

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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Westport Yarns Fair Isle/Stranded Knitting Monday, Feb. 26



Julie Van Norden of Westport Yarns, assisted by owner Beth Schaefer, will present a program on Fair Isle/Stranded Knitting. Julie has been knitting since high school and color work is one of her favorite knitting techniques. Much of her uncanny color-sense can be attributed to the fact that she's a professional artist – both portraits and landscapes.

The presentation will cover:

- Defining Fair Isle/Stranded versus many other types of color work knitting.
- History of Fair Isle Knitting.
- Color Play: planning color decisions in traditional Fair Isle.
- Examples of garments.
- Discussion of the various ways to hold needles.
- Knitting Fair Isle “flat” versus “in the round”.
- Steeking!
- Tension: the most difficult part to achieve.
- Tips to help.

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From the President

Once in a very long while a knitting book comes along that can change the universe, well perhaps only the knitting universe. One such book is Cecelia Campochiaro's book *Sequence Knitting*. We were very fortunate to be able to snag Cecelia as a guest speaker in January,

I already owned the book, but really had not explored it until after her visit. It has given me a new enthusiasm for knitting that I haven't felt since the days of Kaffe Fassett in the last century. I am now on my third project using Cecelia's book, and/or the *MDK Field Guide #5*, which is all about the *Sequence* concept. *Field Guide #5* is a good place to start your explorations. After exploring Cecelia's concept of how combining knit and purl stitches in simple combinations can give you an endless variety of textures, I find simple stockinette has become uninspiring. What is great about *Sequence* knitting is how well it works with one color, or two colors, or better yet two different gradient yarns. I have become addicted to this concept. Our own Joan Ratner has led a WKG KAL using this technique.

As long as we are expanding our universe, we will be holding a Laura Nelkin workshop in March. Many of you have expressed interest in joining this event. Now is the time to secure your seat at the table. Payment is due at our next meeting, or you can mail your check in to our P.O. Box. Check out Suzanne Sunday's description of Laura Nelkin's workshop on page 5. Laura will be exploring how to make corrections to your lace knitting without having to unravel your work! This may just be what you need to dive into lace knitting if you haven't already tried it.

Lastly, if you have not already submitted your dues for 2018, please plan on doing so at our next meeting, or by sending your check to us at P.O. Box 141, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

As always, Happy Knitting

J. Evelynne Liebmann

WESTPORT YARNS continued. . . .

After the presentation, we will break into two smaller groups so that Julie and Beth can demonstrate and answer questions from the group.

SALE: Westport Yarns has assembled a number of kits for sale in addition to yarn paired with patterns (which will allow people to pick their own colors). They will also display a number of different color work projects available for sale, such as mosaic and slipped stitch; striping in multiple colors, in addition to Fair Isle Kits. There will be options for all levels of knitters – offered at a discount from their regular prices!





As you know our “Charity Knitting Night” was dedicated to knitting little red hats for newborns born in February. The American Heart Assoc. along with The Children’s Heart Foundation’s goal is to collect these hats in order to empower moms to live heart healthy lives and help their children to do the same. We collected a few hats that evening and now we would like to encourage you all to knit more and bring them to the February meeting. We’ve checked with local hospitals and they will continue to collect hats until the end of February – so please bring a hat or two to our February meeting because we have time to deliver them.

Here is another copy of the pattern for your convenience. Also, the heart motif is not required – a plain red hat will be equally welcomed.

BABY HEARTS HAT PATTERN

Supplies: DK or light worsted acrylic yarn, #6 dp needles or “ 9 circular needle, yarn needle

Newborn size

CO 56 sts (or multiple of 14 sts) and join in the round.

Rnds 1 – 8: k1, p1

Rnds 9 – 12: k around Knit heart motif

Rnd 13: (k6, p2, k6) around

Rnd 14: (k 5, p4, k5) around

Rnd 15: (k4, p6, k4) around

Rnd 16: (K3, p8, k3) around

Rnd 17: k2, p10, k2) around

Rnds 18 – 20: (k1, p12, k1) around

Rnd 21: (K2, p10, k2) around

Rnd 22: (k3, p3, k2, p3, k3) around

Rnd 23: (k4, p2, k2, p2, k4) around

Rnds 24 – 27: k around

Rnd 28: (k5, k2tog) around (48 sts remain)

Rnd 29 & all off rows through to the end: k around

Rnd 30: (k4, k2tog) around (40 sts)

Rnd 32: (k3, k2tog) around (32 sts)

Rnd 34: (k2, k2tog) around (24 sts)

Rnd 36: (k1, k2tog) around (16 sts)

Rnd 38: (k2tog) around (8 sts)

Break yarn and weave in ends.

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Charity continued. . . .

While talking to a volunteer at Phelps Hospital, she told me that they also collect comfort shawls and lap blankets. All must be knit with acrylic – a soft, colorful yarn would be very comforting. These go to cancer patients and also emergency room patients. Your contributions, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Knitting!

Linda and Dorothy



LAURA NELKIN
KNIT DESIGNS

LAURA NELKIN'S FIXING & AVOIDING LACE MISTAKES WORKSHOP

On March 26, Laura Nelkin will be teaching a class on fixing and avoiding lace mistakes from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., at the Chappaqua library. If you haven't as yet signed up for the workshop or would like to sign up friends who are not Guild members, please do so at the February meeting. We have only a few slots left. The fees are \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. Here is a description of the class:

Mistakes happen. The beautiful thing is that they can be fixed! Don't let a little misstep derail that dazzling project; join knitting guru Laura Nelkin and leave those lace woes behind! During class, you'll learn to avoid lace knitting mistakes before they even happen, and what your stitches should look like, so you can identify mistakes sooner rather than later. Laura will cover common mistakes such as dropped stitches and teach you how to correct them, whether on the needles or after the fact. Plus, Laura teaches you to fix mistakes in increases, decreases and beyond and helps you understand which mistakes are worth fixing and which should just be left alone.

Don't miss out on a great class!

Suzanne Sunday

NEW KAL

We are nearing the end of our Colormill KAL and have produced amazing scarves. If anyone has an idea of a good project for the next KAL, please let me know. All you have to do is commit to being at the library from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. and to guiding the group in the project. After the initial time or two, all you need to do is be available for questions. It is a fun way to participate more in the Guild, so please think about volunteering and email me or speak to me at the meeting.

Suzanne Sunday

Upcoming Education Series for the Newsletter!

The final Ravelry education article will appear in the March issue of the newsletter. Our next education series will focus on needles but, rather than write all of the "installments" by myself, I'd like to recruit others to write brief articles. So, if you have a favorite needle, tell us about it and specifically why you love them. If you love the very short circular needle for socks and hats, let us know what it is like to use it. I know a few of you have tried newer needles like Lyyke and Addi flexiflips, please tell us all about them. Please email me or speak to me at the meeting if you'd like to participate. ssunday@optonline.net



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If you click on the “Yarns” tab at the top of the page, you will see a number of options. You can browse by fiber or you can look for a specific yarn, weight or company. Type in the name of a specific yarn that you have and you can check the weight and finally find out if it is DK or worsted. You can also see projects that people have completed using that specific yarn. This is a particularly helpful feature since, if you are like me, you have had some yarn for a long time that you got on sale and have no idea what to do with it because it isn’t something you usually use. So for that Summer Tweed or Pima Cotton that seem to have no good use, you might just find a project that someone else has made that is perfect for you.

Another useful feature once you’ve picked a specific yarn, is that you can look for people who are willing to trade or sell a skein or two (or sometimes a sweater quantity). Click on the yarn you are interested in and go to the bottom of the page to the “Recently stashed” section and click on the lower right link, “view all recently stashed”. You will find yarns, colorways and prices for lots of yarns, and the prices are often lower than those in yarn store and often include shipping. This is a particularly useful feature if you need an addition skein of a discontinued yarn or are just looking for a less expensive skein or two. If you’ve entered your yarns using the stash feature and have clicked that you’d be willing to sell or trade the yarns, you too can try your hand at selling yarn.

If you only need a small amount of a specific yarn and a specific color, you can go back to the specific yarn page and click on the projects that have been completed, looking for the specific color you need and sending messages to folks who might have some leftovers. As you know, knitters are very kind and helpful people and are usually very willing to send small amounts (generally with no postage charge) that can allow you to finish the edging on that shawl after you’ve lost at yarn chicken. I’ve been the recipient of these gifts a few times (which have been lifesavers) and I’ve returned the favor twice when I’ve gotten a message asking me if I had any leftover yarn from a project.

So, play around with the yarn searches and see what treasures you’ll find.

Next month we will wrap up the Ravelry series with a final overview of the “my notebook” tab, however, if you have any specific questions about Ravelry, I’ll be happy to help out; feel free to email me any questions (ssunday@optonline.net).

Suzanne Sunday

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2018 year for our knitting guild. We're very fortunate to be able to maintain our dues at \$35.00 for the year! We have some exciting programs lined up for 2018.

Please make your dues check payable to the Westchester Knitting Guild or WKG in the amount of \$35.00. You may give the check (or cash) directly to me at the next meeting or you may mail it to me at:

Westchester Knitting Guild
Attn: Jeanne Scofidio
P. O. Box 141
Chappaqua, NY 10514

Please include your current address, telephone number and current email address. I will give you (or mail to you) a 2018 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities!

Thank you, Jeanne

UPCOMING KNITTING EVENTS

Through March 18, **Veiled Meanings: Fashioning Jewish Dress from the Collection of the Israel Museum**, Jewish Museum, New York, NY,

<http://thejewishmuseum.org/exhibitions/veiled-meanings-fashioning-jewish-dress>

Feb. 22, **Katonah Museum Fiber Club**, Katonah, NY

<http://www.katonahmuseum.org/programs-and-events/Ongoing-FiberClub/>

(Also meets 3/15, 4/19, 5/16)

May 5-6, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds,

West Friendship, MD <http://sheepandwool.org/2018-maryland-sheep-wool-festival-2/>

July 5 - 9, **Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp**, Marshfield, WI,

<https://www.schoolhousepress.com/camps>, (also July 12-16, 19-23, 26-30)



Knitting News
Joan Ratner

Calendar

- February 26 - Fair Isle Knitting with Westport Yarns
- March 26 - Laura Nelkin, lecture & workshop
- April 23 - Bert & Dana Freed, bead crochet
- May 21: Trisha Malcolm, Vogue Knitting

MEETING SCHEDULE

6:00 Knit Along
7:00 Announcements & Show and Tell
7:15 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the
Chappaqua Library
195 South Greeley Ave.
Chappaqua, NY 10514-3398
914-238-4779
www.chappaqualibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's time to renew your membership for 2018. Annual dues are \$35. Jeanne will accept payment at the next meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic knitting needles for the prison knitting program at Taconic to monthly meetings.
- Guests are welcome. There will be a \$10 fee for guests.

MEETING ETIQUETTE REMINDER

We are fortunate to have high quality presenters during our monthly meetings. Even if you are not interested in the presentation or mini-workshop, please be respectful of others and remember:

- No talking during presentation
- Wait until Q&A period to ask questions
- Wait for the presentation to end before trying on, or looking at samples

Thank you for your cooperation.

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