

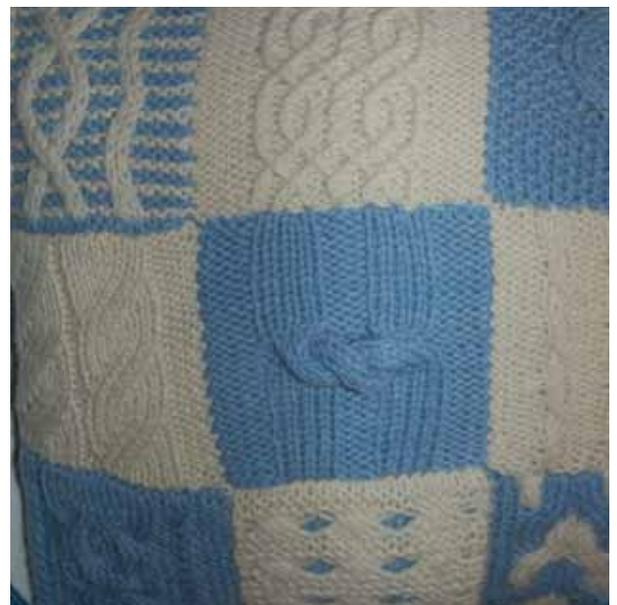
Pull out LH needle.

Move LH needle in front of work and pick up “dropped”/pinched sts, being careful not to twist them.

Slip the 2 sts (3rd & 4th sts) from RH needle back to LH needle.

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— Anu Storah, Newsletter





Seattle Knitters Guild Calendar

December 3 Holiday Party

January 7 Epic Knitting Fails and Saves

Speakers are subject to change