



Cablegram

Back to School is Not Just for Kids!

It is for KNITTERS too!

Join us on September 5 for Back to School, knitter-style – Mini Classes! Classes will begin at 7:15 and at 8:00, and will last 20-30 minutes. Read through the descriptions and have some idea of which one you would like to take – note that some have homework!

We will have sign up sheets for two sessions for each class. Maximum in any class is TEN, so when they are full, they are full. All of these classes will be interesting and applicable to what we do, so having back-up choices will be easy.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your program team:

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Alternately, post your question on our Ravelry group. If you have a question, chances are good that another knitter has the same question. We will be checking the thread daily.

Enjoy our Back to School Mini Class guild meeting!

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Looking Ahead:
October 3, Fiber Frenzy
November 7, Bohus Knit-along
Fashion Show

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Thank you so much to everyone who completed the survey form at our June meeting! And special thanks to those that added comments. Several of you asked about the Nora Fund, a fund set up in memory of a guild member who passed away and whose husband wanted to support her lifelong passion for knitting. An accounting of that fund is included in this newsletter.

Several of you also encouraged us to voluntarily increase the rent we pay to the church which reminded us that while we had already done that – we hadn't told you! After researching the rent that we would be paying elsewhere, the board decided that moving to a new space would cost much more – not to mention the work and confusion involved in moving – than doubling the rent. Early in the spring we voluntarily doubled the rent that we pay to the church for our meeting space. We can stay where we are, in a terrific meeting space, and know that we are paying a reasonable rent for that space.

What happened to Nora Fisher Fund? Here is the chronology:

Nov 2006 - Balance \$373

2007 - Balance \$388

May 2008 – \$100 Award to Girls Scouts – Balance: \$288

Nov 2008 - \$100 donation by Karen Aho who did not accept the honorarium - Balance \$388

Dec 2008-Oct 2010 – no applications submitted. Board voted on donating the money to “someone” so it would be useful and not just sitting in the bank. In four years only one application was received. The board had announced the availability of the fund and posted announcements in the newsletters but nobody applied.

Oct 2010 - \$388 donated to “Knit for Life”. The board agreed that it was knitting focused worthy cause.

Membership Notes

Welcome to new members:

Laurie Boehme (lauriebo on Ravelry)

Linda Hedlund

— Lisa Burlingame, Membership

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: \$22 per year,

\$11 after July 1

Library cart open 6:30 to 7pm

(Only members may check out books.)

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Back to School Class List

check supply list, some classes have homework!

Cable without a cable needle

Jessica Rose

Are you interested in a pattern with lots of all-over cables, but get tired just thinking about dealing with yarn, needles – and a cable needle constantly at hand? Here's your chance to learn to make beautifully cabled knits with just the needles already in your hand.

- Please bring a swatch on needles

Portuguese Knitting Technique

Margarite Hargrave

Learn a new style of knitting with the yarn coming over your shoulder. This method is less stressful for people with carpal tunnel or other mobility issues, and makes ribbed knitting easier.

- Please bring yarn of your choice and appropriate needles

Mobius Cast-on and Judy's Magic Cast-on

Tracy Lowen

A couple of friends made Mobius cowls last winter – so cute, and a great alternative to a scarf. Learn how to cast on for this fun project.

Interested in toe-up socks? Here's your chance to learn a super way to cast on the toe stitches to get you started.

- Please bring some yarn and appropriate needles

Super Stretchy Bind-off

Jeny Staiman

Finishing your toe-up socks, but can't get your foot in? Finished a scarf, and had the bind off edge pucker and pull the whole thing out of shape? This technique will cure your rigid, too-tight bind-off and give you stretchy edges.

- Please bring a swatch knitted in ribbing on needles



Fair Isle Colorwork

Norma Jean Byrkett

Add some color to your knitwear! Learn to work with multiple colors in a row without puckering or leaving holes.

- Please bring yarn in several colors and appropriate needles

Massage for Knitters

Kim Magden

Pull up a chair, and learn some techniques for loosening up those muscles tightened by knitting just one more pattern repeat.

- Please bring your knitting muscles – especially the ones that complain about being stiff

Picot Edgings

Evelyn Clark

Little details can have a major impact on your knitting. This class will show how to knit a variety of picots for the edges of your knitting.

- Materials required: small amount of yarn and knitting needles sized for that yarn.

Repurposing UFO's

Tracy Delamarter

Admit it – we all have one or two (or more!) UFO's that we just aren't going to finish as planned for whatever reason. Get some fresh ideas for ways to give them new life – without jumping into the frog pond!

- Bring a UFO you would like to repurpose, if possible. If not, bring notes or a mental image.

What's the big deal about gauge and swatching?

Betsy McCarthy

Betsy will bring many samples of gauge and swatching do discuss why this is important, and how dk weight vs worsted can be your worst enemy or best friend.

Do YOU Want to Be the Next VP?

We are still looking for a volunteer for the Vice President position for the next board term which starts in October.

The VP position includes fun responsibilities like calling meetings to order when the President is unavailable, acting as a sounding board for the President, and occasionally writing blurbs for the Cablegram (like this one!). Time commitments include attending board meetings (held the last Wednesday of each month), assuming the Presidential role for the following term, and joining the guest speaker for dinner before the monthly meetings.

These are fantastically fun opportunities. You get to spend time getting to know your fabulous fellow guild members, as well as getting to know the celebrities who grace us with their presence each month. It's a fun job, and the Knitting Nerd points are quite high, as well. You can casually drop, "Oh, I'm the Seattle Knitters Guild's Vice President." into conversations. It leaves people speechless with admiration.

If you have any questions, concerns, or you simply can't wait to volunteer and revel in all the glory and fame that being a VP entails, send me an email at vicepresident@seattleknittersguild.org

You can also check out the guild's webpage, or track me down at the next meeting.

— Tracey Delamarter

August Meeting: Cirilia Rose from Skacel



Notes from the Board

The Seattle Knitters Guild is extremely fortunate to have such excellent speakers at our monthly meetings. Each speaker takes time out of his or her busy schedule to meet with us. Some even travel long distances to Seattle to speak at our meetings. In return, they receive a small stipend (barely enough to cover the cost of transportation or a nice meal), a free dinner, and our gratitude. Every once in awhile, a speaker will even come bearing gifts for the membership in attendance; we never ask them to do so, and we are lucky to be the recipients of such generosity.

At our last meeting, guest speaker Cirilia Rose surprised us with free patterns, yarn gauges, and a full skein of the newly released Cobasi yarn for everyone who was there to hear her speak. She also stayed after the meeting for quite a while, speaking to individuals and answering questions. She was gracious, kind, and a wonderful speaker.

The board was understandably very distraught when we learned of an incident that took place a few days later. One of our members took it upon herself to call Cirilia at her work place, and a very rude, inappropriate conversation took place. This member didn't give Cirilia her name, but she was apparently upset that Cirilia had only given her ONE skein of yarn, making it difficult for her to finish a specific project. While there may have indeed been a misunderstanding, the member didn't realize that the one skein wouldn't be enough to knit the free pattern in the booklet that Cirilia passed out, this was completely inappropriate.

I don't think I need to say how terribly disappointing it was that this member called up someone that we invited to be our guest, and berated her for not being as generous as this member thought she should have been. Cirilia passed out nearly \$1000 worth of gifts.

I sincerely hope that this was the only negative feedback she received from the membership.

In the future, if there is a problem with a speaker, the presentation, or anything that the speaker hands out, it should be brought to the attention of the board. It is absolutely not any individual member's responsibility to contact that speaker to voice a complaint. Contact the board and give us your feedback, so that we can take any appropriate action that may be required. What happened to Cirilia was rude and completely unacceptable. I am so incredibly embarrassed for our guild right now.

The knitting community is a small one. If this is how we respond to the people that we have asked to be our guest for the evening, we are going to have a very difficult time getting the caliber of speaker that we have come to expect and enjoy at our meetings. Going forward, let's make sure that our speakers have as great an experience with the Seattle Knitters Guild as each one of us does. This is an encouraging, cheerful, uplifting group of knitters. Let's make sure we keep it that way.

And one final note...

We have asked at previous meetings for our members to keep the chatter down while our guest is speaking. I have had several complaints about this issue. Some members still persist in talking during the presentation, and as adults I don't think we should have to be shushing each other while a presentation is taking place. Even when you think you're whispering quietly, we can still hear you. Please remember this common courtesy!

In an attempt to help cut down on the chatter, we will be giving a bit more time for socializing in the upcoming meetings.

— Carol Sherman

Writers Sought!

You might notice that this newsletter is missing the August meeting recap article. If you enjoy reading the Cablegram, please consider writing an article, book review, or a knitting tip. You do not have to commit to being a reporter. We need your help!

Show and Tell



Book Review: Knitting in the Old Way, Designs & Techniques from Ethnic Sweaters

Priscilla A Gibson-Roberts and Deborah Dobson, Nomad Press, Fort Collins, CO 2005

Knitting in the old way discusses the origins and techniques of sweater making in Norway, Sweden, Great Britain, Iceland, Faeroe Islands, Samiland, the Cowichan sweaters of Canada, and American Folk Art Designs. The book begins with a bit of the history of sweater making and designing and information about the tools and yarns used. It then builds on the traditions showing how to make and design our own sweaters without relying on commercial patterns.

The techniques chapter describes cast-on methods, increases, decreases, finished edges, bind-offs, selvedges, methods of joining edges, short rows, and details such as splicing strands, securing ends, and button holes, both horizontal and vertical.

The sixth chapter, Tools for Planning Sweaters, discusses gauge, which is the foundation step of making a sweater without a commercial pattern. The percentage system describes in detail how to take one measurement, the

chest measurement, and use that along with your gauge to calculate the sizes of head, cuff, and waist openings of the sweater. Charts for basic and fancy stitches are given, as well as instructions on how to draw a visual diagram of the sweater.

Chapter 7, An Evolution of Shapes, begins with the simplest of styles, the basic blouse, giving guidance in its design and construction. The chapter then builds on this foundation by explaining the design and construction of ever more complicated designs, ending with the shaped sweater. Chapter 10 discusses intarsia, and chapter 11 is an extensive chapter on texture.

I found this book to be interesting just to read; it is full of all sorts of history and information written in an easily readable style. There are a lot of diagrams of designs and techniques. It would be an excellent reference book for anyone who is interested in making sweaters, especially if you would like to free yourself to knit your own designs or to adapt another design to your own preferences.

— Deb Otto

Knitter's Calendar

September 22-23 Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival, Canby, Oregon

October 5-7, Seventh Annual North Olympic Fiber Arts Festival, Sequim, Washington

October 5-7, 2012 Nordic Knitting Conference: Nordic Mittens! Seattle

November 2-4, Knit Fit! Seattle



Member Meeting	Topic
September 5	Back to School Mini Classes
October 3	Fiber Frenzy
November 7	Bohus Knit-along Fashion Show
December 5	Holiday Party and Gift Exchange