

THE MONTHLY CABLE



K2TOG By Ema

Are any of my Fellow Fiber Enthusiasts feeling the end of summer blues? As I write this it's Labor Day weekend. The last big hurrah of summer. I'm going to Yucca Valley to visit my sister. I feel blessed as my daughter will be going with me. While we are in the area we are going to Palm Springs so we can take the Aerial Tramway up to the top of Mt. San Jacinto. If you've never taken the tram up I highly recommend it. It is an amazing experience. The tram takes you up 2.5 miles. As you go up the mountain the tram revolves 360 degrees. The views are breath taking. This time we are getting tickets that includes dinner. We've never done this before so we are keeping our fingers crossed that the food is good. We plan on allowing time for a nice hike before dinner. Good food or bad, I'll be with family and that's what this trip is all about. Now if I could get my daughter to learn how to knit.

September Program Notes

By Ann Wicker

A big thank you to Janice Young for an information-packed program last month on lace knitting. For those who were unable to attend the August meeting, Janice's extensively researched handout is available on our website.

Our September program will be on two-color brioche knitting presented by Chinda Wongngamnit. There is no homework for the program but you should know how to cast on, knit and purl in order to participate fully.

Please bring to the meeting the following materials:

- 1) Two yarns in contrasting colors. Smooth worsted-weight yarn in lighter colors is recommended. Black is hard to see.
- 2) 16-inch circular needles to match the yarn. Longer circulars will also work, but because we'll be sliding stitches from one end of the needle to the other, a shorter circular is easier to work with.

Back by popular demand, the ESSS 2016 2-Ball Challenge was introduced at the August meeting. There still is some yarn available, so if you wish to participate bring your \$10 to the September meeting and pick up the yarn and instructions. Entries will be judged and prizes awarded at our December meeting.

And Jan

Just back from seeing my sister over the Labor Day weekend. She's going through divorce and just moved into her new place so we did some decorating and of course a trip to Michael's for some hanging hooks and more wall decorations. I wasn't intending to look at yarn but of course there was a sale and a coupon and my sister was teasing me with some cute new cupcake style yarns that self stripe. I have so much yarn so now my goal is to clean up my stash by the end of the month. I'm sure I'll have some to donate to a future raffle. I love spending time with my sister; even though she's only 2 hours away we don't get much time to spend together just the 2 of us and catch up on our lives. She's a basic knitter too so now we have a competition to see who will be the first to finish something with our new yarns - I'll probably win (she has 2 teenage daughters, 2 dogs, a new kitty and a new house so no time) but it's fun to compete. I'm so thankful to have her in my life; she's my best friend. She's going to take her daughters to Hawaii later in the month which made me think of the interesting places that I have knit. One of my favorite scarfs was made on a train ride from London to Cardiff, Wales to see U2. It's 3 yarns knit together (black, silver and another with sparkly bits). I tend to take my knitting everywhere especially travelling. I know we have a lot of travellers in our guild so I'd love to hear some of the interesting places the members have knit - maybe bring the piece you made in to the next show and share! Enjoy what's left of the long weekend. This year is flying by and it will be December soon so I'm going to try and take advantage of this time before the holidays come fast and furious.

Next Meeting:
September 17, 2016
10.30 am – 1.30 pm
at the Joslyn Center

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Stitch of the Month

Hello from Costa Rica! Here is a highly textured stitch that looks great from both sides and it is specially using ONLY purl stitches. I think one side is called the Star Stitch and the other side is called the Lotus Stitch. As I write it out, it seems a little daunting, but with practice, you will get the knack of it.

The Star Stitch

Yarn: Worsted Weight

Needles: Size 11

Directions:

Long tail cast on 13 stitches

Row 1: Purl (P) all stitches

Row 2: *P1, P5 together, but keep the group of 5 on left needle, YO, P5 together again in the same group of 5 stitches, YO, and purl again in the same group of 5 stitches and re-

move that group from the left needle**. You should now have 5 new stitches on the right needle. Repeat * to ** once more and finish with P1.

Row 3: P all stitches

Row 4: P3 together, but keep the group of 3 on the left needle, YO, P3 together again and remove that group from the left needle. You should have 3 stitches on the right needle. P1, P5 together, but keep the group of 5 on left needle, YO, P5 together again in the same group of 5 stitches, YO, and purl again in the same group of 5 stitches and remove that group from the left needle. P1, then P3 together, but keep the group of 3 on the left needle, YO, P3 together again and remove that group from the left needle.

For the swatch to fit a card, repeat Rows 1-4, and then

Rows 1-3. Cast off with P2 together across row and one P3 together. Weave in ends. Decorate as desired.



Noticeboard

From Craft Yarn Council:

Update 8/11/16: Craft Yarn Council's MEGA Lemon Drive was so enthusiastically received that we are out of supplies and cannot accept any more registrations. Of course, we are counting on those individuals and groups that have already registered to ship their completed lemon stress balls to the address below NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 30, 2016 in order to be entered in prize drawing.

From Jan: ESSS was not registered in time so we won't be contributing to the drive. If you have knit or crocheted lemons, you can probably send them individually but we won't be sending them in as a group. Looks like it was closed out before I even got to tell ESSS about it.

Charity Report

By Catherine McFarlane

Our needles are clicking away and you will be pleased to know, since our last report, we have donated 126 items to 8 different charities. This includes 2 shawls, 3 adorable bears, 37 baby hats, 18 baby blankets, 1 baby sweater, 7 adult hats or chemocaps, 25 scarves, and 33 animal blankets. We are at a YTD of 1012 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.

July—Sept CAL/KAL 2016

By Kim Burk (aka nuts4fiber on Ravelry)

Fiber Free for All

Its photo time again—Please bring any completed KAL items to the meeting in September to show off your work.

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!"

August Meeting Minutes

Co-Presidents (Ema K. & Jan S-R.): Jan called the meeting to order at 10:30AM. Welcomed a new guest, Rhonda who recently moved from St. Louis.

Recording Secretary (Charlene K & Linda J): Linda, absent. Charlene asked for minutes to be approved or any changes. Sylvia Greer asked for an amendment to the July minutes to show she shared information about her trip to Boston & New Hampshire and brought brochures for anyone interested in the shops she visited. Then the minutes were approved.

Corresponding Secretary (Sylvia G): Sent welcome notes to new members Bonnie Darling and Gail Levine. Thank you note to Nancy Livingstone for organizing the good-bye party for Peggy & Stephanie Baxter in June and coordinating the Tunisian Crochet Cowl Project luncheon and activity. Thank you note and gift card to Merilyn Burnside for her Double-Ended Tunisian Crochet course. Thank you to her helpers, Pat Spencer, Nancy Stoll & Susan Greenberg.

Treasurer (Peggy A): Balance on July 15, 2016: \$8,739.34 / Income: \$911.00 / Expenses \$743.07 / Balance as of August 19, 2016: \$8,907.27

Vice President (Ann W):

1. Today's program is Lace Knitting by Janice Young.
2. Next month will be Brioche Knitting by Chinda. (Chinda explained and showed samples. If you're interested you must bring two skeins of highly contrasting yarn – worsted weight preferred – and appropriate needles which must be DP or circular, 16" preferred. All info will be in the next newsletter & website).
3. Thanks to Merilyn and her helpers for last month.
4. Sharlene Tengler, a former member, passed away. We have a sympathy card for everyone to sign.

Membership (Laura G): 58 members attended. One guest. Thanks to all who have paid the annual dues. Laura will keep updating the sign-up sheets. Please see her today if you haven't yet paid.

Members at Large (Patti I & Lenora S): Patti absent. Lenora reminded us about the box available for comments & suggestions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charities (Renee H & Cathy M): Cathy reported 126 items since last month for a year-to-date total of 1,012! There are several ways to report your donations and don't forget to put down the charity it's going to (not a person's name).

Merchandise (Sarah S): Everything is available for purchase today.

Webmaster (Jackie B): Absent. Ann W. reminded us to send Jackie anything we want put on the webpage.

Raffle (Brandi D): Thanks to everyone who donated and there will be lots of free patterns available after the raffle.

Newsletter (Sarah W): Absent. But don't forget to send her items you'd like to put in.

Photography (Jan S-R):

Coffee & Refreshments (Ema K): Thanks to all who brought refreshments! Asked for volunteers for next month. Brought an index card holder and asked us to list our top three UFO's. This is a way for anyone interested to be accountable for finishing items.

Historian (Betty D): Absent

Hospitality (Toni S): Absent. Kathy B. took her place and

By Charlene Kirkland

announced everything is going well.

El Segundo Liaisons (Julia M & Laura S): Laura reported the room is reserved through June 2017.

KAL/CAL (Kim B): Showed a sweater she made from stash yarn "Coat of Many Colors". Reminded us our "Fiber Free For All" items are due to be shown next month.

Workshop (Nancy L.): Was here but announced "On vacation" this month.

OLD BUSINESS: Jan reminded us of membership renewals being due (July is membership renewal month).

NEW BUSINESS: Ann W. announced the 2016 two-ball challenge, showed the yarns available for \$10; you can add one ball of any type of yarn you like; make anything you want; bring finished item anonymously to the Dec meeting for judging in several categories.

Jan announced the Craft Yarn Council is doing the Mega Lemon Drive again, gave details, a vote was taken to agree to make 125. Jan will contact the Craft Yarn Council to find out if they need volunteers for the 2017 show in Anaheim. Knitting Tree & Yarnover Truck sit-n-knits today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS:

Alamitos Bay Yarn Company - Indie Dyer Fair on 9/24 from 10AM – 5PM.

ESSS sit-n-knit- Sunday, 9/11 from 12:30PM – 3:30PM.

ESSS Guild Meeting - 9/17 from 10:30AM – 1:30PM

RAFFLE & REFRESHMENTS

SHOW & SHARE: Began with everyone showing their Tunisian Cows (done or not) and a group photo.

Lenora Stewart: knit shawl "Painted Windows" pattern on Ravelry.

Erlinda Reed: filet-crochet oval doily, pattern from Tantes Zolder
Joan Whitten: wool she bought in Scotland

Jurhee Blagsaich: knit sweater "Dan Doh" knit in linen

Cathy McFarlane: crochet bag with yarn scraps, her own design

Fatima Wu: knit lace cotton ponchette made with a wool blend

June Ling: Knit bag "California Bag"

Carol Hayes: knit stole "Shetland Ruffles" pattern from Ravelry in Woolinser lace

Kim Burk: knit shawl "Air" pattern from Fiddle Knits Design, yarn from Jo Joland Harmony

Kim Burk: knit stole "Pacnebel" pattern from Carol Sunday, knit with twist-alpaca

Peggy Avellar: knit shawl "Pirates Love" pattern from Ravelry knit with Sublime

Carolyn Sherman: knit top "Artgame P90 Diagonal Triangle" pattern from Artyarns in 100% silk

Peggy Avellar: knit shawl "Travel Traditions" pattern on Ravelry

Chinda Wongngamnit: knit shawl "Exploration Station" pattern from Steven West knit with Madtosh fingering

Laura Geisel: knit baby hat "Cute Berry Hat" Ravelry pattern knit with Plymouth Encore

Olga Janicecoich: knit/crochet/cross stitch tablecloth "Peonia" – original design in multicolor tinsel

Meeting was adjourned at 12:12PM

TODAY'S PROGRAM—Lace knitting with Janice Young
Respectfully Submitted, Charlene Kirkland (& Linda Jensen)

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Location
September Sit and Knit	September 11th, 2016 12.30 – 3.30pm	Joslyn Center
Indie Dyer Fair	September 24 2016 10-5pm	Alamitos Bay Yarn Co. Long Beach