

Knitting Socials & Events

In addition to the monthly meetings and workshops, the guild occasionally organizes field trips to fiber-related venues. In addition there is a monthly Sit 'n Knit held on the second Sunday of the month. We meet in the smaller room at the Joslyn Center. The Sit 'n Knit is less formal than the monthly meeting and is a great place to ask questions and meet people. Bring a WIP (work in progress) and (optionally) a snack to share.

Name Tags

We encourage members to wear a name tag during guild meetings and events as it makes it easier for all of us to get to know one another. Members may order an engraved guild badge from the Treasurer for \$10 or may opt to wear any other name badge they already have. Members without name tags are asked to pay a \$1 fine to the treasury (this is a long-standing guild tradition and meant in fun!)

Guild Logo Merchandise

Members may purchase bags and accessories adorned with the official Slipt Stitches logo. The merchandise is displayed at most meetings. To be sure you can get the item you want, you can preorder and have it delivered at the meeting. Photos and a price list are available on the website. For details or questions, contact the Merchandise Chair.

Refreshments

Coffee is provided by the guild for the monthly meetings—donations for coffee are always appreciated. Snacks are provided by volunteers at each meeting (or feel free to bring your own). You can contact the Coffee and Refreshments Chair to volunteer to provide refreshments or just go ahead and bring them to the meeting.

And finally...

We are fortunate to have a wonderful meeting room at the Joslyn Center. They ask that we tidy the room before we leave. Please help return the chairs to the walls of the room, fold up the tables, take your leftover snacks and pick up any trash before leaving.

Welcome to

The Slipt Stitches Knitting Guild



Thank you for joining us!

The **El Segundo Slipt Stitches** knitting guild was founded in June, 1991 by a small cadre of knitters. Since then, its membership has steadily grown and we now stand at over 130 members strong. We are happy to have you join us in continuing this legacy!

We hope the information provided here will answer your questions. If you don't find your answer here or would like to get more involved, feel free to contact any of the guild officers or chairpersons. A complete list of officers and chairpersons are listed on our website at http://sliptstitches.org/membership/officers_and_chairpersons

Local & National Membership Dues

ESSS Guild dues are \$30 and are due annually in July. Our guild also encourages your membership in the *The Knitting Guild Association* (TKGA). If you are not a member of TKGA, you may join via their Web site: <http://www.tkga.com> or by using the membership application provided.

Communication: Newsletter, Website & Ravelry

Your guild membership includes a subscription to our newsletter, *The Monthly Cable*, via email. The newsletter contains announcements about future ESSS meetings, homework and/or supplies needed for the programs, interesting stories from our members, meeting minutes and more.

You can also find lots of valuable information on our website <http://www.sliptstitchers.org>. A calendar of upcoming events, photos of recent and past activities and a newsletter archive are among the delights available on the website.

We also have a Ravelry group for ESSS members: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/slipt-stitchers>. The group has a number of active discussion threads. You can get information on our KAL/CAL (Knit-a-long/Crochet-a-long), answers to knitting and crocheting questions you might have, report your charity donations and more.

If you would like to contribute items to the Newsletter and/or Website, please contact the Newsletter Editor or the Webmaster.

Workshops

At least once a year we have an all-day workshop taught by a professional knitting instructor at a reduced cost. Past instructors include **Joyce Wyatt, Myra Wood, Sally Melville** and **Colleen Davis**. These workshops are great opportunities to get more in depth instruction from the pros at special guild rates.

Philanthropy

Guild members are encouraged to knit for charity. Current charity knitting projects are listed on our Web site. For more information about how you can participate, or if you'd like to suggest a charity which could benefit from ESSS, please contact the Charities Chair.

Monthly Meetings

When & Where: We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Joslyn Center in Recreation Park (corner of Eucalyptus Dr and E Grand Ave in El Segundo). When the Center is not available, we meet at an alternate location. Meeting location changes are known well in advance and are communicated to our membership by newsletter, at meetings and on our website.

What happens at a meeting? Our meetings are led by our President and typically consist of 4 parts:

Part 1: Business

Includes a treasury report; old and new business; and announcements. Minutes are no longer read but are posted in the Guild newsletter. Corrections to the minutes may be made. A typical announcement may include an upcoming conference, an interesting teacher leading a workshop at another guild or retail store, a new store opening, etc.

Part 2: Raffle

A regular guild fundraiser! Tickets may be purchased at 3 for \$1. Members who win a raffle prize must donate an item of at least \$10 in value (for each prize won) for a future raffle. Please bring the item to the next meeting. The item does NOT have to be knitting-related.

Part 3: Show and Share

A favorite! Members show items that they have finished or are currently in progress. Lessons about knitting or life learned while knitting the items are shared for everyone's benefit and enjoyment.

Part 4: Lesson

The last hour of every meeting is the formal learning portion of our meeting. A member of our guild or a nearby professional shows us new techniques or talks about knitting-related issues. Some examples of past lessons are: *Short Rows*; *Knitting with Wire and Beads*; and *Needle Felting*. If you have a knitting skill you would like share—or one that you are interested in learning—please contact the Vice President. If you have any general questions about our meetings, please contact any Guild Officer.