Westchester Knitting Guild Newsletter©

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Knitting Blocks & Charity Knitting Night Monday, Jan. 28 6:45 p.m.

This year's **Charity Knitting Night** will combine our usual casual evening of knitting for people in need with the knitting of blocks inspired by quilt design to be used in creating blankets for charity.

Suzanne Sunday will show us a variety of log cabin and half square triangle quilts to give knitters ideas of how a knitted block can be used just like quilted blocks. A pattern for Half Square Triangle Block appears on page 5. Members can participate by bringing a completed half square triangle block or knit one up at the meeting or work on a charity project of their own choosing.

Members who attended **Vogue Knitting Live** event will be asked to share any unique experiences.

From the President . . . .

Happy New Year!

Here we are at the start of a New Year, pondering new knitting projects, or perhaps, finishing old ones. Thinking about fresh starts and working on fulfilling our New Year's resolutions, if you made some!

The knitting world continues to be exciting; there are some trends that are emerging, brioche is one of them, bringing with it many new patterns using this technique. Style trends also abound, one of which is top down sweaters. I have to admit I just finished making my second top down sweater. I find them most comfortable to wear and fun to make. Adding to our choices for any project are a multitude of hand dyers who continue to bring excitement and newness to the craft. And, of course, January is also the annual Vogue Knitting Live in New York City. I know many of you will be going either to take classes, or just browsing the marketplace which is always a beehive of activity. I hope your trip to Vogue Live is fruitful. We would love to post brief articles about your experiences there. You can email your articles to me, or to our new newsletter coordinator Debbie Heller. Debbie will be taking over the newsletter from Joan Ratner starting with our February issue. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Joan for her years of coordinating the newsletter, she has done an amazing job.

We will be starting a new KAL with our February meeting: The Eddy Hat and Cowl by Julia Farwell-Clay. These two patterns are the result of her success with the Eddy Shawl, named for the actor Eddie Redmayne who modeled a Prada sweater for their advertising campaign. Many knitters were intrigued by the design of the sweater, and Julia figured out how to make a version of the sweater but as a shawl. Here is the link for the hat and cowl: https://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/eddy-hat-and-cowl

These two patterns can be made using your stash. The hat calls for 7-8 different colors of approximately 50 yards each. Mini skeins would work well for this project as well. (This hat and cowl could also be made in one colorway). As an added incentive for this KAL, we will give each knitter who completes the project a small reward!

Please note, the KAL will begin at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:45 p.m. We need to finish our meetings by 8:30, when the library closes. This schedule will be in effect as long as we are using the Mt Pleasant library facilities.

As always,

Happy Knitting

J. Evelyne Liebmann

WKG KNITTERS' HALL OF FAME FOR 2018

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Charity and Taconic Knitting Programs. If your name is not included on this list, and you donated, when next you donate, please make sure to give Linda Cramer your name. With great appreciation for your generosity, Happy Knitting! *Linda and Dorothy*

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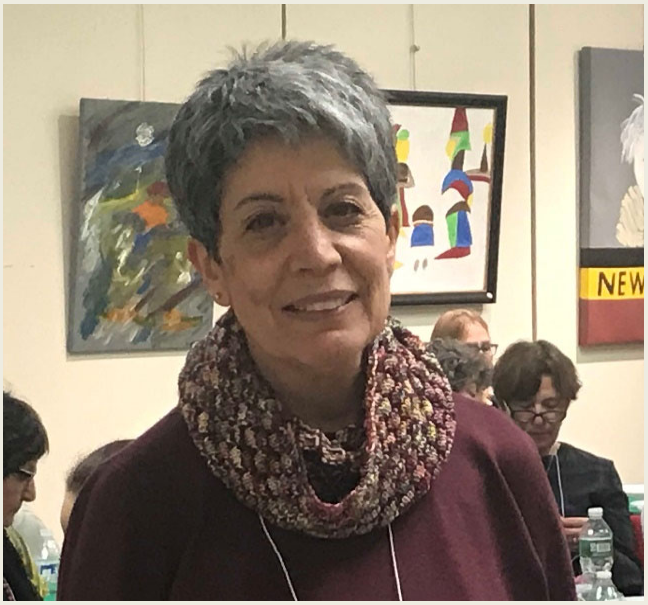

HALF SQUARE TRIANGLE BLOCKS

The squares are knit diagonally in garter stitch; the first half in one color and the second half in another, so they look like two triangles joined at the hypotenuse. Use superwash worsted weight yarns in two contrasting colors. This pattern is based on an original pattern by Kat Coyle (*Come Together*, free on Ravelry); it's been revised for worsted weight yarn and uses an easier increase.

You should end up with a 7"x7" square. You can be off by about 1/4" either way, but more than that makes it difficult to sew the squares together without bulges. If you are generally a gauge knitter, a US 7/4.5mm needle is what you'll probably want. If your square is too large, try a smaller size needle; if your square is too small, you may need to go up a needle size.

With color 1, cast on 2 sts.

Set up row: K1, YO, K1.

Increasing Row: K1, YO, knit to YO from previous row, knit the YO through the back loop (this twists the stitch and closes up the hole), K1. Repeat the Increasing Row until you have 46 stitches on the needle.

For the second half of square:

Break yarn color 1 leaving a 6 inch tail and start with color 2 (again leaving a 6 inch tail), knitting across all 46 stitches.

Decreasing Row: K1, k2tog, k to end.

Repeat the Decreasing Row until only 2 stitches remain, then K2tog. Fasten off, leaving a 6" tail.

Suzanne Sunday

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

It's time to renew your membership for the 2019 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:

Jeanne Scofidio
Westchester Knitting Guild
Attn: Membership
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

WHAT CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GUILD?

We have so many incredibly talented guild members and we are hoping that you would like to share those skills with the rest of the guild. If you have an idea for a lecture you'd like to give, a 3-hour workshop you'd like to teach or a Knit-A-Long (KAL) that you'd like to facilitate, please email or speak with Suzanne Sunday and or Suzanne Kavic.

UPCOMING KNITTING EVENTS

Feb. 7 - 9, **Warm Feet Warm Hands Warm Heart Knitting Retreat**, The Won Dharma Center, Claverack, NY http://countrywool.com/retreats/wondharma.htm

May 4 - 5, **Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival**, Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, MD http://sheepandwool.org/2018-maryland-sheep-wool-festival-2/

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Joan Ratner

Calendar

- January 28 – Charity Knitting
- February 25 - - 7th Floor Yarns

MEETING SCHEDULE
5:45 Knit Along
6:45 Announcements & Show and Tell
7:00 Program

Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of the month at the
Pleasantville Library
350 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570
914-741-0276
www.mountpleasantlibrary.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Membership renewal begins in January 2019. Annual dues are $35 and 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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