

THE MONTHLY CABLE



Peggy's Purls By Peggy Baxter

So by the time you read this, you will have finished celebrating several holidays and a week or two of 2016! I hope you included a resolution or two for your knitting guild. I did, and here's hoping that we continue to have fun meetings filled with laughter, education, inspiration and motivation. Our fiber craft is the BEST, whether it is knitting or crochet and my wish for you all is to teach ONE person in 2016 how to do it.

Once again our December potluck was outstanding! Thank you to all who brought food and a SPECIAL thank you to Kathy Bartholomew for decorations, and her expert hostess qualities.

LEMON UPDATE! I mailed 252 lemons!!!!

THANK YOU to all who knitted and crocheted them. Yes, it would be great to win the competition, but even if we don't, there will be 252 less-stressed New York tax payers on April 18, 2016.

Hooray! we have several new executive ESSS board members. Really appreciate them volunteering although I did "twist" a few arms.

Here's your 2016 board:

President - Peggy Baxter

Co-Vice Pres. - Ann Wicker and Stephanie Baxter

Co-Recording Sec. - Charlene Kirkland & Linda Jensen

Corresponding Sec. - Sylvia Greer

Treasurer - Peggy Avelllar

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Membership - Laura Geisel

Please know that we may have a few Committee Chairman positions open, so if you'd like to volunteer for one of them (or be a co-chair), either contact me before the Jan. meeting or during the Jan. meeting.

RED BABY HATS! Please knit or crochet RED baby hats and bring them to the January meeting. Kathleen Tia will collect them and give them to our December guest, Megan French with the American Heart Assoc. These will be given to hospitals to give to February babies. so, this will be a great way to start our 2016 donations.

Hope to see you at our January Sit 'n Knit. Jan. 10, 12:30-3:30, Joslyn Center. Bring your WIP's, a snack to share (optional) and even a friend. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow members and even receive some help if you need it.

So here's to a GREAT 2016!

Peggy B

January Program Notes

By Stephanie Baxter and Ann Wicker

Ann Wicker and I are excited to be your new Co-Vice Presidents! We are looking forward to hearing from you, the guild, as to what direction we should be headed. January's program will be a brainstorming session and survey to see what ideas, thoughts and suggestions you all have for us. We are also in need of volunteers willing to teach a program for the guild. So bring your WIP's and your thinking caps and help us develop a year of programs that YOU want to see happen!

Stephanie Baxter

Next Meeting:

January 16, 2016

10.30 am - 1.30 pm

Joslyn Center

New Years Resolution Request—

Please make a new years resolution to submit one article to the newsletter this year

Then we won't have empty spaces like this

Review a book, tell us about your favorite yarn, designer, technique, pattern, or store

It doesn't have to be long just fiber related

FINAL CAL/KAL 2015

By Ellen Bloom, Lenora Stewart, and Bebe Thomas

Our last Knit-A-Long / Crochet-A-Long of 2015 was a very successful one. So many people participated. Many of the toys were donated to various charities for children at holiday time. Thanks to my co-chairs for the past two years, Lenora Stewart and Bebe Thomas. The three of us had a wonderful time deciding on which patterns to present in 2014 and 2015 AND we're very happy that so many of our members joined us in our yarny adventures. We are stepping down as co-chairs and will be happy to help out the new leader of our Guild's Knit-A-Long and Crochet-A-Long Committee for 2016.



Charity Report

By Joan Whitten

Reported at the meeting in December: We gave a total of 526 items (123 Blankets, 15 dog/cat blankets, 11 baby washcloths & bibs, 42 hats, 13 toys, 7 sweaters, 22 scarves, 1 shawl, 3 pairs slippers/socks, 173 Gift Bags, and 116 miscellaneous (balls of yarn, lemons, hearts)).

The contributions were made to 18 charities.

Each year we have become more and more industrious and generous. In 2012 we gave 828 items, in 2013 – 929, in 2014 – 1155, AND DRUMROLL PLEASE, in 2015 – 2215!!! This record may stand for a while.

Our total of 2215 items included: 172 Blankets, 298 dog/cat blankets, 27 blankets, 83 baby washcloths & bibs, 373 hats, 28 toys, 23 sweaters, 363 scarves, 9 pairs of mitts/gloves, 32 shawls, 19 pairs of slippers/socks, 173 gift bags, and 615 miscellaneous (balls of yarn, lemons, hearts)).

We gave to 36 different charities which included:

California Wildlife @ Malibu, Camp Pendleton Babies, Casa de Los Angelitos, CASE, Craft Yarn Council, ESSS (for various projects), Facebook Anti-Bullying Campaign, Foster Care Children's Project, Garden Grove Hospital, Gilded Cage, Handmade Especially for You (Renee), Haven House (OPCC), Haven House (Pasadena), Kaiser Hospital, Kaiser Hospital (Irvine), Long Beach Children's Hospital-Cancer, Manhattan Beach Women's Club, Miller's Children's Hospital, other hospitals, POPPY, San Francisco Cancer Fertility Clinic (Ellen B.), Santa Margarita Children's Cancer (Olga), Slipt Stitchers – LA Homeless, St. Cross Church, St. Margaret Mary Church, Stitches From The Heart, TNNA, Syrian Knitters, Twist (Women in Recovery), Unitarian Church, Veterans, Vineyard Homeless, miscellaneous, and animal charities.

I would like to thank everyone for 4 great years and REALLY REALLY thank Cathy McFarlane for taking on the job.

You can still report your donations at the meeting and on the Charity Donations thread on the Sliptstitchers' Ravelry group.

Happy Holidays to all,

Joan Whitten



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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
January Sit and Knit	January 10th, 2015 12.30 – 3.30pm	Joslyn Center
Stitches West	Feb 18-21 2016	Hyatt, Santa Clara
2016 YKGA Conference	July 13-16 2016	Charleston, South Carolina

Membership Update

By Kathy Bartholomew

We had 55 members in attendance during the December meeting, with 1 guests.

We now have 137 current members.!

Notice Board

Sarah W writes:

Have you misplaced something at a meeting? Have something fiber related to sell? or would like to see if anyone else has something particular you are willing to buy?

Email me and put a post here

Shop Review

By Lenora Stewart

Adventure before dementia! That is my new motto. As I write this, I am cruising the Southern Ocean headed west from South Georgia and toward Antarctica. This is surely an adventure.

One of our ports was Stanley in the Falkland Islands. It is a quaint town that boasts pubs and tea shops along with all manner of tourist souvenirs. Imagine my delight to discover wool for sale out in the middle of "nowhere".

The Falklands are filled with sheep. Guard penguins walk amongst the grazing flocks. It is somewhat comical, actually. Some of the local sheep ranchers shear and then ship the fleeces to the U.K. The yarn is returned to the Falklands and sold to the tourists. I also discovered several skeins of locally dyed yarn as well as nuno felted works of art.

Another delight on this cruise was meeting a fellow traveller from Australia who is busy adding blanket stitching to a fleece baby blanket in preparation for crocheting an edging! We had a lovely chat and I told her about the good works of our guild and the blankets that we recently completed. I confess that it is really too cold and windy for sitting on the deck to knit. But my ESSS bag is with me and a new shawl is taking shape.

Remember-Adventure before dementia!

Birthdays

January

Lea Wagenstein 1/7	Nancy Pfeffer 1/10	Krystal Smith 1/15
Barbara Brooks 1/16	Ruth Lynn Sobel 1/22	



February

Nancy Stroll 2/1	Angelia Robinson 2/6	Laura Martin 2/8	Cathy Keller 2/10
Gail Robinson 2/14	Cristine Jackson 2/15	Eliza Shepard 2/15	Suzanne Smith 2/16
Jill Nighswonger 2/19	Toni Stone 2/22	Carolyn Sherman 2/25	Denise Douglas 2/28
Patricia Edie 2/28			

December Meeting Minutes

President (Peggy B.) — Introduced and welcomed one new member and one guest, Megan French from the American Hear Association who told us about a program to raise awareness of heart disease and congenital heart defects by knitting/crocheting red hats for babies born in February (Heart month). The membership agreed to make hats to be turned in at the January meeting. There is more information and pattern links on the Heart Association website: www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts

Recording Sec. (Ann W.) — November minutes were approved as written.

Corresponding Sec. (Sylvia G.) — Welcome notes were sent to Jeannette Hartman, Luana Higuera, June Ling, Jeannie Pelzman and Heidi Peterson. Thank you notes were sent to Debbie Ball and Pat Schafer for their leadership on the board, for organizing the fleece baby blanket project and the washcloth and toiletries for CASE.

Treasurer (Peggy A.) — Beginning balance \$9972.96; Income \$335.00; Expenses \$312.78; Ending balance as of December 18, 2015: \$9995.18.

Vice Presidents (Pat S., Debbie B.) — Debbie not present. Pat reported that she received a thank you note from Casa de los Angelitos for the fleece baby blankets that were donated. She also thanked the membership for their support during her 2 years on the board.

Membership (Kathy B.) — Please don't forget to sign in. Kathy thanked everyone for 2 great years on the board.

Members at Large (Patti L., Lenora S.) — Lenora not present. Please use the can-at-large for your comments/suggestions. The red binder is available for reviewing previous comments and responses. Patti made a suggestion that the January meeting be used for program planning as we used to do.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charities (Renee H./Joan W.): Peggy B is collecting for Renee today. Joan reported that members donated 353 items to 18 different charities for a year-to-date total of 2,215 items.

Merchandise (Sarah S.): Merchandise is available today. Sarah noted that the large clear plastic bags would be good under El Nino conditions.

Webmaster (Jackie B.): Send Jackie B. any additions and/or suggestion for the website. Use the 'contact us' to email Jackie.

Raffle (Brandi D.): There will be a raffle today.

Newsletter (Sarah W.): Thanks to all who have submitted articles and photos. Please submit any information for the newsletter by December 30.

Photographer (Jan S.): Jan will be taking pictures today for Show & Share

Coffee & Refreshments (Ema K.): Ema not present now but she brought coffee earlier. She may be looking for a replacement. Please consider volunteering for this position.

Mentoring (Jurhee B.): Mentoring is available by posting a question on the ESSS Ravelry page, coming to Sit 'n Knit where there is always someone who can help, or asking at the meeting.

Historian (Betty D.): Betty not present. Please remember to give photos to Betty for our scrapbooks.

Hospitality (Tony S.): Wear your nametag or pay \$1.

El Segundo Liaisons (Julia M., Laura S.): Laura not present.

KAL/CAL (Lenora S. and Ellen B.): Lenora not present but Ellen reported that she and Lenora will be stepping down. Please think about volunteering for this committee. A photo was taken of everyone who participated in the CAL/KAL.

Workshop (Nancy L.): Nancy not present. Peggy reported she is working on several ideas for a workshop in 2016. If anyone has connections with designers who might be interested in giving a workshop, let Nancy know.

OLD BUSINESS

Lemon Update: 241 lemons have been received. The lemons will be shipped next week so there is time to make more to meet our goal of 250.

By Ann Wicker

Open Board Positions: all Board positions were filled and the membership voted to approve the Board for 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Please see the newsletter and website for information on the January program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Sit & Knit, Sunday, January 10, 2016, 12:30 – 3:30 at the Joslyn Center.

Laura announced that Twist has some new yarn that is appropriate for charity knitting

Pat suggested everyone go to see "Brooklyn" as it has some fantastic knitting in it.

Peggy suggested we all patronize our local yarn stores.

RAFFLE (Tony S.)

SHOW & SHARE

Stephanie Baxter: crochet "Granny's A Square" afghan, made with Lion Brand Amazing, Ravelry pattern.

Merilyn Burnside: knit "Simone" capelet", made with Chalet, Ravelry pattern.

Peggy Avellar: knit "Otgno" shawl, made with Juniper Moon Herriot Fine, Knitting Fever pattern.

Dagny Tennyson: knit "June Berry" shawl, made with Madeline Tosh, Ravelry pattern.

Elaine Hente: knit "Bonanza" blanket, made with Sirdar Hayfield and Bonus Chunky, Ellen Kapasnick pattern.

Cathy McFarlane: knit "Mermaid Tail" lapghan, made with Carron Simply Soft, Etsy pattern.

Patti Ialongo: knit "Xmas" sweater, made with Sable yarn.

Joan Whitten: knit "Little Dino, Rabbit, Hedgehog, Sock" toys.

Ana Petrova: sheep

Jackie Breisacher: toy.

Linda Jensen: knit "The Flick" hat/wig, made with Impeccable acrylic, Etsy pattern

Ellen Bloom: knit and crochet "Koigu Kitty", made with VC Glamour Silver.

Kim Burk: crochet "Dalek Egg Cosy" ornament and crochet "Knitting Basket" ornament.

Eliza Sheppard: knit "Scallops" socks, made with Mint Rain Self-striping Tough Sock in Grinch, Ravelry pattern.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Potluck Christmas party.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Wicker