



# THE MONTHLY CABLE

## K2TOG

By Ema And Jan

Hello Knitting, crocheting, and fiber enthusiasts. Another year has flown by and lots of life events mark its passing. In our guild I think the biggest thing was Peggy Baxter's move to Texas. That left a big position open and I want to give heartfelt thanks to Jan Sandy Renton. She really stepped up. I want to acknowledge all of you who have generously given to our chosen charities. Amazing! A guild or any group for that matter, is only as good as its members make it. So in the new year I want to encourage all of you to raise your hands when things need to get done. There are many ways to participate to make our meetings better.

Now regarding the resolutions, I gotta take some weight off! I wish all of you the best in the new year.

Ema

Happy Holidays everyone! It amazes me how fast this year has gone by. I wanted to thank everyone for their feedback and patience during the last 5 months as I have gotten my ESSS leadership feet wet with Co-President Ema. It certainly has given me a new appreciation for everyone that has held a position in the Guild. It truly does take a village to keep a group going strong both in its membership and in making the meetings fun and interesting. Please don't hesitate to offer up suggestions if there is something that could be done differently, something new we could do or even if you just like things the way they are. It's important to be involved so if you have never held a position in the guild, been on a committee or organized a workshop, give it a try - you might find something new that you love to do or even just learn something about yourself in the process. I'm looking forward to 2017 with the goal to learn new things about the guild members and to improve my knitting skills! I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays with their families and friends. Thanks, Jan

## December Program Notes & 2 Ball Challenge

By Ann Wicker

Many thanks to Karen McCleary for her very informative and comprehensive program on short rows. For those who were unable to attend the November meeting, Karen's handout is available on our website.

Our December meeting features our festive holiday potluck, member sale and the 2-Ball Challenge reveal and judging. Members will have an opportunity to view and vote for their favorite entry in the Member's choice category. The entries will also be judged anonymously by a 3 judge panel in the following categories: Best Use of Color, Best Workmanship – Knit, Best Workmanship – Crochet, Most Creative – Knit, and Most Creative – Crochet. The winner in each category will receive a \$30 gift card.

For members who are participating in the challenge, don't forget to bring your entry in a bag or box so that it cannot be seen by the members or the judges and our voting and judging can be anonymous. Our 2-Ball Challenge helpers, Monika Riggs, Susan Greenberg and Dagny Tennyson, will accept the entries and set them up for display. Based on last year's 2-Ball Challenge this is sure to be an inspiring display of the many talents of our members.

This is the last month that I will serve as your Vice President. It has been a pleasure. I want to thank all of you for your participation as presenters and participants. I hope you all learned many new things over the course of the last year. I am looking forward to another year of exciting and interesting programs sitting in the audience!



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Next Meeting:

Saturday

December 17, 2016

10.30 am – 1.30 pm

at the Joslyn Center

Don't forget Sit N Knit

Sunday November 11, 2016

12.30 pm – 3.30 pm (also at Joslyn Center)

## ESSS Elections

By Cathy Keller and Monika Riggs

Hello Fellow Guild Members

It's almost time for annual elections. The term for the current excellent Board will expire at the end of the December. Our Co-Presidents and our VP will be stepping down. So please give some thought to how you can participate in and support Guild activities! We're going to be talking about this at the October meeting so we can have either a ballot or slate to vote on in December.

President,

Vice President,

Secretary (recording or corresponding)

and Treasurer are the Board offices.

Any of these offices can be shared and any help is welcome. We'll see you at the October meeting!

Respectfully, Cathy Keller and Monika Riggs

(Nominating Committee)

## Oct—Dec CAL/KAL 2016

By Kim Burk (aka nuts4fiber on Ravelry)

## Holidays!: Toys, Ornaments and Gifts

Yes, I know this was last year's Winter theme, but I'm sure we all have gift making to do, and most of us won't be knitting or crocheting for ourselves for a while. Let's share ideas for the holidays, and make a dent in our gift lists!

This time of year, the holidays keep coming! We have Halloween, Day of the Dead, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's to get ready for. And most of us have a few birthdays to celebrate, too. I know your needles and hooks are already busy, let's see what you're working on! Please share your favorite patterns on our Ravelry group (I've already posted links to some of mine). And remember, progress photos are greatly appreciated!

## Ultra Suede Knitting

By Patricia Edie

Last month I shared my latest grandson's cardigan and members asked about my special labels. As a grandmother, when I knit for grandchildren, I want the item to say it was from me. I discovered this vendor on Etsy who made "personalized" 1 inch square labels for me in ultrasuede. GrainDeep's owners, Isac and Sonja, communicated with me quickly and I picked a neutral color, wanted a little heart and my name, "Mima". They arrived immediately and I love them. They have preset holes along the sides so they can be sewn to the item and are so light weight that they do not alter the shape at all.

GrainDeep Etsy Shop: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/GrainDeep>

GrainDeep Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrainDEEP/>

## Texas Yarn Crawl

By Peggy Baxter

Texas greetings, ESSS!

Several weeks ago, Stephanie and I were able to go on the 10th annual "Best Little Yarn Crawl in Texas". Due to other activities, we were only able to check out two of the four yarn stores in San Antonio out of the 19 total stores around Texas. I was really happy to learn that one of the stores, In Skein, was only 6mi. from my house. So, for \$15, you received a tote bag, cowboy boot stitch marker, a passport stamp card, and a detailed booklet, complete with colored picture of each store, schedule of store events, lists of restaurants and hotels near each store, points of interest in each town near each store and detailed info about each store. Thought this booklet was extremely helpful, especially as I will be able to use it in the future when I travel to other Texas cities. Oh, yes, each store gave you a cute pin with the store logo. Didn't buy that much but, as always saw some "new to me" yarns in each store. I also purchased a "mini" wooden weaving loom. Now that I have some space, maybe I'll think about learning how to weave on a big loom??? We found the stores to be very friendly, met each of the owners and found out about a .sit 'n knit group at the store close to me, which I attended. Very nice people, but NOTHING compares to ESSS members. Miss you all. I have been hearing and reading about some of the great things the guild has been doing and it makes me so happy. Understand that Jan and Ema have been doing a great job running the meeting and I know the rest of the executive board have been a big help too. Am excited to see many of you at Stitches West, so until then, Happy Knitting and Crocheting! Peggy B



## Stitch of the Month

By Linda Jensen

This one is fun to do and can showcase a special yarn like ribbon because of the dropped stitches. It is an open and airy stitch and makes a beautiful scarf, but let's just do a swatch to get the hang of it.

### The Seafoam Stitch

Yarn: Ribbon or fancy yarn (sample done is simple, sport weight yarn so you can see the detail)

Needles: Size 8

Long tail Cast On 16 stitches

Knit 2 rows for a border

Row 1: K1, \*[yo] 2X, k1, ([yo] 3X, k1) 3X, [yo] 2X, k1\*\*, K4 ; repeat from \*to \*\* to last st, k1.

Row 2: Knit, dropping all yarn overs from needle.

Row 3: Knit Row 4: Knit

Row 5: K5, \*[yo] twice, k1, ([yo] 3 times, k1,) 4X[yo], [yo] twice, k1, k5.

Row 6: Knit, dropping all yarn overs from needle.

Row 7: Knit Row 8: Knit

Row 9: Repeat Row 1 Row 10: Repeat Row 2

Row 11: Knit

Cast off Knitwise on the Wrong Side.

Weave in ends.

Using double stick tape, fix knitted swatch onto card and decorate as desired.



## Noticeboard

Brandy and Toni Write: please remember to take a look through your stashes, any donations for the raffle would be gratefully received



## Charity Report

By Catherine McFarlane

Our needles are steadily clicking away! Since our last report, we have donated 44 items to 6 different charities. This includes 6 baby blankets, 1 pair of baby booties, 10 blankets, 12 scarves, 8 dog blankets, 7 chemo caps. We are at a YTD of 1287 items.

Volunteers from around the country will be joining the American Heart Association in connection with The Children's Heart Foundation to celebrate Heart month by knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born at participating hospitals. For project details and patterns visit: <http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/General/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts>

If you wish to participate you may either bring your red hats to our meetings and give them to me or mail them to Megan French, Director, Corporate Engagement, WPG. American Heart Association, 816 Figueroa St, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The project ends December 31st 2016. Don't panic if this deadline does not work for you, I will just save the hats for the following year. We don't need the stress of deadlines!

Elaine and I attended the open house at Casa de los Angelitos, the shelter for pregnant women in distress. We enjoyed our tour and meeting the staff. Their new computer room / learning center is beautiful - a great improvement over having classes in the kitchen. His Nesting Place 33rd Annual Open House Saturday December 10, 2016 10am -3pm. Refreshments served! Address 350E Market St, Long Beach. CA 90805 A special thank you to Jackie for her awesome work with the website, especially her great attention to detail.

here are many ways of reporting your charity donations: The Charity Donations thread on the Sliptstitchers' Ravelry group; the donations sheet at the meeting; Email catrinerinmcfarlane@sbcglobal.net. When - I record your donations from the Ravelry group I will acknowledge it. So if I don't acknowledge it you know it has not been recorded. I just check this site once a month usually 1-2 days before our meeting. It helps if you start your entry with "Charity Donation" so it will get my attention.

## November Meeting Minutes

**Co-Presidents (Ema K. & Jan S-R.):** Jan called meeting to order at 10:30am. Ema, absent. Jan announced a "hello" from Peggy Baxter via text. We had three guests: Lynne, Maureen (former member), Annalisa & Joyce. Welcome Sarah Wood back from the UK!

**Vice President (Ann W):** Thanked Laura Stone for last month's class. Reminded us of the 2-ball challenge, bring in anonymously next month. Today's lesson will be short rows with Karen McCleary.

**Recording Secretary (Charlene K & Linda J):** Linda absent. Charlene thanked Susan G for taking minutes last month. Asked for any changes to the minutes. Laura noticed a discrepancy in the numbers, that was changed and approved.

**Corresponding Secretary (Sylvia G):** Thank-you note & gift card to Laura Stone for her methods of joining yarn class.

**Treasurer (Peggy A):** Balance on 10/15/16: \$9,656.63. Income \$218.25. Expenses \$131.68. Balance as of 11/18/16: \$9,743.20

**Membership (Laura G):** We have 106 members; this includes lifetime memberships.

**Members at Large (Patty I & Lenora S):** Patty reminded us to use the suggestion box.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Charities (Renee H & Cathy M):** Cathy reported 44 items since last meeting for a year-to-date total of 1,287! Special thanks to Jackie B. our Webmaster for her attention to detail. Red baby hat reminder for the AHA.

**Merchandise (Sarah S):** Everything is available here and a reminder the small black tote bags are only \$5.00.

**Webmaster (Jackie B):** Thanks for your submissions – keep them coming.

**Raffle (Brandi D):** Reminder of our Fire Sale next month – get rid of your stashes! Lots of good stuff coming in. Peggy A announced a raffle for CASE with tickets at only \$1.00 each.

**Newsletter (Sarah W):** Reminder she needs articles by the end of each month. Keep sending the contributions!

**Photography (Jan S-R):** Would someone please take over for next year as she will run for President.

**Coffee & Refreshments (Ema K):** Absent. Thanks to those who brought cake & donuts.

**Historian (Betty D):** Absent

**Hospitality (Toni S):** Thanks to everyone!

**El Segundo Liaisons (Julia M & Laura S):** Nothing new to report.

**KAL/CAL (Kim B):** Hopes to have more photos posted online of the holiday items.

**Workshop (Nancy L.):** Nancy absent, sent an e-mail to Lenora with information. #1) Trying to get Lucy Neatby didn't work out. She will be in Palm Desert at The Knitting Guild of the Desert from 11/30-12/1; At the Hemet Guild 12/2; Riverside Guild 12/3-4; Knitting Tree LA 12/5; Madrona 2/16-2/19. Contact directly if you want to attend. #2) Negotiating with Beth Whiteside for March 2017 meeting. #3) Talking with Sivia Harding for the September meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** ESSS membership dues – if you haven't renewed, please do so today with Peggy A. Monika & Cathy need people to run for offices, encouraged new members to help, otherwise we may have only a partial slate, see them at the break. TKGA Membership has been renewed. We are given two Guild Memberships, one for the President. The other will be part of the CASE raffle. Reminder of the two-ball challenge.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reminder to all Guild members in good standing, they need a password for the protected documents on our website. If you need the password, see a board member. Laura G asked for help with a knit pattern, several said they'd help at the break.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS:** ESSS Sit n' Knit – Sunday Dec 11th 12:30-3:30.

By Susan Greenburg

Monthly Guild Meeting – Saturday Dec 17th 10:30am – 1:30pm. This will be our annual Holiday Party & Potluck. Also the Fire Sale after the meeting.

Break at 11:05am

**RAFFLE (Toni S):** Began at 11:30am

### SHOW & SHARE:

Jacki B: "Not so Itty Bitty Giraffe" knit toy.

Carolyn: "Nymphalidea" knit scarf.

Pat S: Knit mermaid blanket, own pattern.

Patricia E. knit "Sirdar Collar/Hood Cardigan".

Kathy B: crochet hat for Expression Fiber Arts CAL.

Sarah S: crochet "Ocean of Love Wrap".

Eliza S: "Celestanum" knit shawl.

Linda G: "Wild Kingdom" knit blanket.

Charlene K: knit hat, vintage British pattern.

Dagny T: knit sweater. Cathy S: crochet cowl.

Ann W: crochet skirt, own design.

Janice Y: knit "Dahlia Cardigan".

Cathy M: knit Christmas ornament w/jewelry from Alaska.

Peggy A: crochet blanket.

June L: crochet "Mitzi Cowl".

Cindy E: "Boyfriend Sweater".

Kim B: knit "Hudson Valley River" shawl.

Sarah W: knit toy "Anniversary Bear".

Ana P: knit and crochet vest.

Kim B: knit "Butterfly Dreamcatcher" shawl.

Sarah W: knit "Fair Isle Double Knit" sweater.

Break from 12:10 – 12:30

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:** Short Rows

Respectfully Submitted, Charlene & Linda

