

Westchester Knitting Guild

April 2023 Newsletter



Calendar of Events

Doris Ruth Oppenheimer Barton:

April 24th, in person:

WORKSHOP taught by Patty Lyons from 2 to 5. She will be teaching a class in Brioche. **The price for members is \$40 and for nonmembers \$50.** It will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Library Community Room, 350 Bedford Rd, Pleasantville. There are three open spots. Please mail your check to: WKG PO BOX 141 CHAPPAQUA, NY 10514. Check must be received by April 15th.

APRIL WKG General Meeting - April 24th 5:30 to 8 at the Mt. Pleasant Library. Come and knit together, meet old friends and get help with projects you have in the works.

For our **May in person meeting** on Monday, May 22nd, **Sarah Solomon** of Vogue Knitting will be doing a brief workshop so we can learn some things about Bavarian cables.

Charity Knitting Meet-Ups:

Thank you all for the beautiful knitted items you donated at our last Meet Up. **There will be a Meet Up on Tuesday April 11th, 10:30 to 11:30, in the parking lot of the Mt Pleasant Library.** I will have plenty of yarn for you to pick from. The subsequent Meet Up will be on **Tuesday, June 6th, 10:30 to 11:30**, again at the Pleasantville Library Parking Lot – *Myra Cohen*

Interesting Links from Members:

From Ilene Berger:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/31/well/knitting-remote-work-meetings.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare>
Knitters Say Stitching Helps Them Follow the Thread in Meetings

From Susan Levitt:

<https://www.moderndailyknitting.com/2023/03/10/ergonomics-and-knitting/>

Letter from the President

It is Spring and we witness daily a reawakening of mother nature, trees in bloom, flowers popping out of the ground. For our guild, it is a Spring awakening also, we are returning to in person guild meetings for part of the year, starting with this month. April will be a get together and share what we are up to knit wise. May and June, we will have guest speakers. July will be an

outdoor gathering in Bedford Memorial Park. Oh, did I mention we will once again be meeting at the Mt Pleasant Library, as we did before life as we knew it was upended. I hope we will see you in person this month! Always, happy knitting,

Evelyne Liebmann

Charity Knitting

It is not often that I ask you to focus on a specific donation but I want to do this now. We have been donating 32" square blankets to Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care since 2018, if not earlier. My contact, Laura Hanlon, has been so thrilled and appreciative all these years. She always sends a thank-you note, which is not always the case. Here is an example of her latest:

*Dear Dorothy and your wonderful group,
Thank you once again for the BEAUTIFUL lap blankets. They have already gone to our new patients.*

*Peace,
Laura Hanlon*

The reason I'm asking you to consider knitting a blanket is that they find their donations are slowly dropping off. Their patients and their families are always so moved to receive such beautiful, comforting and generous gifts. I hate to think some are not receiving a blanket. Personally, I am getting out my thick yarn — sock yarn is my usual yarn —

and needles so it will go faster and see how many I might be able to make. I sincerely hope you will join me. By the way, this measurement is not rigid.

Dorothy Freeman

If time has gotten away from you and you have not yet paid your dues, **they are \$35 for 2023**. Please send your renewal check to:

<p>Westchester Knitting Guild P.O. Box 141 Chappaqua, NY 10514</p>
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Thank you,
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must be presented to receive discount. As is currently the case with all retail businesses, please contact before going to find out if appointments are necessary.

Cornwall Yarn Shop

227 Main Street

Cornwall, NY 12518

845-534-0383

Owner: Gail Parrinell

Cozy Corner Yarn Shop

116 Washington Street

Peekskill NY 10566

914-737-0179

Owner: Janet Hard

Knitty City

208 W. 79th St.

New York, NY 10024

212-787-5896 (212-purl-two)

Pick Up Every Stitch

200 E. Main Street

Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

914-864-2828

pickupeverystitch@gmail.com

Yarn and Craft Box

24 Charles Blvd.

Pawling, NY 12564

845-855-1632

Owner: Marie Stewart

DISCOUNTS AT OUR MEMBER SHOPS

The following businesses will give a 10% discount on non-sale items to members of the Westchester Knitting Guild with current membership ID cards. Current membership card

For our youtube library and links from Raina Laredo, Joan Conca, Carol Feller and Susan Levitt:

From Jane Daniels:

A founding member of the Westchester Knitting Guild, Jane Daniels' love affair with knitting started in 1963 when she was in college. Along the way, she has knit too many sweaters, mittens, and scarves to count, but she did decide to keep track of how many hats she has knit.

Thought the guild would be interested in an article I wrote for PLY magazine. See

<https://plymagazine.com/2022/02/the-hat-queen/>

From Guild Member Melissa Shinsato:

I teach at the adult schools of Bronxville & Scarsdale and frequently recommend these websites to my knitters.

For general how-tos I recommend Webs or KnitPicks. The 2 sources below are gifted knitters in both their skill & ability to explain and demonstrate.

[10 Rows a Day](#)

[Nimble Needle](#)

[YouTube Nimble Needleless](#)

His youtube channel is a wealth of information and detailed demos.

As an aside - I would truly love a youtube channel with good left handed knitting instruction. Turns out a good one is hard to find.

Techniques: Short Rows

Short rows create wedges in knitting to create shaping for bust darts, sock heels, ear flaps — basically to build volume within the edges of knitting to change the shape. There are several different methods and the choice to use one over another can vary from personal preference to carefully matching the best technique for a yarn and project.

Three common methods are **Wrap & Turn, German and Japanese**. There are many online resources for investigating which method may work best for a project. Here are some links to get started on tutorials by different sources— for live links visit our website homepage or go directly to: <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/journal/tips-and-techniques-short-rows>.

Wrap & Turn (wrapping the working yarn around a stitch)

Pros: Best for knitted lace or looser fabrics

Cons: Can create loose spots since the wraps add extra yarn

Online video tutorial and photo tutorial by Purl

Soho: <https://www.purlsoho.com/create/short-rows-wrap-turn/>

German (using a slipped and lifted stitch)

Pros: Simpler than Wrap & Turn; creates smooth fabric

Cons: Make sure to review how to convert from a Wrap & Turn short row if German is not specified (shown in video below)

Online video tutorial by VeryPink

Knits: <https://youtu.be/52qy8OOb-s0>

Another German Short Row video by Mimi Kezer:

https://youtu.be/i_6Pjl20zKA

Japanese (using a stitch marker to lift and slip a stitch)

Pros: Best for smooth yarns that may show unevenness in a short row since this method creates the least amount of looseness in stitches

Cons: More fiddly than other methods
Online video tutorial by Holli Yeah

: <https://youtu.be/F3CIOMsVcLM>

Patterns that use short rows

Here are three free short row patterns for trying out different methods:

Bandana Cowl by Purl Soho

Ravelry Link: <https://ravel.me/bandana-cowl>

Pieces of Eight Mitts by Sybil R

Hand Yoga

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=TJM8zQWdWhI>

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8sGdLCopN80>

Ravelry Link: <https://ravel.me/pieces-of-eight-mitts>

Yarn Crawl Hat 2019 by Buffalo Ása Designs

Ravelry

Link: <https://ravel.me/garngonguhufan-2019---yarn-crawl-hat-2019>

Provisional Cast on: by Solene Le Roux

<https://youtu.be/so4ZcrZIKKQ>

Stretchy Italian Cast On: excellent for brioche:

<https://youtu.be/U1s77uZUqlg>