

THE MONTHLY CABLE



K2TOG By Ema And Jan

Attitude of Gratitude

November is a special time of year and I'm sure most of you will be spending Thanksgiving day with family and/or friends. My husband and I travel to Oregon every year to spend time with our family. We rent a large house in Bandon, a stones throw from the beach.

One of the things I've seen year-in and year-out is how generous our members are. In the past 5-years that I've been a member I've seen the charity donation numbers continually rise. There are over a thousand items that have been donated thus far and the years not over. The ESSS positively impacts many people (and furry friends) with the hand made items they lovingly make.

We don't get to see the reactions and expressions of the recipients but I'm sure that every item is greatly appreciated.

Battered women, cancer patients, animal rescues, just to name of few. I'd like to believe that they can feel the love in each piece, because it is a big heart that makes something to give away.

I have a hectic life with a busy schedule and sometimes it's easy for me to become short tempered in traffic, impatient waiting in yet another line, etc. But in the month of November I'm really going to try to have an "attitude of gratitude" for all the good that I get to experience on a daily basis.

I will not be at the November meeting due to my trip but I want to wish each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

See you in December, Ema

November Program Notes

By Ann Wicker

Huge thanks to Laura Stone for a very useful and information-packed program last month on methods for joining yarn. For those who were unable to attend the October meeting, Laura's handout is available on our website.

Our November program will 'Short Rows – What are they good for?' presented by Karen McCleary. This program will feature an overview of the many uses for short rows in knitting... maybe one or two new ones! We will learn the basics of short row knitting, with a few useful variations, and helpful hint or two.

In order to practice your short row skills, we will be knitting a small ball that can become a toy or a holiday ornament... your choice! Please bring worsted weight yarn and appropriate size needles. (More experienced knitters may use fingering weight yarn with appropriate size needles).

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2 Ball Challenge

I hope you are enjoying the challenge and looking forward to the viewing and judging of the entries that will take place at our December meeting.

As a reminder, prize categories are:

Members Choice,
Best Use of Color,
Best Workmanship – Knit,
Best Workmanship – Crochet,
Most Creative – Knit,
and Most Creative – Crochet.

Can't wait to see what you all have come up with!

Next Meeting:

Saturday

November 16, 2016

10.30 am – 1.30 pm

at the Josyln Center

Don't forget Sit N Knit

Sunday November 13, 2016

12.30 pm – 3.30 pm (also at Josyln 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!

Wisconsin Wool Exchange

By Laura Geisel

On my recent trip to Wisconsin I happened to be near the Wisconsin Wool Exchange (www.wisconsinwoolexchange.com) that our esteemed member Fred Yoshiwa talked about at the September meeting. It was quite by accident as we didn't have plans to visit Stevens Point, but passed through on a return trip from Rhinelander, so I thought I would share a few comments and photos. It is a lovely shop, chock full of locally sourced wool - beautiful hand spun and dyed merchandise, and lots of Alpaca. Two of the three very welcoming women owners were there - one was spinning and the other behind the counter. I purchased a hank of Suri Alpaca from Peaceful Pastures (www.peacefulpasturesalpaca.com) which will one day be a lovely and colorful cowl. I highly recommend the shop! Thank you Fred for telling us about it.



Dizzy Blonde Extended (Part 2)

By Kathy Bartholomew

When did you start KnitDizzney? Where did the idea come from? Has it grown? - I am a big Disney fan, and I lovingly refer to the Disneyland Resort as my playground. I am an annual passholder, and I love going and spending the day there. I always take my knitting, and most often than not, I am joined by a few of my knitting friends. 5 years ago I got the wild idea: Knit Dizzney. It would be an annual event, where those who want to, can come spend the day in the park together. Not everyone wants or is able to purchase the pricey admission, so we could have a meet-up somewhere outside of the parks, but still on the premises. The first 2 years we did the official meet up, we did so at picnic spiral. Then we moved the meet-up to the Hearthstone Lounge in the Grand Californian Hotel & Spa because it was just too darn hot!

The very first year of Knit Dizzney there were only 3 of us, and there was no meet-up, no t-shirts, goodie bags, project bags or exclusive yarn. Each year after that, I chose a theme character who inspired the yarn colorway, project bags and official t-shirt. So far the characters have been chosen because either their storyline or their names have something to do with the fiber arts: Dizzney's Beauty was inspired by Aurora who, as we all know, pricked her finger on a distaff (though the story has it that it was spindle, which makes no sense). And then there was "Stitch" Dizzney Lilo & Stitch, and You Can "Tink" My Bell & "By "Hook" or by Crook were both inspired by characters from Peter Pan. The theme is always a closely-guarded secret until the yarn is revealed. Anyone want to hazard a guess as to who is next year's character inspiration?

Do you get requests from people attending KnitDizzney? Any repeat attendees? Do you plan on expanding this event to more than once a year?

I would say at least 3/4 of the attendees come year after year. That's why I feel it's important to make it entertaining

and change things up a little from year to year. As far as requests go, except for wishing to order more of the yarn, which is pretty regular, I've only had one other request. Someone last year requested that the theme character this year be a villain. I was more than happy to comply!

We do plan to expand the event, but in a different way. I'm hoping that in 2018, we'll be doing bi-coastal Knit Dizzney: Florida in the spring, California in the Fall. Next year I'll be partnering with Lazer Sheep to help smooth the transition. Fingers crossed!

Stitch of the Month

By Linda Jensen

For November, I thought we should do a very easy one since everyone is probably busy knitting for the holidays. Here is a quick and easy one that you can complete from gathering supplies to finished card in about 1/2 hour.

Garter Stitch

Yarn: Use a combination yarn, fuzzy and thick (e.g., Loops & Thread Glamorous)

Needles: US Size 13

Cast on 9 stitches, leaving a 4" tail.

Knit 9 rows, knitting in tail on the second row.

Cast off using the Purl 2Tog (i.e. purl two stitches together, transfer stitch on Right Needle to Left Needle), repeat to end.

Cut end, pull through last stitch, then weave into work.

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



Noticeboard

Charity Report

By Catherine McFarlane

Our needles have been busy night and day! Since our last report, we have donated 135 items to 8 different charities. This includes 2 more adorable bears, 3 shawls, 26 baby hats, 24 baby and preemie blankets, 10 children's hats, 10 adult hats, 35 scarves, 2 pairs gloves, 1 vest, 1 book, 4 skeins of yarn and 17 animal blankets. We are at a YTD of 1243 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! Thanks to our hard working members we have a head start on this project and have 10 hats already.

Upcoming events: Casa de los Angelitos 30th anniversary and Open House to showcase their new learning center, Sunday November 6, 2016 1pm -3pm. Opportunity drawing! If you would like to attend call 310 325 8208 His Nesting Place 33rd Annual Open House Saturday December 10, 2016 10am -3pm. Refreshments served! Address 350E Market St, Long Beach. CA 90805

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. 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.

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September Meeting Minutes

By Susan Greenburg

Co-Presidents (Ema K. & Jan S-R) — Welcomed 1 guest, no new members today. No report.

Recording Secs. (Charlene K. & Linda J.) — Susan Greenberg taking minutes today. September minutes will stand as written, no corrections or additions.

Corresponding Sec. (Sylvia G.) — A welcome note was sent to new member Cindy Strand. Thank you note and gift card sent to Chinda Wonggamnit for her presentation and instruction of the Two-Color Brioche Knitting Workshop.

Treasurer (Peggy A.) — Beginning balance \$9611.24; Income \$472.50; Expenses \$427.11; Ending balance as of September 15, 2016: \$9656.63. Will also be presenting the Membership report today.

Vice President (Ann W.) — Absent.

Membership (Laura G.) —Peggy Avellar presenting report today. Please sign the attendance sheet. The membership list has been updated. Currently there are 126 members who are current and up-to- date, if you still need to renew please see her today.

Members at Large (Lenora S., Patti L.) —The can-at- large is here today, please use it for comments, suggestions, feedback both negative and positive.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charities (Renee H./Cathy M.): We are collecting scarves for Interval House, and baby blankets and hats for Precious Life. This month a total of 135 items were donated for 8 different charities. Year-to- date total is 1,243 items for 13 different charities. The American Heart Association Red Hats for Babies project is ongoing through December 31 st . Casa de Los Angelitos is having an Anniversary Open House on Sunday, November 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm; please call if you are attending (310) 325-8208. See Cathy for the address. His Nesting Place is having an Open House on Saturday, December 10 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm; 350 E. Market St. Be sure to report your charity donations to Cathy.

Merchandise (Sarah S.): All merchandise is available today.

Webmaster (Jackie B.): No updates today. Thanked the members for all of their submissions.

Raffle (Brandi D.): Thanks to all for their donations for the raffle. Thanks to Carol Hayes for donating a large number of small handmade bags.

Newsletter (Sarah W.): Sarah will be back next month. Please submit any information for the newsletter by October 30.

Members are encouraged to write articles about events.

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

Coffee & Refreshments (Ema K.): Thanks to all who brought food today, and who donated to the coffee fund.

Historian (Betty D.): No report today.

Hospitality (Toni S.): Everyone has their badges today, and everyone was here on time.

El Segundo Liaisons (Julia M. & Laura S.): We are all set through the beginning of 2017.

KAL/CAL (Kim B.): See the ESSS Ravelry group for the latest postings.

Workshop (Nancy L.): Nancy absent.

OLD BUSINESS

There are still some outstanding dues. Some people moved that we didn't know about. There are 99 paid up members, and about 30 more people they are trying to contact.

NEW BUSINESS

1. December meeting & Fire Sale: The members voted to continue this tradition.

2. Elections (Monika R.): We need volunteers for Board member and committee chair positions. There were 3 responses to the recent email blast, one of which was that the member wouldn't

be able to continue in their role in 2017. Members are asked to review the board and committee chair positions and volunteer for something. Many positions can be shared. Job descriptions are listed online in the bylaws. Program presenters are also needed. Please contact Monika if interested.

3. Coffee and refreshments: Do we want to continue with this? This matter will be addressed at a later meeting.

4. Guild's annual donation to Heifer International: They have been calling Jan about sending the donation earlier due to increased need for Haiti relief. A motion was made to make the donation early and increase from \$250 to a maximum of \$500 (Peggy A. will check to see what the next level is.) The motion was passed.

5. Workshops: Kathy B. suggested a dyeing workshop with Laura Wilson-Martos next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Sit & Knit, Sunday, November 13, 12:30 – 3:30 at the Joslyn Center.

2. Next ESSS meeting Saturday November 19, Joslyn Center.

3. SCHG Weaving and Fiber Festival, Sunday November 6 from 10-4, Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

4. Various local craft/street fairs coming up soon; please send Jackie details for the website.

5. Lucy Neatby will be at The Knitting Tree LA on Monday November 5 th . Classes and signups to be announced soon. This is her last teaching trip to the U.S.

6. Members are reminded to help clean up and put chairs against the wall after the meetings.

7. Carol Hayes reported on two yarn shops she visited while traveling, Purl Soho and The Everlasting Ewe. Members were informed about Purl Soho's local warehouse, located in Tustin, CA. Contact information for the warehouse will be put on the website.

RAFFLE AND AUCTION

SHOW & SHARE

Ruth Lynn Sobel: Knit sweater, "Andrea's Sweater," based on Patons Back to Basics; Juniper Moon and Indecita Fleece yarn.

Cathy McFarlane: Knit and crocheted Mommy and Baby Pumpkins, original design; worsted acrylic yarn. Knit shell (top), original design; yarn from ESSS raffle.

Lenora Stewart: Crocheted shawl "Pop of Neutral; Hedgehog Fibers yarn.

Carol Hayes: Knit toy, "Not So Itty Bitty Giraffe," Susan B. Anderson pattern; Cascade 220 Superwash wool.

Knit gloves, "First Glove," Ann Budd pattern; Loopy Seasonings fingering yarn.

Laura Stone: Knit beer bottle cozies, Ravelry pattern; KnitPicks Wool of the Andes yarn.

Kim Burk: Halloween wreath with leaves and fruit bat, Knit Your Own Zoo (book); Noro Silk Garden and Rowan yarns.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Methods of Joining Yarn, presented by Laura Stone

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Greenberg