

Westchester Knitting Guild

June 2023 Newsletter



From Suzanne Sunday:

Come join us **Monday, June 26 for, 6-8 pm**, at the Pleasantville Library, to hear Xandy Peters present a program on Sketch To Knit. Here's their description of the talk:

You don't need to be able to draw to be good at sketching. Whether you are developing a new fairisle motif or simply changing the neckline of a sweater, sketching is a powerful tool to help organize and preserve your knitting ideas and quickly try out different concepts. Xandy will share case studies where sketching solved problems and strategies for successful sketching. Here is Xandy's website:

<https://www.xandypeters.com/>

July Event:

Join us outdoors in the Bedford Village Memorial Park, Monday July 24 (rain date July 31) from 4-6 pm at the Gazebo, very close to the entrance to the park. There is a lot of parking, the area is completely flat and the Gazebo is quite separate from the pool, fields and playground. Bring a chair, your knitting and any books you no longer need to give to others (but be prepared to take

home any of your books that remain by the end of the get together). This meeting is open to all, so feel free to bring friends even if they aren't members. Also, membership for the rest of the year will be only \$20 and anyone can join or rejoin then. It'll give you a chance to reconnect with other knitters so please join us. The park is on Greenwich Road in Bedford, about 1/2 mile from route 22/172. If you have mobility issues, pass the entrance on the right and take the next right and park by the Pickleball courts and you'll see the Gazebo right there. Hope to see many of you then!

You can always check our website at <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/> to find the latest information about upcoming speakers and information about them. Also, there is a lot of information about the charities we support and items they need us to knit.

Gail Blumenfeld

Charity Knitting Meet-Up:

The next Meet Up will be on **Tuesday, July 18th from 10:30 to 11:30** in the parking lot of the Mt. Pleasant Library. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

– **Myra Cohen**

Letter from the President

I have been working on and off on what I refer to as my mindless knitting project, a multicolored blanket. Actually 22 colors. When I started this project, I knew this was going to be a start and

stop endeavor. Most of my knitting on this project was on the train commuting to FIT. I have now reached the point of no return, the halfway point. It has become a bit too big and heavy to take on the train. So now my attention has turned to smaller and lighter projects. It has been a while since I have made any knitted jewelry, but I have been inspired by two items in the latest MDK field guide. A necklace and a bracelet that has an interesting construction. Like most knitters I don't need to buy materials for either project, as I have enough stash and options to proceed. Maybe it is summer that is propelling me to work on lighter, smaller projects that won't take up much time to complete. I like knitting with linen and one of these projects calls for that. So, I am happy to start immediately with the necklace. What's on your needles for your summertime projects? Please share with us, we love including photos of finished projects in our newsletters.

I would like to call to your attention, that we need a new director of programming. This is a very important position and function of the guild. Suzanne Sunday is happy to help the new director in this position. Please consider joining the board. I would also like to point out that starting this month if you have friends who have thought about joining the guild the membership fee for the second half of 2023 is \$20.00. As always, happy knitting,

As Always, Happy Knitting,

Evelyne Liebmann

From Myra Cohen:

I want to give a heartfelt thanks to the Guild members and the members of the Charity Knitting Bee for the wonderful blankets knitted for distribution to the Jensen Hospice and Palliative Care. They have been in desperate need of these blankets. I will be delivering them early next week. I also received beautiful hats, scarfs, socks, mittens and children's sweaters. Again thank you all for your hard work. The next Meet Up will be on Tuesday July 18th from 10:30 to 11:30 in the parking lot of the Mt. Pleasant Library. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

At the Meet Up

Suzanne Sunday -Vice President and Meri Schachter member WKG



Charity Knitting Project Contributions



From Suzanne Sunday:

Here's a link to a great article about Stephen West's home in Amsterdam.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2023/may/21/a-knitwear-designer-spins-a-yarn-to-create-a-colourful-new-home>

Linda Ewen learned from a Bloomberg article and would like to warn us about the collapse of the parent company of the Stitches events and the legal turmoil surrounding the cancelling of those programs.

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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 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

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>