

# THE MONTHLY CABLE



## Peggy's Purls By Peggy Baxter

Big bobbles, little bobbles, crocheted bobbles and knitted bobbles. Big thank you to Carol H. and Angela for presenting a great program on bobbles. Just know their program will help you make interesting projects using bobbles for our spring KAL/CAL.

I also want to say that Linda J. did a great job presenting the changes and additions to our standing rules. Really appreciate everyone's suggestions in order for us to get the changes passed.

Speaking of changes, my place is SOLD! Took less than a week, having had two offers to choose from. What a relief as I really was not looking forward to having an open house.

So, since June will be my last ESSS meeting, I do hope either you will consider taking on the guild Presidency OR

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at least send Linda Jensen the name of a nominee. We need to have a slate at our May meeting, so you can vote in June. It really is a fun position, one that I have LOVED doing.

Hope to see you at not only our May meeting, but our next Sit 'n Knit. May 8 ( yes, I know it's Mothers Day), 12:30-3:30 at the Joslyn Center.

Fiber hugs,  
Peggy B

## May Program Notes

By Stephanie Baxter and Ann Wicker

Many thanks to Carol Hayes and Angelia Robinson for the outstanding program on knitted and crocheted bobbles presented at our April meeting. Looking forward to seeing all the Bobble Sheep pillows and Slices of Pie at our June meeting. If you were unable to attend the April meeting, all the great information that Carol and Angelia gave us in their handouts is available on our website.

Our May program will be "Edgy Knitting" presented by Peggy Baxter. You will need to bring the following materials:

Two contrasting colors of smooth worsted weight yarn  
3-5 appropriately sized double pointed needles

There is also some OPTIONAL homework: Cast on 20-20 stitches on a double pointed needle (make 2). Knit 3 rows and cut yarn leaving a 6-8" tail.

As you probably have all heard by now, Peggy and Stephanie Baxter will be stepping down from their positions as President and Vice President in June in order to make a big move to San Antonio, Texas. Consequently, since June will be their last meeting and we are planning to give them a rousing ESSS send-off and thank you, the June mini-workshop program on Double-ended Tunisian Crochet will be postponed to the fall. More details about our June event will be given at our May meeting.

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Next Meeting:

May 21, 2016

10.30 am - 1.30 pm

at the Joslyn Center

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## April—June CAL/KAL 2016

By Kim Burk (aka nuts4fiber on Ravelry)

Starting with the KNIT Bobble Sheep Pillow: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/bobble-sheep-pillow-in-super-soft-merino> by Purl Soho. And since the world is short on similarly cute crocheted sheep, for our CROCHET bobble fun, we have three patterns by Sherry Rohekar, on Craftster: Lemon Meringue Pie, <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/lemon-meringue-pie>, Fruit Tart, <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/fruit-tart>, and Cherry Pie, <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/cherry-pie>. You can find all of these free patterns on Ravelry! Please check out our Ravelry KAL/CAL thread for additional ideas and patterns. Many thanks to Angelia Robinson and Carol Hayes for their wonderful demos on crocheting and knitting bobbles at our April meeting! There are so many ways to make bobbles, and I hope you get a chance to try out some of the extra stitches that they included in their handouts! Bobbles are a great way to add texture and excitement to a project.

We'd love to see progress photos of your Bobbly Projects! Please share them on our KAL/CAL thread on Ravelry. Our Ravelry group is also a great place to ask questions if you have any. These are the "Official" patterns of the KAL/CAL, but please feel free to find others and surprise us with them at our June meeting! (I got a peek at some very creative WIPs at the April meeting... and I heard through the grapevine that Ellen is working on a Bobble Sheep Pillow with crocheted bobbles and knit head and legs. I can't wait to see it!) It's challenging enough to knit with giant needles and icord, and Carol really got a workout! Look at the size of those bobbles!

## Charity Report

By Catherine McFarlane

Since our last report we have donated 103 items including 6 dog blankets, 2 cowls, 21 hats, 2 chemo hats, 18 scarves, 4 shawls, 4 felted purses, 7 baby hats, 2 baby blankets, 2 premi sweaters / poppy cardigans, 15 balls of yarn and 10 pairs of needles to 7 different charities

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

## Talking Color with Chris Bahls

By Jeannette Hartman

For many knitters or crocheters, color is scary: Choose right and your work sizzles; choose wrong and it fizzles. Chris Bahls, the resident color expert at The Knitting Tree, in Culver City, has a few suggestions. "There are no ugly colors. There are just ugly combinations," he said. "We all have favorite colors, but if everything is in your favorite colors, there's nothing to accent what you're wearing. If I'm going to make beautiful fabric, I want it to be a show-stopper." The trick, he suggests, is to mix favorites with the unexpected. "Often, people will pick obvious combinations – a light green, a yellow green and a blue green, for example. Picking a fourth color that is completely different – an orange or hot pink – makes it all pop. You can see people's eyes light up." Chris' personal color favorites are those people describe as "'ish' – purple-ish, green-ish. They will run rings around traditional colors." Another challenge, according to Chris, is that yarn is sold in equal-sized skeins, while in a pattern you may be using a little of one and a lot of another. The effect can be totally different than what you imagined when picking the yarn out. Chris also designs knitwear and has eight patterns for sale on Ravelry.com. He said he's thrilled when he sees someone making one of his patterns in fibers of a different color and weight than he'd originally designed. "Don't be afraid to just try something," he said, even if it's a color you might at first feeling like saying, "No!" to. Chris learned to knit when he was 10 years old and home sick from school. "My mother was knitting a Norwegian-style sweater," Chris said. "I kept pestering her about what she was doing until she finally got needles and yarn and showed me how to do it." Other things distracted him, and knitting got set aside. In college, a friend was struggling with a knitting project for a class. When she told Chris about it, he said, "'Oh, that's easy!' and showed her how to do it. "It reminded me how much fun knitting was and I picked it up again and have kept knitting on and off ever since." Although Chris holds a bachelor's degree in fine art, he ended up in working in software development, computer programming and information systems to pay the rent after he graduated. "Computer programming is like knitting," Chris said. "It has themes and repeats: 'Do this five times here and then do that.' Programming is a lot like following a pattern."

## Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
May Sit and Knit	May 8th, 2016 12.30 – 3.30pm	Joslyn Center
Vogue Knitting Live	May 13-15	Pasadena
2016 YKGA Conference	July 13-16 2016	Charleston, South Carolina

## April Meeting Minutes

**President (Peggy B)** – Called the meeting to order at 10:35am and welcomed members. No guests or new members. She had a special announcement that she emailed to everyone that she, Stephanie and family are moving to Texas soon and we will need to have a special election to replace her for the remainder of her term, from June through December.

**Recording Secretary (Charlene K & Linda Jensen)**. No minutes available for March meeting. Laura G will provide them to Linda Jensen and will incorporate into next meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary (Sylvia G)** – Welcome notes sent to new member, Ira Ediriweera. Thank you note and gift card to Joan Whitten for presenting her Decorative Cast Ons program. A get well card was sent to Myra Wood.

**Treasurer (Peggy A)** – Beginning Balance \$8,283.79; Income \$827.00; Expenses \$227.79; Ending Balance as of April 15, 2016, \$8,883.00. Ms Peggy wont be at May meeting, but will email her report and be back in June.

**Vice Presidents (Ann W & Stephanie B)** – Ann will continue as VP alone with Stephanie's departure. June program will now be our Special Election for President whose term will be the remainder of the year and Farewell Party for Peggy and Stephanie. The Workshop will move to the Fall.

**Membership (Laura G)** – Member roster was at the front for everyone to confirm what information they want to be public. Members were asked to review and initial confirmation. New members, remember to collect your badge and wear it at meetings. Laura will change website password also. If you were not at the meeting, please contact her for the new password.

**Members-at-Large: (Patti Ialongo & Lenora Stewart)** – No report.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Charities (Renee H & Cathy M)** – Renee not present. Cathy reported 103 items donated today. Great Job!

**Merchandise (Sarah S)** She is in the process of updating the website.

**Webmaster (Jackie B)** – Previous handouts are going on the web for members. Please copy her if you send something to Sarah for the Newsletter.

**Raffle (Brandi D)** – Lots of good stuff today. She will need help next meeting because Toni will not be there.

**Newsletter (Sarah W)** – She would like to have fiber related articles from the members.

**Photography (Jan S)** – Here today and will take pictures.

**Coffee & Refreshments (Ema K)** – Ema had to leave early, but refreshments are in the kitchen.

**Historian (Betty D)** – She will take photos for the scrapbook.

**Hospitality (Toni S)** – Members are doing well on wearing their badges.

**El Segundo Liaison (Laura S)** – Room is reserved for rest of year.

**KAL/CAL (Kim B)** – Pattern up on Ravelry page. Keep knitting and crocheting.

**Workshop (Nancy L.)** – Program today is Bobbles, both crocheted and knitted, provided by Angela Robinson and Carol Hayes, respectively.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Sheep Shearing Festival** – A fun time was had for all. Story and pictures were in Newsletter.

### NEW BUSINESS

**March Board Meeting** – Changes to By-Laws and Standing Rules. Linda Jensen presented proposed changes and members voted to adopt them except for one which was tabled and passed to Laura G. who will reword and then present to membership for approval at a future meeting. When all changes have been approved, they will be incorporated into the respective documents.

El Segundo Slipt Stitchers featured in local news video. Jackie B presented this to the members, showing that we are doing great things for our community.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

8 May – Sit 'N Knit, 12:30-3:30, Joslyn Center

1 Apr – 21 May – Designing Weaver's 2016 Exhibition, 1031 W.

Manchester Blvd., Inglewood

22 Apr – Embroiderer's Guild Show, 11-1, United Methodist Church, 3759

Orange Ave, Long Beach

24 Apr – LA Bead Society Show, Veteran's Auditorium, Culver City

13-15 May – Vogue Knitting Live – Pasadena

11 Jun – WWKIP – Wilson Park, Torrance, 10-2

**RAFFLE (Toni S)** – After raffle, they will put out stuff for free. Come and get it.

By Linda Jensen

### SHOW & SHARE

Rita Levin – Vertices Shawl, knit, from Stitches West  
Peggy Avellar – Lisbon Shawl, crochet, from Crochet  
Cathy McFarlane – Greyhound sweater, knit, her own pattern.

Linda Jensen – Shawl Gone Wild, knit, multiple yarns

Carol Hayes – Virus and Blub Shawl, KAL/CAL

Kathy Bartholomew – Afternoon Tea Shawl, knit, on Ravelry

Joan Whitten – Easter Eggs, knit from scraps

Patti Ialongo – Klein Bottle Hat, knit, on Ravelry

Karen Eakin – Pugs hat, Intarsia knit, Koigu

Laura Stone – Cowl, brioche knit, on Ravelry

Lenora Stewart – Poncho, crochet

Kathy Bartholomew – Tote Bags, crochet, Google pattern

Kim Burk – Earth Shawl from Fiddleknits Design

Kim Burk – Water Shawl from Fiddleknits Design

Jill Nighswonger – Bainbridge scarf/cowl, KnitOneCrocketTwo

Jacki Breisacher – Multnomah Shawl, knit, KAL

Karen Frazer – Socks, knit, her own pattern

Olga Jankelovich – Lace Top Dress, knit (also one for sister)

**TODAY'S PROGRAM** – Bobbles, crocheted version by Angela Robinson, knit version by Carol Hayes.

Adjourned: 1:50pm

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Jensen

## A New Name with Familiar Faces!

Please join us as we celebrate the renaming of Maddie Made It, soon to be doing business as **Urban Knit & Crochet**.

**Saturday, May 21 | 7pm**

**Urban Knit & Crochet** | 2929 Rolling Hills Road | Torrance, CA 90505

The evening will kick off with a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a wine & cheese tasting as we welcome you to browse through the store's new layout.

For more information, or to RSVP, please call (424) 263-5282 or visit [www.uknitt.com](http://www.uknitt.com).

**We look forward to celebrating with you!**

~ Gail, Jan & Cristine

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25% off of selected yarns when you show us this card!!

