

# Westchester Knitting Guild

## May 2023 Newsletter



### Help Needed!

We have a vacancy on the Board, one of the positions that makes a huge impact on our member's enjoyment of the Guild—the Program Chair. If you've been thinking how much you love our guild and you have lots of ideas of what you'd like to learn more about and who you'd like to hear give us a talk, this job is made for you. If you're nervous that you're not sure how to do the job, no need to worry, I did the job for 4 years and I'm happy to help you as much as you'd like and the rest of the Board will help you as well. If you've ever thought about supporting the guild more, now is the time to step up and volunteer! Without someone doing this job, we won't really have a guild, so it is critical. Think about it and if you'd like more information, email me at [ssunday@optonline.net](mailto:ssunday@optonline.net) and we can either talk directly or email back and forth. You have an opportunity to make a big difference for YOUR guild!

**Suzanne Sunday**

### Calendar of Events

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.

**June 26**—Xandy Peters will be our speaker. We last had Xandy speak a few years ago about some of their work. We will get to hear about their newest innovative knitting.

**July 24** (rain date July 31)—outdoor meeting 3-5 at the Bedford Village Memorial Park.

**A Note from Suzanne Sunday:**  
**Brioche Help.** If anyone who took Patty Lyons' brioche workshop needs some help with their brioche swatches, I'll be happy to work with you at our next in person meetings before our speaker.

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-Ups:

The next Meet Up will be on **Tuesday, June 6th, 10:30 to 11:30**, again at the Pleasantville Library Parking Lot. I will have plenty of yarn for you to pick from.  
— **Myra Cohen**

## Letter from the President

On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Linda Cramer and Raina Laredo for their years of service and dedication to the Westchester Knitting Guild. Linda and Raina have found it necessary to resign their positions on the board. The Board would like to welcome Margie Laury, our new Secretary, and Gail Blumenfeld our new webmaster to the Board. At our next guild meeting Gail would like to know what members of the guild would like to see posted to our website, beyond the newsletter. So, if you have a suggestion as to how we can make our website more useful to you please share your ideas.

Our April meeting was the first time we were able to meet in person, as well as our first workshop since the advent of the pandemic. It was wonderful to be able to do both. Our May meeting will again be in person at the Mt Pleasant library, and we will have a guest speaker. I hope you will attend and be reacquainted with your fellow members. Going forward our meetings will be a combination of in person and zoom meetings.

As always, happy knitting,

***Evelyne Liebmman***

## 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***

(Repeated from last month's newsletter)

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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](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>