

THE MONTHLY CABLE



K2TOG By Ema

Hello Fellow Fiber Enthusiast,
My topic for this month is UFO's. Many of us suffer from the guilt these items bring us but are helpless to stop. For me it is the excitement that draws me in. When I'm at a yarn shop they always have a sample pattern displayed that I can't live without (or so it seems) in a new yarn that is beautiful, and in colorways that calls to me. Color and texture are the core of my addiction and you put that together with a pattern that speaks to me and I hopeless. When I get home I can't wait to get started. I much prefer to just dive in and start my project. And I will go until I get distracted by the next new project. At the beginning of the new year I always vow to get all of my UFO's finished. And this year so far I've gotten one of them completed. I found a pair of UFO socks and thought that the pattern was awesome and the yarn (Zen Yarn Garden) was yummy. Great! I'll finish these and I'm already half way done, child's play. What stopped me dead in my tracks is the fact that I didn't put the pattern with the socks. Do I remember the pattern name now? No. Do I know where the pattern is? No. Now the beauty of Ravelry is that you always have your patterns at hand but if you should buy a pattern at a shop that is another story. Another nightmare is borrowing the needles from a UFO only to go back later and have no idea what size you were using. Anyway, the point I want to make is this. I know when I have accountability or commit to someone to do something that I get it done. With that being said, I'm wondering if any of you who have UFO's will join me by putting your top three items on an index card. The goal being to get them finished by the end of the year. Now I know some of you will say three is not nearly enough. Please feel free to put as many items as you like on your card. My thought was based on two things:

- 1) Set attainable goals
- 2) Leave room for new projects

As I've already stated, for me, there is always that new yarn and/or pattern waiting.

If you want to participate I will have index cards at this months Sit and Knit and also at the Guild meeting.

Happy Knitting!

And Jan

Thank you fellow ESSS Guild Members for welcoming me and Ema as Co-Presidents of the Guild for the remainder of the year. I think our first meeting went well and I particularly appreciate your patience with me and my limited mobility at the meeting. I will be out of the walking boot in time for our next Guild meeting so I will be much more mobile. It was such perfect (unplanned) timing when Peggy called in to say hello. I know we all miss her and that Ema and I have some big shoes to fill but I think the rest of this year is going to absolutely fly by. Time to start thinking about holiday gift knitting/crocheting ideas!

Ema has written a nice article about UFO's and I am definitely guilty of piling these up. Writing commitments down certainly does make me more accountable so I am planning on participating in Ema's great idea.

Thanks again for putting your faith in us in leading the Guild through the remainder of the year.

Happy Knitting/Crocheting!

Workshop Report

By Ann Wicker

AIDA COWL WORKSHOP – Thanks to all of the members who attended my workshop last month. It was a pleasure to introduce you to Tunisian crochet with a double ended hook. For those of you who aren't familiar with KOIGU, it was also my treat to introduce you to KOIGU.

I hope you had fun learning. A couple of things -- don't forget to TAKE A BREAK – especially when learning a new technique we sometimes need to relax our fingers and mind a bit. And, if you have any problems or questions, please call or email me: email – Merilyn@foxyknits.com
A special thanks to my helpers – Pat Spencer, Nancy Stoll and Susan Greenberg. I know everyone appreciated their help too.

Lastly - if you have completed your cowl or even if you haven't, please bring your cowl to our next meeting in August. I would love to see them and we could "Show and Share" them too.

Many thanks, Merilyn

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Next Meeting:

August 20, 2016
10.30 am – 1.30 pm
at the Joslyn Center

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter please email elsegundosliptstitchers@yahoo.com

Website: www.sliptstitchers.org

July—Sept CAL/KAL 2016

By Kim Burk (aka nuts4fiber on Ravelry)

Fiber Free for All

Inspired by a project by our own Linda Jensen, who shared a beautiful triangle shawl that she made, using eight colors of the crazy yarns she picked up on our “Freebie” table at a Sit n’ Knit, our next KAL/CAL will be a “Free For All!”. Anything goes! The crazier the yarn selection the better! COLOR! TEXTURE! It’s all good! Feel free to make up your own patterns, shawls, scarves, hats, blankets, whatever “Floats your boat!”.

Or, go with a pattern from your library, or maybe check out one of these FREE patterns:

From Jane Thornely, who calls her knitting, “Free Range Knitting”, [Green Before the Gold](#)

[Scrap Wrap](#), by Natasha Sills

[Magic Ball Feather & Fan Scarf](#), by Susan Mills

Not all scrappy projects need novelty textures: [Chunk Scrap Knitted Scarf](#), by Lisa Gonzalez

Or check out these paid patterns:

[River Run Shawl](#), by Christie Furber. I love this version:

[Lavendelfreundin’s I’ll do it my way.](#)

[Scrapyard Scarf](#), by Leah Chapman

An entrelac shawl: [CRA’s Entralac Shawl](#), from Nancie M.

Wiseman’s book, [Knitted Shawls, Stoles, & Scarves.](#)

FREEFORM is also fun! Peacefirst’s [Green Lacy Tunic](#) combines knitting and crochet. She’s got lots of great details in her project photos. In her book, [Creative Crochet Lace](#), Myra Wood suggests making a linen template if you want to make wearables that fit.

August Program Notes

By Ann Wicker

A big round of applause for Marilyn Burnside and her team, Pat Spencer, Nancy Stoll and Susan Greenberg, for a fabulous job of presenting the 3-hour mini-workshop on Double-Ended Tunisian Crochet last month. A big shout out, also, to Nancy Livingstone and Laura Stone for planning and facilitating the delicious lunch that was enjoyed by all who attended the workshop.

Our August program will be on lace knitting presented by Janice Young. Homework for the meeting is to pick a pattern from the following list. All the patterns are available on Ravelry for free (a few hardcopies will be available at the meeting for those who don’t have internet access).

Zigzag Lace Bookmark by Heather M. Brown

Diagonal Lace Bookmark, also by Heather M. Brown

Lace Waves Bookmark by Kiersten Brandt

Trellis Lace Bookmark by Library Leigh

Waves from the Top Bookmark by Sivia Harding

7 of Hearts Bookmark, by Eric Haas

Lacy Ladder Bookmark by Michelle Hazell

Perdita, 3 beautiful lace bracelets to bead or not by Elizabeth Klett

You should bring to the meeting a small amount (100 yds or less) of lace weight or crochet cotton yarn and the appropriate size needle for the pattern of your choice. For Perdita, you will also need a small crochet hook and 2 small buttons. If you wish to just swatch lace during the program (and not do a pattern), bring any weight yarn and larger than usual needles.

2016 2-Ball Challenge

By Ann Wicker

Back by popular demand, the ESSS 2016 2-Ball Challenge will be introduced at the August meeting. This year the challenge will be limited to 30 people. The entry fee for the challenge is \$10 which includes 2 balls of yarn. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded in the following categories: Members Choice, Best Use of Color, Best Workmanship – Knit, Best Workmanship – Crochet, Most Creative – Knit, Most Creative – Crochet.

Judging will take place during our December meeting. The yarn and detailed instructions for the challenge will be available at the meeting. So for those of you up for a challenge bring your \$10 and get those creative juices flowing.

July Membership update

By Ann Wicker

Membership

We had 67 members and 3 guests attend the first Co-Presidents Jan and Ema meeting. 2 of our guests joined. Please welcome our new members:

Bonnie Darling, Westchester

Gail Levine, Redondo Beach.

Gail actually was a former member, who has rejoined our guild.

Renewals: 32 members paid their dues for this month. Just as a reminder, we no longer give a 3 month grace period for renewals, so please get those dues in to Laura.

Renewal form is available on the Slipt Stitchers website.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
August Sit and Knit	August 14th, 2016 12.30 – 3.30pm	Joslyn Center
Foxy Knits Trunk Show	August 12-13 2016 10-5pm	Alamitos Bay Yarn Co. Long Beach
Indie Dyer Fair	September 24 2016 10-5pm	Alamitos Bay Yarn Co. Long Beach

Stitch of the Month

The Slipped Stitch

Size 8 knitting needles,
10"Worsted Weight Yarn, small amount
Sample size: 4.75" X 3"

Directions:

Long Tail Cast On 19 stitches

Row 1: (K 4sts, Sl 1 purlwise) 3X, K 4sts
Row 2: (K 4sts, P1) 3X, K 4sts

Repeat until you have 3" (about 20 rows)

Cast off, weave in ends.

Finishing Card—Secure knitted swatch to inset portion of card with double stick tape around the edges (lay tape on card first and then attach the swatch).

Using a fine tipped pen, put the name of the stitch on the left side of the card border under the swatch and sign your name on the other side of the border (see photo).

Embellish swatch with dimensional stickers as desired.

Some cards may require additional postage, so check with the Post Office before you mail your card.



Noticeboard

Greetings, ESSS, I thought you be interested to know that Stephanie and I made it to Texas in one piece. Believe me, it was quite an adventure, driving for three days with a three car caravan, with each car loaded with water, snacks, LOTS of water, and animals, LOTS of animals.

The first day was ok with the exception of extremely HOT weather, driving through the desert only to get near Phoenix where we saw dark clouds, and HEAVY RAIN. Little did we know until we got to our hotel rooms that night, that we drove THROUGH a tornado warning. You know the kind of warning, that says, seek IMMEDIATE SHELTER.

So, on we go to El Paso, not too bad but the animals are starting to drive us crazy. At that time, Steph found a place where we could board the animals once we got to San Antonio. Best money I've ever spent as they had to stay in there for a week while we waited for the house to close.

The house finally closed on July 7 and the movers came the next day. YEA!!!

Stephanie started her new job, Sarah is looking for a job and Paige is trying to decide what she'll be able to wear to school.

As for me, it's nice to do "nothing", although I'm sure I'll be finding a knitting group as soon as Paige starts school?

I just registered for Stitches West, so hopefully I'll be able to see many of you then.

Until then, stay cool and keep on knitting and crocheting.

Peggy Baxter

Charity Report

By Catherine McFarlane

We have certainly been very busy with our yarn and needles! Combining our contributions for May and June we donated 160 hats, 1 pair mittens, 1 skein of yarn, 51 scarves and cowls, 18 dog blankets - what lucky pups, 28 baby blankets, 8 baby sweaters for a total of 267 items to 11 different charities. This gives a YTD total of 886 items

There are many ways of reporting your charity donations: The Charity Donations thread on the Sliptstitchers' Ravelry group; the donations sheet at the meeting; Email catherinemcfarlane@sbcglobal.net.

At a previous meeting Monica asked if there was a need for fingerless gloves for patients receiving chemotherapy. Certain chemo drugs can cause an extreme sensitivity to cold. I discussed this with the nurses in the Oncology unit at Kaiser South Bay (Harbor City) and you will be pleased to know that they would be absolutely delighted to have some to give to their patients. If you are interested in participating please use a soft, machine washable yarn and bring your contributions to one of our meetings.

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June Meeting Minutes

Presidents (Jan S and Ema K): Called meeting to order at 10:30 AM. New members Gail F. and Bonnie D who brought a guest, Judy.

Recording Secretary (Charlene K. and Linda J): New By-Laws and Standing Rules posted on website.

Corresponding Secretary (Sylvia G): Nothing to report.

Treasurer (Peggy A.): Income: \$1,303; Expenses: \$989.70
Balance as of July 15, 2016: \$8,739.34.

Co-Vice President (Ann W.): No report.

Membership (Laura G.): Kathy B. in for Laura. Membership forms available at desk.

Members at Large (Patti I. & Lenora S): Free patterns from Concepts In Yarn will be in the back after the Raffle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities (Renee H. & Cathy M.): Charity report on website. We have donated 886 items YTD. Kaiser is interested in receiving fingerless gloves that are machine wash and dry for some patients.

Merchandise (Sarah S.): Available, see Sarah to purchase.

Webmaster (Jacki B.): Please copy her when you send info to Sarah W. Merchandise added and pictures are there also.

Raffle (Brandi D.): Thanked everyone for bringing in nice things for the raffle.

Newsletter (Sarah W.): Not present, but she did a great job on last newsletter.

Photography (Jan S.): All pictures are on the website.

Coffee and Refreshments (Ema K.): Thanks to all who contributed refreshments and money for the coffee.

Historian (Betty D.): Brought in one album for members to see.

Hospitality (Toni S.): Thanks to everyone who wore their badges.

El Segundo Liaison (Laura S.): Room is reserved through December and will work on Jan-Mar 2017.

KAL/CAL (Kim B.): Info on website. No activity on Ravelry site yet. September deadline.

Workshop (Nancy L.): Workshop today from Marilyn with lunch before program. Thanks to Laura S. who organized the lunch today.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Peggy B. called in to thank everyone again for everything and say Howdy!

Announcements:

TGKA has dissolved, but the Master Hand Knitting Group is carrying on going forward. Their magazine will now be digital. "Yarn" movie at the Ahrya Fine Arts Theatre, 8556 Wilshire Blvd; tickets are \$12

Los Angeles Quilt Show and Fiber Arts Festival; 13-14 Aug at Crafted at the Port of Los Angeles. Tickets are \$10 in advance online, or \$15 at the door. Tickets are good for both days.

Newton's Yarn Country is having their Parking Lot Sale, 16-17 July

Bead Show; Location is Hilton in Pasadena, July 28-31. Tickets are \$10.

Stitches West will open registration 28 July for Feb 2017 show Marilyn will have a Trunk Show, 12-13 July at Los Alamitos Bay, ESSS Members get a 15% discount

ESSS Sit N' Knit – 14 Aug from 12:30 – 3:30pm, Jocelyn Center

Monthly Guild Meeting – 19 Aug from 10:30 - 1:30pm, Jocelyn Center

Raffle & Show and Share

Kathy B.: Big Button Hat, knit, Bad Amy designer on Ravelry

Marilyn B.: Cowl, knit, Cameo Cowl from Karen George in Koigu yarns

Elaine H.: Baby Blanket, crochet, from Ravelry in Bernat "Baby Blanket" yarn

Betty D.: Shawl, crochet

By Linda Jensen

Susan G.: Shawl, knit, from Around the Corner Shawl by Sandra D. Carter in Rowan Purelife Revive yarn.

Ana P.: HugMe Shawl, knit, Ana's pattern in Caterpillar Green.

Jacki B.: Shawl, knit, French CanCan from Ravelry in Wollmeise DK yarn.

Cathy M.: Tea Cozy, knit and crochet, her design, in llama home spun yarn.

Peggy A.: Shawl, knit, Southern Diamond Wrap, 8K Studios in cotton fair yarn by Premier.

Fred Y.: Items from his World Travels, knit and crochet.

Karen E.: Scarf, knit, Tranquilla.

Carolyn S.: Cowl, crochet, Frequency yarn.

Linda J.: Pom Pom Headbands, other yarn project, any oddment of leftover yarn

Workshop: By Marilyn B., "Double Ended Tunisian Crochet".

Adjourned 1:00pm

Respectfully submitted, Linda Jensen

TKGA Announcement

Since 2001 The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) has been owned and managed by Offinger Management Company (OMC), an association management company. In April of this year, OMC decided to dissolve TKGA, but they were willing to turn the entire organization over to the Master Hand Knitting Committee. The Committee unanimously decided that we could not let TKGA and its programs die. Since that time we have worked to establish TKGA as a non-profit entity with a board and bylaws. The transition from OMC's management to our independent operation will be complete by October 31st.

The inaugural TKGA Board of Directors is:

Arenda Holladay, President

Leslie Gonzalez, Vice President

Mary Beth Jacobs, Treasurer

Christina Hanger, Secretary

Binka Schwan, Director

Just like the Master Hand Knitting Committee, all of the Board members are donating their expertise and time as volunteers without any compensation.

Although we will be starting from the ground up as a new organization, we will honor existing memberships and the current educational programs and certification programs will not change. The only exception is the Master Machine Knitting Program. From this date, no new candidates will be allowed to purchase the program. Only those currently enrolled will be able to attain Masters status. The Master Hand Knitting Program will stay the same, and if you are currently enrolled your records and payments will transfer to the new organization. The same is true for those enrolled in any of the correspondence courses.

The major area of change will be Cast On magazine. The Fall 2016 issue will be the last print edition. The financial realities of producing the magazine contributed to Offinger's decision to not continue with the organization. We will continue to produce Cast On but the new version will be digital only, and the educational component will be expanded. Expect articles and patterns to enhance your skill set as well as the fashion forward designs you have come to expect. We will also produce a monthly newsletter filled with tips, reviews and, occasionally, free patterns.

We are looking forward to a streamlined organization that is better designed to meet your knitting education needs. Please be patient during this transition time. We will continue to update you on programs, educational opportunities and membership as those decisions are made. If you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email at this address: arendje.tkg@gmail.com.