

# Cablegram



## October 15: Daniela Nii

Daniela Nii is a proud multi-crafter who has learned to knit, crochet and sew over 30 years ago in elementary school in Switzerland. With every project she likes to learn something new, adding to her diverse range of techniques to produce designs that highlight simplicity, elegance, and classic lines.

Her designs have been published in major knitting and crochet magazines such as Interweave Knits, Knit.Wear, Crochet, Vogue Knitting/Designer Knitting (European sister publication), Noro Knitting, and Twist Collective, as book contributions, with online magazines, and by yarn companies like Shibui Knits, Malabrigo (this fall), Kollage Yarns, and the Alpaca Fiber Cooperative of North America (AFCNA), and if time allows, she self-publishes some of her patterns.

She works as a regular freelance technical editor of knitting and crochet patterns for Interweave, Craftsy and independent designers, is a national workshop instructor (Interweave Knitting Lab, Estes Park Wool Market, Taos Wool Festival, etc.), and a writer of knitting and crochet technique articles.

She is also the founder of the Mile High Knitting Guild, and [www.LocalFibers.com](http://www.LocalFibers.com), an online US and Canadian fiber resource directory connecting fiber producers with fiber enthusiasts.

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*Looking Ahead:*  
*next meeting*  
 November 5,  
 Rebecca Danger  
 Toy Design

**Check page 4, there is homework for the meeting!**

— Paulette Hauck, Program Co-Chair

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Fall is my favorite time of year and knitting is one of my favorite things, so maybe it's fitting that I start my stint as president of SKG about now.

I would like to thank Charla Jaffee for presiding as president last year. She drove a long way and juggled work and family to serve the guild, and we all appreciate her time and effort.

I would also like to thank all the board members who are continuing their work this year. They make my job easy! We have a plethora of enthusiasm and talent on the board, and I think the great meetings we have are a reflection of that willingness to work together for the benefit of the guild. And speaking of which, we currently have openings on the board for Vice-President (the only job easier than the president's) and Membership (great if you're the organized type).

I am looking forward to the coming year as a time to get to know more of you, enjoy the terrific speakers scheduled, and to enjoy all the wonderful projects at show 'n tell.

I would also love to hear more from you about what you would like to see the guild do or become. Our September speaker, Barb Demorest of Knitted Knockers, is a shining example of how the humble craft of knitting can offer solace to those in need. There are lots of ways we can reach out with our knitting. There are also lots of ways we can just have fun with it! If you have a suggestion, please talk to me (or any board member) at a meeting, or email me at [president@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:president@seattleknittersguild.org).

Happy Knitting!

— Paula Ward, President



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## Business Membership

The Guild has a new membership program! We now offer business memberships to any store, designer, dyer, farm, etc. who would like to promote their business to our membership. Anything fiber-related is welcome!

Annual membership dues of \$75 will entitle your business to:

- Membership for two people to attend Guild meetings and special events.
- A business card-size advertisement in our monthly online newsletter.

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— Lisa Burlingame, Membership



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## Homework for October Meeting

**Daniela Nii:** I am so excited to be heading to the Seattle area this Fall where I will not only present at your Knitting Guild meeting (thank you for accommodating my travel dates) but I will also teach multiple classes at the Fiber Fusion Northwest event in Monroe on the weekend of Oct. 18-19. For our evening together at the upcoming October Knitting Guild meeting, I will have lots of samples for show and tell with me and was planning on doing a presentation on cables and a hands-on segment on knitting cables without a cable needle. If you know how to knit and purl, you are ready to try your hand at working cables.

To make the most of our time, if you could work up a small swatch as homework so that we can dive right into knitting cables without a cable needle, that would be wonderful.

### The homework instructions are:

With a smooth, solid, light to medium-colored, worsted weight (#4) wool or wool blend yarn (we want to be able to see our stitches and have some elasticity for the twisting of our stitches), use knitting needles suitable for your yarn.

CO 22 sts.

Row 1: (WS) K5, p4, k4, p4, k5.

Row 2: (RS) P5, k4, p4, k4, p5.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures about 2" from the CO edge, ending with a WS row (the next row will be a RS row). Do not bind off or break your yarn but bring your work to the meeting (and a cable needle) so that we can continue with that swatch.

If you would like to find out more about me, feel free to visit my [Ravelry group](#) where you can also find all my social media links or just drop me a PM or email, etc. I always love to meet fellow crafters. Have a great start to the Fall knitting season and I hope to meet you all soon.

— Daniela Nii, Guest Speaker via Ravelry

## Help Wanted!

The Membership Chair position is becoming available and we'd love to have YOU join the board! Being on the board is a wonderful way to give back to the Seattle Knitters Guild. It is also a great way to get to know other Guild members better, usually with lots of laughter and love of all things fiber-related! If you think Guild meetings are fun, you should attend board meetings and get-togethers!

The Membership Chair contributes by:

- Collecting membership dues from new and current members, either in person at meetings or online;
- Maintaining the membership mailing list online;
- Creating and managing name tags;
- Supporting the new business membership program

The current Membership Chair will still be on the board in another position and is happy to help the new chairperson get up and running. If interested, feel free to contact Lisa Burlingame at [membership@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:membership@seattleknittersguild.org).

— Lisa Burlingame, Membership

## Recap: Knitted Knockers

Barbara Demorest, our September speaker is the founder of [KnittedKnockers.org](http://www.knittedknockers.org). She came to share her story of becoming involved with knitted knockers, a beautiful tale that I feel I cannot do justice to in retelling but you can read about it in her own words on <http://www.knittedknockers.org/how-to-get-involved/>

Barbara also wanted to share her goals for the future. There are about 50 000 mastectomies per year in the US. Barbara wants to reach everyone who is in need of a knocker. Her vision is huge. First, to fill the community needs by forming knitting groups who would produce enough knockers for their immediate community. Second, to form distribution points for sending knockers out.

The need for knitted knockers is out there. This is where we as knitters can step in. Download [the pattern](#) and start knitting knockers!

A good knocker takes about 50 yards of soft dk, sport, or baby yarn that contains no wool and is washable. Easily available ideal yarn is Cascade Ultra Pima, which retails for around \$10 and makes 5-6 knockers, or Cascade Ultra Pima Fine, retails around \$5 and makes 3 knockers.

You can stuff your knocker with washable poly fiberfill (Silky Soft is one of the nicer ones out there) but you can also leave it empty, Barbara and her team are happy to stuff it for you. The biggest demand is for neutral colored knockers and all sizes are needed! It is especially good if you can make a matching pair (same size, same color), if you make pairs, please tie them together so that the knockers wouldn't get separated.

One of the biggest problems you might run into is a huge nipple. The patterns asks you to knit 6 rows of icord and really, that is all you need, knot it tightly and stitch it down. If you cannot manage a small nipple you have the option of leaving the end loose and Barbara's team will finish the nipple. Or there is an option to knit a nippleless knocker, just start the pattern without the nipple. To finish, leave a long tail and thread the tail through the live stitches, do not bind off, this makes it easy to adjust the stuffing.

— Anu Slorah, Newsletter





## September Show and Tell



## Knitters' Calendar

- 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

- November 5      Rebecca Danger: Toy Design
- December 3     Holiday Party
- January 7        Epic Knitting Fails

Speakers are subject to change