

Westchester Knitting Guild

March 2024 Newsletter



WKG Membership Renewal

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

Please note well that March 31, 2024, is the last day to pay dues for this year and to continue guild membership to attend meetings and receive the newsletter.

Charity Knitting: Myra Cohen

A huge Thank You to all the members who dropped off beautiful knitted items at the last Meet Up. The next one is **April 16th, 10:30 to 11:00, at the Mt Pleasant Parking Lot.** I have lots of yarn for you.

Letter from the President

The birds have begun singing their songs, so I know that Spring is not far behind. However, I am not ready to start any Spring knitting quite yet. I still have a que of winterish projects. I finished a Gnome project for a friend who requested 6 of those little guys for her grandchildren. Currently, I am working on a knitted beanie. Next up a pair of mittens in the most beautiful yarn and golden color I have seen in a long time. This yarn was a gift. Ah, then I can move into spring with a Mother's Day project, a beaded lanyard for my mother's reading glasses. I am unsure why I like working with beads in my knitting, but I do, and this project comes for the fertile mind of Laura Nelkin, I have a second lanyard version that I can attach my school ID to. I have been in small project mode for several months now, not having the

mindset for larger projects such as sweaters of any sort and add shawls to that!

What is on your needles? Do tell. Our last guest speaker Nathan Taylor shared his love for double knitting, I think he inspired many of us to learn the technique, anyone for a double knitted beanie?

Happy knitting,

Evelyne Liebmann

Upcoming program, repeated from last month's newsletter:

Join us March 25 when Faina Goberstein will present a class on Perfectly Picked up Stitches

Class Details:

This might sound familiar to you: All parts of a garment are done and blocked. Seams are looking great. All is left is a neckline trim and button bands. No problem! Or is it?

This is the point in our work as a knitter that can "either make or break" the look of a project.

In this class, you will learn the importance of preparing your project for this moment of picking up stitches, classic and alternative methods of picking up stitches for neckline, collars, shawls, cowls, and bands.

You are welcome to share your experiences in class.

Technique Requirements: basic knitting skills, have worked on a garment, have knit a few accessories.

Homework:

Hw #1: With worsted yarn make 2 separate swatches in St. st. as follows:

Each swatch:

CO 30 sts.

Row 1: Sl1 wyf, purl to last st, k1.

Row 2: Sl1 wyf, bring yarn to back, knit to end.

Repeat these 2 rows until piece measures 3"/7.5 cm. Do not bind off all sts, leaving sts on the needle.

Block the swatches.

Supplies for Class:

Hw swatches, worsted yarn, dpn or circ needles in size matching yarn, extra needles of the same size (no matter circular or double-pointed), One needle of size US 1 or 2, crochet hook size F or G, tapestry needle, 6 locking markers, 5 - 6 T-pins, and scissors.

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This is a link to a fabulous video about knitting in Iceland. They go through the entire process from raw wool to yarn. Nancy and I will be presenting a program on this topic in **April**.

Joan Conca

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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)

**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>