

Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter[©]

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LAURA NELKIN

March 26

7:00 p.m.

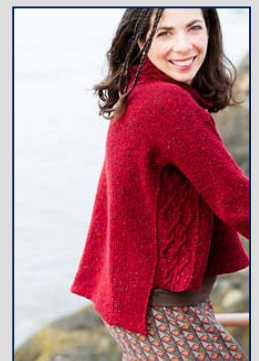
Knitwear designer Laura Nelkin will introduce us to her “Novus” construction, a new way of looking at sweater architecture. The Novus construction is her seamless, yet structured, modern approach to the side-to-side sweater. Laura will walk you through how this construction works, both in a cardigan and pullover, and how you can fit it to your unique body shape. We’ll discuss construction, yarn choice, gauge, stitch options, modifications, and more. By the end of the lecture you’ll be ready to independently knit your own sweater from the collection. To see examples of this construction here:

<https://www.ravelry.com/bundles/novus-sweaters>.

Laura lives in upstate New York and has a degree in apparel design from Cornell University. She took to knitting years ago and hasn’t looked back. Her designs and techniques are innovative, fun and will challenge you to think in new ways about your knitting.

Laura will be providing members with a coupon code to purchase a sweater pattern on line at a discount and will have kits for sale at the meeting. Kits will range in price from \$18 - \$70 and cash, check and charge will be accepted.

A full range of Laura Nelkin’s offerings can be viewed here:
<https://www.etsy.com/shop/Lnelkin>



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Laura Nelkin

From the President

I recently celebrated my birthday and, in honor of that day, I received a very special gift from my friend Renee. We have known each other since elementary school; I was her line monitor when she was in fifth grade, and I was in sixth grade. Despite having moved from the neighborhood, we wound up in the same high school and went to the same college. No, we did not consult each other about college choices. We ran into each other on campus during orientation.

For many years now we have exchanged birthday gifts, mine to her often involve knitting something special for her. So, this year when her package arrived I was intrigued by the size of it. Inside was a note that said this was for my knitting ladies. Renee was referring to the inmates at the Taconic Correctional Facility in Bedford Hills. The box was filled with yarn, all well color coordinated. I was thrilled and delighted to be able to share my gift with my ladies. What a lovely idea to receive a gift to share with others. Although Renee is not a knitter, she represents what is best about knitters - sharing. Thank you, Renee for our present!

Brioche seems to be on everyone's mind these days and patterns are popping up everywhere. Our next KAL, starting in April, will be to learn brioche using a hat, and/or cowl to master this technique. Linda Higham has graciously agreed to lead this KAL.

This month Laura Nelkin is our guest speaker. Laura will also be leading a workshop prior to our monthly meeting. For those of you who have signed up for the workshop, you can find the specifics about this event in in this month's newsletter.



As always, Happy Knitting

J. Evelyne Liebmann

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. For a description of the class, please see the February newsletter.

Don't miss out on a great class!

Suzanne Sunday

Charity Knitting Updates

As many of you know, organizing the Charity Knitting Program involves a lot of work. We search for organizations to donate to, make sure we adhere to their requirements regarding fiber content and population served; collect and prep items we receive and then ship or personally deliver them. Philanthropy turns out to be a huge “business,” extending to all communities and countries. But when one receives a thank-you letter like the one we received recently from Phelps Hospital . . . well, it makes it all worthwhile. Here is what Eve Urban, Director of Volunteer Services, had to say about our recent donation and the quality of the work:

“Thank you for donating four beautifully colored blankets and 20 red heart hats.... The workmanship is magnificent and truly from the heart. The blankets continue to bring warmth, both physical and emotional, to our patients, and we are so grateful to you for your participation in the program. We have received lovely thank-you letters from patients telling us how much the blankets meant to them during their hospital experience and how it continues to wrap them in warmth during their recovery at home.”

We are often asked what charity items are needed. Our response is usually “everything -- anything” because there is always someone – a lot of “someones” – in need. After receiving this letter and learning about the new Cancer Center at Phelps as well as the Hospice Program and Emergency Department, we would now like to ask you to consider knitting comfort shawls. As you can see, beautiful colors are much appreciated, as are soft fibers. They require acrylic to insure no allergic reactions plus easy laundering. We always wash items that we send to hospital so don’t think we are asking you to do this. There are many patterns available for comfort shawls, which are typically small and quick projects.

Most organizations we donate to do not have storage facilities and do not accept knitted items during the spring and summer. We will still collect any item you give, but if you focus on comfort shawls we will be able to deliver them immediately – and our garages will look neater for a while. Your magnificent work and generosity is always appreciated.

Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer





PATTERN OF THE MONTH!!

Ravelry has thousands of patterns that are available free on its website. We thought we would highlight one each month to give you a sense of this wonderful resource.

This month's pattern is the "Lightweight Linen Pullover" from Purl SoHo. With spring around the corner, it's a perfect time to think about knitting something light and airy to wear this summer. The seamless raglan sleeved sweater is knit in fingering weight natural linen.

The pattern is available on Ravelry at:

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/lightweight-raglan-pullover>

Over 300 people have knitted the pattern, so be sure to look at their comments before starting on the project. You can also access the pattern at the Purl Soho website:

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/2016/05/31/lightweight-raglan-pullover/>



Purl SOHO

UPCOMING NEW EDUCATION SERIES FOR 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



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 TEXTILE ART EVENTS

April 19 – 22, **The Long Island Yarn Crawl**, Port Washington to East Hampton,
<http://longislandyarncrawl.com/>

April 19, **Katonah Museum Fiber Club**, Katonah, NY
<http://www.katonahmuseum.org/programs-and-events/Ongoing-FiberClub/>
(Also meets 5/16)

May 5-6, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD, <http://sheepandwool.org/2018-maryland-sheep-wool-festival-2/>

Through May 7, 2018, **Portable Storage: Tribal Weavings from the Collection of William and Inger Ginsberg**, Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC,
<https://www.metmuseum.org/exhibitions/listings/2017/portable-storage>

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

- 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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