

Westchester Knitting Guild

November 2023 Newsletter



WKG Membership Renewal Time

Once again it is time to renew membership in our Westchester Knitting Guild. We are happy to report that dues remain the same, \$35 for the year 2024!

Jeanne Scofidio, WKG Treasurer

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: Myra Cohen

The next yarn Meet Up will be on Tuesday November 14th 10:30 to 11:30 in the parking lot of the Mt Pleasant Library. I will have lots of yarn available and will be collecting items you all have made for donations. Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Suzanne Sunday: Next Zoom

Our **November 27th Zoom** speaker will be Lesley Anne Robinson talking about Designing with Brioche

Lesley Anne Robinson, the designer behind Knit Graffiti Designs, will be talking about what it means to be a knitting pattern designer in the age of digital access, Ravelry, publications, and so much more! Lesley will talk about her own journey into designing, how she got started, and how she went from designing in her tiny living room with absolutely no yarn budget to becoming a published author. Lesley will also talk about a day in the life of a knitwear designer.

Suzanne Sunday: December

We may not be meeting in person during this winter, but it'll feel more personal at our December meeting. In addition to charity knitting (and you can do any project you'd like for charity), we will be breaking into small groups, so you'll be able to really talk with other guild members and catch up. We're hoping you'll join us and bring projects finished in 2023 of which you are the proudest. See you then!

Letter from the President

For knitters, the third weekend in October is the month where there is an annual ritual; and that is going to the Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool festival. Nothing deters us, not even miserable weather; well it wasn't miserable the entire day. Any thoughts of fewer intrepid knitters were quickly dispelled as we walked the grounds and booths. One of the pleasures of Rhinebeck is observing all the knitted items that people are wearing. People-watching is part of the experience. This year that was a little more difficult as many visitors were wearing raincoats.

Spirits were high despite the weather. There is always much to absorb, great ideas, and lovely yarns. I came away inspired to start new projects, and yes, finish a few partially completed ones. Perhaps the one thing that struck me the most was the wealth of books all related to knitting with an increasing number for crochet enthusiasts. I think this is indicative of how many people knit and crochet that publishers feel they can make money publishing them.

The book section was buzzing with eager customers purchasing books, and authors signing them. October has come and gone, I look forward to next year and another visit to Rhinebeck.

As Always, Happy Knitting,

Evelyne Liebmann

From our October Speaker:

It was a pleasure talking with your knitting guild this week! I wanted to let you know that our Romeldale show fleeces and our current yarn colors are now online. We have another handful of yarns that just left the dye pots today that will be online in another week or so. If members want to join our mailing list, we'll notify them when more yarns and our sheepskins are online. In the meantime, if any of you would like to make any purchases online, make sure to use the code wkg2023 for 15% off any order over \$40 placed before November 15.

Kind regards,

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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>