

# Cablegram



## September 3

### New Charity Knit – Knitted Knockers

Our September meeting brings our new charity knit project to our attention - we are so delighted to welcome Barbara Demorest, founder of Knitted Knockers.

Knitted Knockers are special handmade breast prosthesis for women who have undergone mastectomies or other procedures to the breast. Traditional breast prosthetics are usually expensive, heavy, sweaty and uncomfortable. They typically require special bras or camisoles with pockets and can't be worn for weeks after surgery. Knitted Knockers on the other hand are soft, comfortable, beautiful and when placed in a regular bra they take the shape and feel of a real breast. We will join the ranks of special volunteer knitters providing these free to those requesting them. Knitted knockers can be adjusted to fill the gap for breasts that are uneven and easily adapted for those going through reconstruction by simply removing some of the stuffing.

Barbara and her staff will tell their story, and then spend some time teaching us the specifics of knitting this wonderful "garment" for those who have gone through cancer and beat it!

— Paulette Hauck, Program Co-Chair

<i>From the President</i>	2
<i>Membership Notes</i>	3
<i>Fair Fun</i>	4
<i>Knit It Forward</i>	5
<i>Knitters' Calendar</i>	5

*Looking Ahead:  
next meeting  
October 1*

SEATTLE  
KNITTERS GUILD  
PO BOX 15341  
SEATTLE WA 98115



## From the President:

### Board Members

**Charla Jaffee**, President  
[president@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:president@seattleknittersguild.org)  
buzi1luv on Ravelry

**Paula Ward**, Vice President  
[vp@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:vp@seattleknittersguild.org)  
pward on Ravelry

**Nanette Wielenga**, Treasurer  
[treasurer@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:treasurer@seattleknittersguild.org)  
nano56 on Ravelry

**Mae Oberste**, Marketing Chair  
[marketing@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:marketing@seattleknittersguild.org)  
MaelnBelgium on Ravelry

**Paulette Hauck**, Program Co-Chair  
[programchair@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:programchair@seattleknittersguild.org)  
PauletteSusan on Ravelry

**Susan Parke**, Program Co-Chair  
[programchair@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:programchair@seattleknittersguild.org)  
sparke on Ravelry

**Lisa Burlingame**, Membership  
[membership@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:membership@seattleknittersguild.org)  
jitteryknitter on Ravelry

**Anu Slorah**, Newsletter Editor  
[editor@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:editor@seattleknittersguild.org)  
--anu on Ravelry

**Susan Earley**, Librarian  
[librarian@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:librarian@seattleknittersguild.org)  
Snooz53 on Ravelry

**Kathy Riley**, Hospitality Chair  
[hospitality@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:hospitality@seattleknittersguild.org)  
seakath on Ravelry

Volunteering is a wonderful way to get involved with an organization to serve individuals or collectives. It has been said that volunteering is the “antidote for poverty” and social problems. It can also be toasted that volunteering can be a lovely social outlet and fosters new bonds and creates new friendships.

Over the past couple of years as a board member of the Seattle Knitter’s Guild I have found new knitting comrades and shared many laughs over a skein or more. You should know the board works very hard to ensure excellent programming while concerned about each knitter’s unique interests. Over this past year the board worked on the SKG logo and website and had a presence at Vogue, Stitch and Pitch and monthly meetings. It is an awesome group! I want to thank them for their hard work and the joy they find in making this a stellar organization.

As I step down as president, SKG is blessed to have an amazing new president - Paula Ward! Paula has many talents in the fiber arena on and off the needles as she recently made several bear pants for our charity knit-along. She is a quilter as well as an esteemed knitter and with her grace she will lead the board over the next year.

Guild members, I also want to thank you for all of your input and suggestions and without you all - - SKG would not be! Keep it coming.

“it is pure potential. Every ball or skein of yarn holds something inside it, and the great mystery of what that might be can be almost spiritual”  
— Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, Knitting Rules!

— Charla Jaffee, President

## Membership Notes

Welcome to new members:

Christine Sanford  
Esther Sprinkle  
Jean Crawford

— 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: \$25 per year, \$15 after July 1  
Library cart open 6:30 to 7pm  
Only members may check out books.  
View book list on [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)  
username: *LibrarySKG* password: *SKGMember*  
Cablegram is published monthly. Send stories and photos to [editor@seattleknittersguild.org](mailto:editor@seattleknittersguild.org).

[www.seattleknittersguild.org](http://www.seattleknittersguild.org)

## 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.

This can be changed as often as needed and feature your special events, sales or classes.

- A listing on our Guild Support page on our website with a live link to your business' website.

Visit the business membership page on our website. You may pay online OR fill out the online form and send us a check. And welcome to our inaugural members!

Churchmouse Yarns and Tea  
The Fiber Gallery  
Firwood Farm Alpacas  
Makers' Mercantile  
Wildfibers

Thank you for your support of the Guild!

— Lisa Burlingame, Membership



**THE Fiber GALLERY**

- KNITTING
- CROCHET
- NEEDLEPOINT
- NEEDLE-FELTING
- SUPPLIES
- CLASSES
- BOOKS

[www.fibergallery.com](http://www.fibergallery.com)  
**206.706.4197**  
**8212 GREENWOOD AVE N  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98103**



**Firwood Farm Alpacas**  
**PACAS & PURLS YARN SHOP**  
Featuring alpaca yarn, rugs, clothing accessories and toys!

**Hours: MWF 1-6; Wknd Appt (Sept-May also on Sat 12-4)**

**Greg & Leanna Stidham**  
8002 48th St E; Fife WA 98424  
253-926-2582  
[Info@FirwoodFarmAlpacas.com](mailto:Info@FirwoodFarmAlpacas.com)

**BELLA**



*Smocked Lace  
Wrap & Shrug*

*Vintage Stitch.  
Modern Shape.*

**CHURCHMOUSE  
YARNS & TEAS**  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA



**WildFibers**  
Traditional, Contemporary, Inspirational, Yarn...

All your favorite brands, classes, groups, quality help whenever you need it and tons of samples.  
It's worth the drive ~ we're open 7 days.

706 S 1st Street Mount Vernon WA 98273 360 336 5202 [www.wildfibers.net](http://www.wildfibers.net)



**Makers' MERCANTILE**  
EST. 2003  
KENT, WA

18437 East Valley Hwy  
Kent, WA 98032  
425.251.1239  
[makersmercantile.com](http://makersmercantile.com)

Makers' Mercantile is an independently owned destination craft shop.

Our spacious facility includes:

- Crafter's lounge
- Sewing studio
- Classrooms
- Meeting space for local craft groups or guilds
- RylieCakes Gluten-Free Bakery

Because crafting is always better with a warm drink and a sweet treat.

## Fair Fun

Remember way back last January? When we learned about the ins and outs of entering knitted items in the fair from Mary Ellen Roberts? I did it! It was a terrific learning experience – and I will absolutely do it again next year! You should, too!

I took Mary Ellen's advice, and read all of the submission information very carefully, several times. And then read it again. I picked out some of my projects that I liked and which fit different categories, and I read the information again. The website is very good – easy to find what I needed, including categories, and the times when I could drop off my items.

Most of the entries are done online now, but I was at a family reunion and missed the online deadline, so I just showed up with my knitted items at the appropriate time and place. (Warning – when you drop off your items, you drive right onto the fairgrounds, and park in front of the building that houses all of the fiber displays. Maybe I've watched too many film noir movies set in abandoned amusement parks, but I found it deeply creepy. Fun, but creepy.) I handed over my items, and filled out paperwork explaining who I was and what I had knitted, and chatted with other people who were there for the same reason. It was fun to meet other knitters and to see their items. I was given a coupon for half price fair admission, claim tickets for my things, and the information about when to retrieve them.

I checked my email compulsively for days after the judging was done, and then conferred with a Ravelry friend (met her at the zoo, of course!) who told me that they don't tell you what you win – you come to the fair, find your items in the displays, and see your ribbons. "It's like a treasure hunt," she told me, and it was. And I won ribbons! I won a fourth for a baby blanket, and a red second place ribbon for my Hazel Knits KAL project. I also entered a pair of socks I knit for my dad that won a blue first place ribbon, and a braided ball (kind of my go-to baby toy project) that won both a blue ribbon and a Creativity ribbon! All in all, I was very pleased.

Ready to enter next year? Wait! There's more! The red and blue ribbons also come with a monetary award! (You know, because we're all in it for the money right? That's why it makes sense to pay \$25 for yarn for a pair of socks....) Blue ribbons pay \$7.00, and red ribbons pay \$3.00! So, we paid for gas to drop off, gas to visit the fair, and gas to pick it all up again. Parking was \$10, (and because I forgot my half-price coupon) admission was \$17.00. How much did I win? \$17.00!

All in all, it was a super experience, and I'm absolutely in for next year. Are you?

— Susan Parke, Program Co-Chair



## Knit It Forward: Bears

We did amazing work. We completed full outfits for 79 bears and will be delivered this weekend to Camp Erin's 6 to 12 year old camp. I expect pictures (but not in time for this newsletter). Providence Hospice was overwhelmed to say the least with our generous spirit, our creativity and just a sense of FUN!! We are looking forward to our continued relationship with this amazing organization.

Susan & I can't thank you enough for the work you did to clothe all these bears. You embraced this charity knit so quickly and enthusiastically - warms the "cockles of our hearts".

THANK YOU!!

— Paulette Hauck, Program Co-Chair



## Knitters' Calendar

- 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

- October 1 TBA
- November 5 Rebecca Danger: Toy Design
- December 3 Holiday Party

Speakers are subject to change