

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

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## HOLIDAY PARTY

December 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

Please join us for an hors d'oeuvres and  
dessert party to celebrate the holidays.

Coffee and paper goods will be supplied.  
Please bring an hors d'oeuvres or  
dessert dish to serve 12 people.

In addition to our regular holiday  
festivities there will be raffle prizes from  
Vogue Knitting as well as knitting books  
for sale.

The party will be held at our temporary  
location:

Mount Pleasant Public Library  
350 Bedford Road,  
Pleasantville NY, 10570



*From the President . . . .*

December is a time for celebration and, in the spirit of the holidays, we will once again have our Holiday Party. Please bring an appetizer/entrée or dessert to share. In addition we have a collection of wonderful items for our annual raffle.

December is also the month of our annual election of board members. Suzanne Sunday will be replacing Raina Laredo as program coordinator, and Suzanne Kavic will take on the duties of workshop coordinator. We are also looking for a volunteer to take over for Joan Ratner publishing our monthly newsletter. The descriptions of the board positions are in this month's newsletter.

I would like to personally thank Myra Cohen, Linda Cramer, Dorothy Freeman, Linda Higham, Raina Laredo, Joan Ratner, Jeanne Scofidio, and Suzanne Sunday for their dedicated service on behalf of the Guild. I would also like to give special thanks to Raina Laredo for the wonderful job she has done all these years as our program director. She provided a wonderful mix of guest speakers, who entertained and enlightened us on a variety of subjects related to knitting and fiber. A special thank you to Joan Ratner for the beautiful newsletters she has put together on our behalf.

I would like to welcome Strings, a Manhattan based yarn store, who has graciously agreed to offer guild members a 10% discount on their purchases. Be sure to present your guild card.

Please see Jeanne Scofidio with your annual dues of \$35.00 for 2019.

Happy Holidays, and as always, Happy Knitting

*J. Evelyne Liebmann*



**FREE RAVELRY PATTERN OF THE MONTH!!**  
**Garter Stitch Ear Flap Hat**

<https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/garter-ear-flap-hat>

This sweet garter stitch ear-flap hat from Purl Soho is available in many different sizes - a perfect gift for your loved-ones. The pattern calls for aran weight yarn with a gauge of 4-5 sts./inch but could be done in worsted weight.



### *'Tis the Season . . .*

We are pleased to report that St. Mary's Church in Katonah is once again hosting a Christmas Dinner for the homeless in Westchester County. In addition to the lovely dinner and activities, they want to give each man, woman and child a hat. This works out to about 300 hats. In past years we were able to deliver well over 200 hats –it is not our sole responsibility to provide all 300, many others are participating. As Susan Sandberg, who originally proposed the idea said, "There is no such thing as too many hats – you know how easy it is to lose them, especially the children."



Since last Christmas, we've been collecting hats from various sources, e.g., our Guild, of course; inmates from the Taconic Correctional Facility; various community-knitting groups, and anyone we know who knits or crochets. Just last week I delivered 150 and told our new contact, Amy Drucker, we know we will be getting more.

We can deliver as late as December 24<sup>th</sup>, and would encourage you to knit a hat or two by our next Guild meeting, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, and bring them to the holiday party. Your skills and generosity have always been greatly appreciated.



We wish you a lovely holiday and the best for the New Year,  
*Dorothy Freeman and Linda Cramer*



These are the discount codes from **Vogue** to purchase classes or registration for **Vogue Knitting Live! NYC 2019**.

GROUP - Up to 20% off classes or package registration

GROUP50 - Half off all marketplace tickets

## Charity Knitting News

Recently I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Laura Hanlon, Bereavement & Volunteer Coordinator at Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care. We have been donating lap blankets, 32" squares of soft acrylic, for a few years now. I am always curious about the people receiving these items and their reactions so I called Laura and suggested I bring the blankets and see the facility. She was most pleased and eager to meet.

I learned a great deal about the hospice concept, her hospice program and who they serve. It turns out that this is not just one facility but an organization that serves people in many locations, e.g., nursing homes, hospitals and private homes. Their mission is: to provide comfort and support to terminally ill patients and their loved ones and they are dedicated to the wellness of the surviving family and friends through ongoing bereavement services.

The various services were far more extensive than I realized. When I asked how the blankets fit into their mission, Laura said she saw patients in environments with little or no personal touches or color. She had the idea of giving them blankets to provide color and comfort and show that people care. Patients who enter the program and live in a nursing facility are given a blanket during the initial visit. It is their blanket to keep and after the death the family decides whether to keep it as a memento or pass it on to provide comfort to someone else.

Laura was so enthusiastic about the impact the blankets have; she said the blankets "are well loved and used." During our visit I was able to give her 15 blankets and she just had to look to see what we gave. She is so impressed with the work and aesthetics. It makes me so proud to see how people respond to all that we donate.

As I said, the blankets need to be acrylic, soft and colorful, and ~ 32" square. It is a great way to use up little scraps of yarn. Hopefully you will be inspired to join in this effort to provide some comfort in a difficult time. Thank you!

*Dorothy Freeman*

## UPCOMING FIBER ART EVENTS

Through Jan. 19, 2019, **Weaving in Progress**, Aldrich Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT, <http://aldrichart.org/article/weaving-in-progress>

Through Jan. 27, 2019, **Outrageous Ornament: Extreme Jewelry in the 21st Century**, Katonah Museum, Katonah, NY, <http://www.katonahmuseum.org/exhibitions/upcoming/>

January 25-27, **VogueKnitting Live! New York 2019**, New York Marriott Marquis, New York, NY, <https://www.vogueknittinglive.com/newyork19/183881>



## Warm Feet Warm Hands Warm Heart

A Winter SOCK & STRETCH Knitting Retreat at THE WON DHARMA CENTER  
Route 23, Claverack, NY  
sponsored by Countrywool  
Thursday 2 pm through Saturday 1 pm  
February 7, 8 and 9, 2019



[http://countrywool.com/retreats/wondharma\\_supplies\\_sock.htm](http://countrywool.com/retreats/wondharma_supplies_sock.htm)

## 2019 WKG Dues

It's time to renew your membership for the 2019 year for our knitting guild. The dues remains at \$35 for the year. Please pay by the end of March in order to avoid a \$10 guest fee.

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 id. I will give you (or mail to you) a 2019 WKG membership card and add you to our membership list. I look forward to your continued participation in our guild activities. We have exciting programs lined up for 2019!

Thank you, Jeanne Scofidio, Treasurer



## WESTCHESTER KNITTING GUILD

### Board Position Descriptions

#### President

Purpose (from WKG By-laws):

The Guild is a non-profit volunteer organization that promotes education in the craft of knitting by planning, organizing and conducting programs, workshops and other instruction oriented events. In order to promote the aims of the Westchester Knitting Guild, the duties of the **President** are as follows:

- ◆ coordinate and schedule meetings of the WKG Board of Directors and act as presiding officer of those meetings;
- ◆ create the agenda of the monthly board meetings;
- ◆ preside over WKG Member meetings;
- ◆ have general supervision of the WKG and offer general direction;
- ◆ sign contracts on behalf of the Board of Directors upon approval of the Board;
- ◆ coordinate contact with local yarn stores regarding discounts for members;
- ◆ write a monthly item for the newsletter; and
- ◆ perform all other duties incident to the office or properly required by the Board of Director-s

#### Vice President

- ◆ Provide backup for President at Board Meetings or general meeting as needed;
- ◆ proofread monthly Newsletter;
- ◆ maintain functional membership email list;
- ◆ monitor and update social media (i.e. FaceBook);
- ◆ manage ordering for printing of membership cards and WKG info cards; and
- ◆ create and print name tags for new members.

#### Recording Secretary

- ◆ Attend monthly Board Meetings and record the minutes;
- ◆ type and email those minutes in a timely fashion to all Board members (immediately after Board Meeting and again at least 1 week before next monthly meeting);
- ◆ maintain file of electronic and/or hard copies available for reference at each meeting.

#### Director of Programs

- ◆ Maintains calendar of events and provides updates to Meeting Coordinator, Webmaster and Newsletter chair.
- ◆ Coordinate physical set up, equipment and tools needed for monthly programs in collaboration with speaker and meeting coordinator.
- ◆ Research and invite knitting and industry experts to speak at meetings.
- ◆ Provide biography, publicity and program information to webmaster and newsletter chair.
- ◆ Forward potential workshop leader information to workshop coordinator.
- ◆ Negotiate program fees and any additional arrangements as needed and advise Treasurer.

- ◆ Send "Thank You" letter to speaker and any additional follow up as needed.
- ◆ Introduce event at monthly meeting.
- ◆ Interact with members for feedback regarding past and future events.
- ◆ Attend scheduled board meetings .

### **Workshop Chair**

- ◆ Work with Programs for coordination of workshops within the calendar of events.
- ◆ Assist Programs to scout out talent for monthly meetings.
- ◆ Update Programs, Webmaster and Newsletter chairs on workshop information
- ◆ Coordinate location, physical set up, equipment and tools needed for workshop event.
- ◆ Provide biography, publicity and workshop information to Webmaster and Newsletter chair.
- ◆ Negotiate program fees and any additional workshop leader arrangements as needed.
- ◆ Collect workshop fees and forward to Treasurer.
- ◆ Maintain and manage attendee list.
- ◆ Send "Thank You" letter to workshop leader and any additional follow up as needed
- ◆ Promote workshops through newsletter articles, web posts and announcements at monthly meeting.
- ◆ Interact with members for feedback regarding past and future events.
- ◆ Attend scheduled board meetings.

### **Webmaster**

- ◆ Maintain general health of website through timely software updates and backups.
- ◆ Maintain posting of monthly events, workshop information and newsletters with information shared by Programs, Workshops and Newsletter chairs.
- ◆ Coordinate with board members for additional content as needed.
- ◆ Notify Treasurer when hosting and any additional fees are required for payment.
- ◆ Review and present to board any notable trends in analytics.

### **Treasurer**

- ◆ Maintain bank accounts for the guild – checking and savings.
- ◆ Balance the bank statement each month.
- ◆ Pay all of the guild's expenses.
- ◆ Expenses over \$500 require approval by the board of directors.
- ◆ Keep accurate records of income and expenses.
- ◆ Collect dues from new and rejoining members and deposit in guild bank account.
- ◆ Prepare a report to the board at least once each quarter.
- ◆ Ensure that at least one other board member is a signatory on the accounts (usually the president).
- ◆ Negotiate new contracts as necessary (i.e. general liability insurance).
- ◆ Keep an accurate membership list (as members pay their dues)
- ◆ Attend guild board meetings.

### **Charity Knitting Coordinator(s)**

- ◆ As part of our mission, the WKG asks members to knit for those in need. It is the responsibility of the Charity Knitting Coordinator(s) to respond to calls for help, or learn of organizations which donate to the needy, e.g., women in shelters, veterans, preemie babies, cancer patients, soldiers and sailors, and homeless, just to name a few.
- ◆ The coordinators have compiled a list of organizations to whom to donate along with requirements pertaining to fiber restrictions and sizes, i.e., children or adults. This list has been filed on the Guild's website. Periodically those sites are reviewed to see if requirements have changed or to search for patterns, and then the published list is updated.
- ◆ Thank-you notes are sent to people who donate item(s) to our Charity Knitting Program.
- ◆ In order to motivate members to knit for others, articles are published in the Guild newsletter describing an organization, the population they are serving, the items they are requesting, and where to find appropriate patterns to use.
- ◆ Thank you notes from the recipients are also published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Items are collected during the monthly meetings and then are either personally delivered to the various local organizations or mailed.
- ◆ Once a year a meeting is dedicated to knitting for charity. Participants are asked to bring a project either for a charity selected by the Coordinator, e.g., cancer caps for Gilda's Club, or a charity of their choosing. The evening is spent knitting and socializing and then those items are sent to whomever the knitter would like.
- ◆ Members are also encouraged to suggest organizations not otherwise listed.

### **Librarian**

The Guild owns books which have been donated, e.g., Vogue Knitting magazine, presenters and members donate books.

- ◆ The librarian updates the bibliography which is filed on the Guild's website
- ◆ When new books are received, the titles are listed in the newsletter so the membership knows what new items have been acquired. Any member can inform the librarian that they want to borrow a book, and she in turn brings it to the next monthly meeting.
- ◆ The system of keeping track of borrowing is the standard circulation system used by any public library.
- ◆ All books are stored at the librarian's home because we have no other space available to us.



### Meeting Coordinator

- ◆ Obtain, complete and submit library contract at the beginning of each month.
- ◆ From the information given by the Director of Programs - determine the physical setup,
  - equipment and tools needed for each monthly meeting.
- ◆ Determine set-up for Knit-Together.
- ◆ Supervise set-up and clean-up for each meeting.
- ◆ Greet members and distribute name tags and collect them at end of meeting.
- ◆ Collect "Guest" fees from non-members attending meeting.
- ◆ Purchase supplies for the Holiday Party and Picnic.
- ◆ Check Guild PO box on a weekly basis.
- ◆ Attend Board meetings.

## KAL Reminder!

Team blankets are a wonderful way to express our sense of giving during this holiday season. What better way to provide comfort and joy to those less fortunate. The Mitered Square is an easy, portable pattern that takes a couple of days to make. Come and join us at the KAL table before the meeting or bring in your completed project. Printed patterns and yarns are available. Any stash donations are welcomed.

*Olive McNeil*





Knitting News  
Joan Ratner

## Calendar

- Dec. 17– Holiday Party
- Jan. 28 – Charity Knitting, What quilters have to show us about setting blocks.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Meetings are generally held on the fourth 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

- Membership renewal for 2019 begins in December. Annual dues are \$35 and treasurer Jeanne Scofidio will accept payment at the December meeting.
- Please bring finished items for charity to the monthly meetings.
- Please bring donations of yarn and plastic or bamboo 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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<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/westchester-knitting-guild-2>