

# Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter<sup>©</sup>

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## *Bert Freed & Dana Freed Bead Crochet April 23rd 7:00 p.m.*

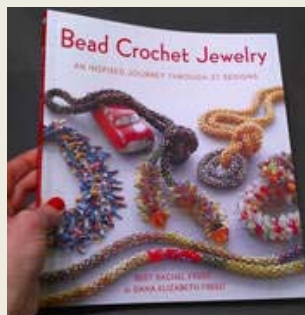
Join us for a presentation by the authors of *Bead Crochet Jewelry: An Inspired Journey Through 27 Designs*



The mother and daughter team, Bert Freed and Dana Freed will speak about their personal journey as life-long crafters who turned their passions into careers. The talk will include a brief overview of bead crochet as they share their experiences learning and then teaching to all levels of bead crochet.

More information can be found through their website: [welldoneexperience.com](http://welldoneexperience.com), on Instagram (@welldoneexperience) and on Dana's Ravelry page: [Dana Freed Knits](#).

Bead crochet kits, String-Me-Along Project bags, their book and finished jewelry pieces will be available for sale. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted for payment.



## *From the President . . . .*

Part of my week is devoted to teaching several courses at the Fashion Institute of Technology. I mention this by way of explaining how I came to put together a power point presentation of Fall 2018 runway knitwear. This presentation can be found on our website <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/inspiration.html> As I scrolled through many slideshows of the Fall 2018 collections, it occurred to me that it may be inspirational for knitters to see these items. I hope you enjoy scrolling through this presentation and I hope it inspires you to try something new and different.

Last month Laura Nelkin was our guest speaker. In case you did not zero in on her statement that she has a free pattern on Knitty.com that we can access it is the Cascadilla sweater. This pattern is also available through Ravelry. I think we were all inspired by her Novus concept for sweaters.

So far, this year we have 13 new members. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to our new members and make them feel welcomed. The new members are:

Patricia Dedonato  
Fran Kelner  
Oejong Kim  
Anna Pulvermakher  
Jackie Mann  
Linda Schulz

Kay Gibney  
Kay Koppl  
Jean McAward  
Chris Roche  
Shira Weinstein  
Pat Slaven

One way to get to know each other is during our 6:00 -7:00 p.m. knitting time. This is a good time to get help on a project either from our help desk, or other members, and, if you have hanks of yarn that need to be wound into cakes, we have a swift and ball winder available for your use.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find all the pertinent information for our next Knit Along (KAL): Brioche Knitting. This KAL will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun and learn a new technique!

As always, Happy Knitting

*J. Evelyne Liebmann*

## BRIOCHE STITCH KAL (KNIT ALONG): 2-COLOR BRIOCHE IN THE ROUND

For our next KAL, we will begin exploring Brioche knitting. This is a very popular technique right now and new patterns are being added to Ravelry quite often. If you're new to the technique, the current project will be a satisfying introduction. For those with brioche knitting experience, come and share your expertise with us and inspire us with your projects!

The project for learning the technique will be *Gina's Brioche Hat* by Purl Soho ([purlsoho.com/create/2011/10/16/ginas-brioche-hat-and-cowl](http://purlsoho.com/create/2011/10/16/ginas-brioche-hat-and-cowl)). There is a photo tutorial pattern on the site. An abridged version of the hat pattern is available on our website <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/inspiration.html>. You will also find a list of resources there for help between meetings.

Materials needed for our meeting:



- \* Worsted Weight Yarn: 1 skein each of 2 different colors (approx. 160 yds. each)
- \* Circular needle 16" and circular/DPNs to accommodate decreases: US #5 (adjust size as you would normally - tighter knitters use #6, looser knitters use #4)
- \* General supplies, including markers
- \* A copy of the pattern as summarized below or on the guild website. DO NOT PRINT PATTERN FROM PURL SOHO WEBSITE! It would be 18 pages.

To get a head start, begin by knitting the rolled edge as follows:

With Yarn B, loosely cast on 88 stitches. Place a marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit 5 rounds.

Come join us to explore Brioche Knitting at 6 pm April 23, before our general meeting.

*Linda Higham*



## Gina's Brioche Hat by Purl Soho

With Yarn B, loosely cast on 88 stitches. Place a marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches. Knit 5 rounds.

Join Yarn A to begin working in two color Brioche stitch leaving yarn B hanging in back of work.

**Round 1:** With Yarn A, \*YOS (see Pattern Notes), p1, repeat from \* to end of round. Leaving Yarn A hanging at front of work, continue working in Yarn B.

**Round 2:** With Yarn B, \*Bk2tog (see Pattern Notes), YOS, repeat from \* to end of round. Leaving Yarn B hanging at back of work, continue working with Yarn A.

**Round 3:** With Yarn A: \*YOS, bp2tog (see Pattern Notes), repeat from \* to end of round. Leave Yarn A in front of work.

**Round 4:** With Yarn B: \*Bk2tog, YOS, repeat from \* to end of round. Leave Yarn B in back of work.

Repeat Rounds 3 and 4 until piece measures 6 3/4 inches from the rolled edge.

Repeat Round 3. Place markers every 22 stitches.

**Shape Crown Modification** (These instructions differ from the Purl Soho pattern)

**Round 1:** With Yarn B: [BrLsl, YOS, \*bk2tog, YOS, repeat from \* to marker] 4 times.

**Round 2:** With Yarn A: \*YOS, bp2tog, repeat from \* to end of round.

**Round 3:** With Yarn B: \*Bk2tog, YOS, repeat from \* to end of round.

**Round 4:** With Yarn A: \*YOS, bp2tog, repeat from \* to end of round.

(Transfer stitches to double pointed needles when work becomes too narrow to fit on circular needle.)

Repeat Rounds 1 through 4 until 16 stitches remain.

Work Rounds 1 through 3 once. 8 stitches remain.

Break MC yarn, leaving at least 6" tail. Using tapestry needle, thread the yarn tail through the remaining live stitches and snug tightly to close the top. Secure the yarn and insert through the center. Weave in ends using tapestry needle.

### Notes:

**bk2tog [brioche knit 2 together]:** knit next knit stitch together with its paired yarnover

**bp2tog [brioche purl 2 together]:** purl next purl stitch together with its paired yarnover

**YOS [yarn over slip]:** Bring yarn to front of work, slip one purlwise, bring yarn over right needle to back of work.

**brLsl (2-stitch decrease that slants to the left, involving 3 sts):** slip the first stitch (including paired yarnover) knitwise, brk the following two stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over.

After working a round with Yarn A, leave yarn hanging at front of work.

After working a round with Yarn B, leave yarn hanging at the back of work.

## Charity Knitting News

I am pleased to tell you that I just sent 12 blankets to the Jansen Palliative and Hospice Center. They are always so appreciative of the lovely items we send and write the sweetest thank you notes. I'm sure they are going to be ecstatic when they see the size of the box I had to use to ship them.

After sending blankets and comfort shawls to various hospitals, I've learned just how much it means to the patients – both in the hospital and when they return home. The blankets and shawls are good things to knit during the warmer months because hospital rooms can be a bit on the chilly side. I'm presently working on my first comfort shawl and it will be sent to Phelps. Your donations will be greatly appreciated – as always.

*Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer*

## Help Desk is Back!

Some of you may have noticed that the Help Desk disappeared for a while. Well, I am here to tell you that it will be back at our next meeting. And, I am fortunate in having Pat Slaven join me. We'd love to see what you are working on, even if you don't have a problem; it's fun to see techniques or patterns we are not familiar with.

As in the past we will have a swift and ball winder available for your convenience.

Please consider the new Knit Along (KAL) on Brioche – which Pat has agreed to help with so her presence at the Help Desk might not take place for a couple of meetings. The Brioche sounds really exciting – we've seen the hat Linda Higham has made and shown at Show & Tell and now she'll use that pattern for the KAL. I'm definitely going to take advantage of as much of the KAL as I can.

See you at the meeting, I hope.

*Dorothy Freeman*





## Ravelry: My Notebook Page

In our final Ravelry article, let me review all of the “My Notebook” section. We’ve already discussed a number of these features, including projects, and stash. Here are a few words about a number of the other sections:

**Queue:** This is very useful to enter projects that you know you plan to knit and allows you to enter the pattern, the yarn that you bought (because don’t we often entirely forget that we purchased that large quantity of DK weight yarn at Rhinebeck to knit?) and any notes, such as the medium that you tried on at the Guild meeting fit perfectly!

**Friends:** Hopefully you have added a number of friends, many of whom are Guild members. Remember, you can always click on a Ravatar and put in a friend request.

**Needles and Hooks:** A great place to keep track of the needles that you have and you can check it when you are at a yarn shop so you don’t have to remember the needle you definitely need.

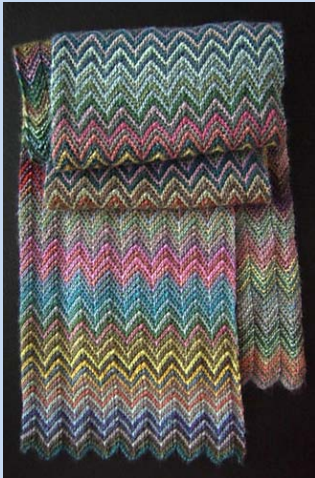
**Library:** A great place to keep track of knitting books and patterns that you have purchased or gotten for free. You can add notes, such as garment/accessory type, yarn type, designer, etc., then set up tabs and either click on the tabs or you can search for those terms.

**Message box:** This keeps all of the private messages that you have received or sent to other Ravelry members.

Hopefully, these Ravelry articles have helped you either get started on Ravelry or try new things. I hope that you will continue to explore all of the features of Ravelry and, if you find things that you think Guild members might be interested in, you can post them in our Ravelry group.

*Suzanne Sunday*

## RAVELRY PATTERN OF THE MONTH!!



This month's pattern is the *ZickZack Scarf* by Christy Kamm. Many Guild members have already made this simple but intriguing scarf. It is an impressive yet easy to knit pattern in the style of Missoni. The chevrons are worked with single increases and decreases in a one-row, easy to memorize pattern, using two colors of *Lang Yarns Mille Calori Baby* yarn or any lace or fingering weight multi-color yarn.

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/zickzack-scarf>



*Here is the first in our education series about needles. I'm hoping that additional members will participate and share needle preferences with our group. If you'd like to participate, email your brief article at [ssunday@optonline.net](mailto:ssunday@optonline.net).*

### **SQUARE NEEDLES by Susan Levitt**

I discovered SQUARE circular needles by KOLLAGE by chance. I needed a super long cable and the only one I could find was a 47" circular that was square!!! I find them to be very, very user friendly as they allow me to have much better control over my knitting, as opposed to using Addi Turbo which are way too fast for me. These square needles have a very strong and firm cable.

I use the squares mainly for knitting projects that require many stitches. And I really LOVE using them!! I don't think they come in small needle sizes so I use either #s 6-8 for projects. If they did, I'd buy a lot more of them.

How and what kind of knitting needle I use often depends mostly on the yarn and the project. I still love using plastic coated straight needles for many projects, and bamboo double points for socks.



## 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

Through September 9, **Surface/Depth, The Decorative After Miriam Schapiro**, Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY  
<http://madmuseum.org/exhibition/surfacedepth>

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/>

July 5 - 9, **Meg Swansen's Knitting Camp**, Marshfield, WI, <https://www.schoolhousepress.com/camps> , (also July 12-16, 19-23, 26-30)



Museum of Art & Design





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## Calendar

- April 23 - Bert & Dana Freed, bead crochet
- May 21: Trisha Malcolm, Vogue Knitting
- June 25: Hand Therapy for Knitters

### 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](http://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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