

Westchester Knitting Guild

April 2024 Newsletter



Letter from the President

My letter this month concerns an incident that occurred during our Zoom meeting last March. One member, when asking a question of our guest speaker, Faina Goberstein, used language that was most inappropriate. Clearly this member was frustrated because she couldn't follow what Faina was demonstrating. However, this type of incivility is unacceptable. For many of us knitting is our happy place, and learning new techniques is one of the joys in our lives and that happy place was marred. Because of what occurred last month I felt it was incumbent upon me, as the President of the guild to send a letter of apology to Faina. She was very gracious about what happened and does not bear any ill will toward the guild. The bottom line to all of this is that I should never have had the need to send an apology to a guest speaker. I would like to remind our membership that civility matters.

As Always,
Happy knitting,

Evelyne Liebmann

APRIL 15th begins our in-person meetings, 6-7:45 pm, at the Mount Pleasant Library in Pleasantville.

Joan Conca and Nancy Van Tassel will give a presentation on fiber and spinning. The subjects will include information on different types of fiber and the use of different fibers for knitting and weaving. Joan and Nancy will demonstrate how to spin wool and flax. Lots of fiber lore and history will be included.

Charity Knitting

When I think of all the wonderful knit items we have sent during the last year, I feel so proud of all you've done. Now that it is beginning to get warmer, we can slow down a bit but we still need to think of all those in need. Even during the warmer days, a sweater may be needed, or a shawl. A cotton item is always appreciated. I don't consider knitting a winter sport so I hope you will be willing to add a charity project (projects?) during the warmer days. And, I hope to see you during our next **Charity Meet Up in Mt. Pleasant Library Parking Lot from 10:30 to 11:30 on April 16th. Myra will be bringing more yarn as usual.**

Again, thanks for all you give,

Dorothy Freeman

WKG Membership Renewal

Please remind friends. This newsletter is only going to enrolled members.

Please make out your checks payable to our full guild name, Westchester Knitting Guild (the bank will no longer accept checks written as WKG for deposit). Mail your checks to:

Westchester Knitting Guild
P.O. Box 141
Chappaqua, NY. 10514

Thank you!
Jeanne Scofidio
WKG Treasurer

You can now pay your annual dues with Paypal. Go to our website, <https://www.westchesterknittingguild.com/> Click on the membership tab and scroll down until you see Paypal. Click on Paypal then click Send. Follow the instructions to enter your Paypal signin (email or phone) and password. Enter \$35.00 for 2024 dues.

You can always check our website to find the latest information about upcoming speakers as well as about the charities we support and items they would like us to knit.

Gail Blumenfeld

Upcoming Events from Suzanne Sunday

Now that we are back to meeting in person, we have some wonderful opportunities to learn and reconnect with other knitters and we hope you will join us!

> On May 20 at the Pleasantville Library 6:00-8:00 we'll have our Speed Knitting program by Guild Members when there will be 4 simultaneous programs that will be repeated 4 times with a cast-on, a cast-off, using stitch savers/silicon cords and knitting with beads and a guest introducing Knits for Cubs charity project.

> On June 24 at the Pleasantville Library, 6:00-8:00, Designer and Co-owner of Pick Up Every Stitch, Karen Altabef, will talk about becoming a designer and Pick Up Every Stitch will be bringing some of their beautiful yarns to sell.

> On July 22 (raindate July 29) we will meet as we did last year at the Gazebo in the Bedford Village Memorial Park 3:00-6:00 for a get together. Members can bring yarn to sell and books to swap. This will be open to all knitters, members and non-members so bring your friends.

> On September 23 at the Pleasantville library, we will have a special treat for members—a free Workshop with Melissa Leapman, Double Knitting a hat from 1-4 pm.

Follow-Up Instructions from Faina Goberstein

Swatch #1, Armhole and Neckline

There are 30 sts on your needles.

Neckline

Next Row (RS): Sl1, k10 for Left Front, BO next 8 sts for front neck, k11 for Right Front.

Place Left Front sts on holder.

Right Front

Next Row (WS): Sl1, purl to last st, k1.

Dec Row (RS): Sl1, k1, k2tog, knit to end—1 st dec'd.

Repeat these two rows 4 more times ending with WS row—6 sts.

Work 4 rows even.

BO all sts. Cut the yarn.

Left Front

With WS facing, join new yarn at neck edge.

Next Row (WS): Sl1, purl to last st, k1.

Dec Row (RS): Sl1, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—1 st dec'd.

Repeat these two rows 4 more times ending with WS row—6 sts.

Work 4 rows even.

BO all sts. Cut the yarn.

Swatch #2, V-neck prep work at home

There are 30 sts on your needle. Work WS row, if needed. Begin with RS row.

Next Row (RS): Sl1, k13, skip next st, k1 and keep it on left needle, knit the skipped st and drop both sts from left needle (sts are crossed), k14.

Slip first 15 worked sts on waste yarn or a stitch holder.

Right Front

Next Row (WS): Sl1, purl to last st, k1.

Dec Row (RS): Sl1, k1, k2tog, knit to end—1 st dec'd.

Repeat these two rows 8 more times ending with WS row—6 sts.

Work 4 rows even.

BO all sts. Cut the yarn.

Left Front

With WS facing, join new yarn at neck edge.

Next Row (WS): Sl1, purl to last st, k1.

Dec Row (RS): Sl1, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—1 st dec'd.

Repeat these two rows 8 more times ending with WS row—6 sts.

Work 4 rows even.

BO all sts. Cut the yarn.

Thank you, again.

Best,

Faina

Faina Goberstein

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Twitter: [@inasilver](https://twitter.com/inasilver)

Ravelry: [Faina Goberstein](https://www.ravelry.com/people/faina_goberstein)

Books: [The Art of Seamless Knitting](#)

[The Art of Slip Stitch Knitting](#)

Craftsy classes: [Sizing knitwear patterns](#),

[Slip Stitch:Mosaic and](#)

[beyond](#), and [Techniques for](#)

[Exciting Colorwork](#)

[Interweave.com](#) classes:

[Basic Brioche and Bold Brioche Cables](#)

[Sophisticated Finishing](#)

[Slip-stitch Knitting](#)

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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

Hand Yoga

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

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

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

Provisional Cast on: by Solene Le Roux

<https://youtu.be/so4ZcrZIKKQ>

Stretchy Italian Cast On: excellent for brioche:

<https://youtu.be/U1s77uZUqlg>