

Kitchener Waterloo Knitters' Guild Newsletter

May 2012



Meeting Date May 8, 2012

7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

First United Church

William & King Sts., Waterloo

Design tips and techniques

A Word from the President:

Judging from the Show & Tell this past year, there's been some great knitting going on in the Guild! Take a moment now to consider entering your knitting into the Adjudicated Show!

Maybe you just finished your first sweater, or socks, or your first fair-isle, or lace! Or perhaps you added beads to a garment where you don't normally find beads (like socks, or a hat!), or maybe you've used some of that new long striping variegated yarn for something that is typically one colour or in place of a fair-isle pattern! It could be that you've used a great fair isle pattern of something really different - like maybe skulls, or dinosaurs!

Now is the time to take pride in your knitting, and show it off at the Adjudicated Show! You may just win a prize!

Happy Knitting!

Lianne

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Programme: Design tips and techniques

Laura Nelkin's presentation will focus on how she takes inspiration, technique and function into play as she designs. She will show a progression of her work how she builds, explores, and refines knitting concepts while she designs new patterns. This talk will be fun, fast paced, and contain tips and tricks for designing and learning new techniques.

Laura has been knitting for about 8 years, five of which she spent as the Design Director for Schaefer Yarn. Now, as an independent knitwear designer, she loves to work with beads and incorporates them in most of her designs. She loves to travel and teach knitting techniques and when she not designing or knitting, she spends time gardening, and enjoying time with her family.



Angela

Library

The May meeting is the best meeting of the guild year, in my mind. Why? Because any books checked out at the May meeting are borrowed until September. It's the perfect time to learn a more complicated technique, to take out a bunch of books and get a head start on knitting for the winter, or to take out one book and knit every project in it. You've got four months with the stuff you borrow, so make the most of it!

The books we have this month are: [A Handknit Romance](#) by Jennie Atkinson, [How to Use, Adapt, and Design Knitting Patterns](#) by Sam Elliott and Sidney Bryan, and [Knitting for Children](#) by Claire Montgomerie. The magazines for this month are the [Spring 2012 issue of Interweave Knits](#), the 6th Historical Knitting issue of *Piecework* and the 5th Lace issue of *Piecework*.

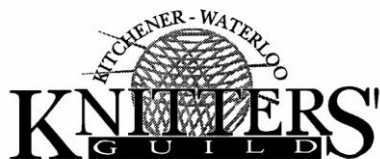
We have some donations this month as well. [Knit Your Own Lopapeysa](#) by Ragnheiður Eiríksdóttir—donated by Ragga herself and delivered by Johanna Botari after her trip to Iceland—is an instructional DVD that walks you step-by-step through three of these traditional icelandic sweaters. It's the next best thing to having someone knitting one right in front of you.

[Thomas Allen & Son](#) sent us [Circular Knitting Workshop](#) by Margaret Radcliffe, and [All Sewn Up](#) by Chloë Owens. The first will be going into the library, the second will be donated to the raffle table since it is not knitting-related.

I'd again like to thank everyone that purchased some books or magazines in the book sale at the last two meetings. Whether you spent \$25 or 25¢ every little bit will contribute to making our library better going forward.

Have a good summer everyone!

Kathy



2012 Adjudicated Show Theme: A New Take on Tradition

Submission Deadline: May Guild Meeting, May 8, 2012.

Name: _____

Phone Number and eMail: _____

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(Please fold back at this line and safety pin the entry form to the back of your item with category showing)

Adjudicated Show Categories (ANTT stands for A New Take on Tradition):**

- From a Pattern (Made from a pattern with no essential changes other than colour.)
- "My First" (The first item of a "type" that you've knit, ex. first socks, first shawl, first colourwork project, etc.)
- ANTT from a pattern (ex. Swedish Fish Mitts, Hat Heel socks, Intentional pooling scarf): **(please select a sub-category)**
 - Sweater
 - Accessory
- Original ANTT Design "Structure" (a non-traditional method of constructing a traditional shape or item, ex. Socks worked from heel)
 - General
 - Guru*
- Anything but a Sweater **(please select a sub-category)**
 - General
 - Guru*
 - Concept Knitting, Textile Art, Non-Traditional Knitting
- Original ANTT Design "Interpretation" **(please select a sub-category)**
Ex: Structure of project is "standard" but the fabric/canvas is ANTT, ex. Spilly Jane's beer or fish fair isle mitts
 - General
 - Guru*
- Adapted from or Inspired by an Item or Pattern (inspired by another knit garment without a pattern or made using an existing pattern but making an essential change to the pattern)
- Not for Adjudication, display only ***

Notes about inspiration behind your work, methods, or yarn selection or anything else you'd like the Adjudicator to know (please use the back of this sheet if additional room is needed):

* "Guru" is used for the category known as "professional knitters." The intention is to expand the scope to include those whose work is regularly recognized through awards, those who earn some income through teaching knitting, pattern design, and/or those who are regularly recognized as expert knitters. The Adjudicated Show committee reserves the right to consult with members if we deem an item is entered in an inappropriate category.

** Machine knitting is welcome in any category.

*** Items entered in this category are ineligible for prizes.

Date: Saturday, Sept 8, 2012

Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm

Cost: \$6 per person,
children under 12 free

Location: Bingemans

We still need some volunteers for Saturday, and for the fashion show, so if you can help at all please give Bev Mawdsley call at 519-634-8615 or email volunteer@kwknittersguild.ca

What better way to showcase the Guild then to display samples of our members' knitting . If you could please bring items labelled with your name, and (if you have it) the name of the pattern and the yarn used for display. You can drop off/pick up your projects at the Guild table as you arrive/leave the Fair.

Without our members we would not be able to put on such a fabulous show.

Knitters Fair 2012

The KW Knitters' Fair, sponsored by the KW Knitters' Guild, is celebrating 20 years at the Fair. Don't miss it. It will be a stunning knitting event. In honour of the celebration, our speaker will be **Stephanie Pearl-McPhee – the Yarn Harlot**. She is a well known knitting artist, speaker and publisher.

Volunteers from the Guild have been working hard to present this one day event -**Saturday September 8th from 9:30 to 4:30 at Bingeman Park in Kitchener**. We have many vendors already signed up and more to come. There is also a fashion show, 2 seminars and door prizes. All these features, including free parking, for only \$6.00. Visit the Fair link at our Guild site: www.kwknittersguild.ca. Here you will find a list of Vendors, information for attendees and directions to Bingeman Park.

As we confirm Speaker times, details about the Speakers, will be posted at the Fair Site

The Fair Committee is sorry to inform you that, because of liability issues, we will be no longer offering a Supervised Children's Area at the Fair.

The Fair Committee is all looped-up for the event. We hope to see you there,

Knitfully yours,

Your Fair Committee

Raffle Notes

The speaker or a volunteer draws the first winner, then each winner will draw the next name until all the prizes are drawn.

Purchase three tickets for \$1.



Yarn Table

The yarn table is a great way to get rid of any yarns you don't want anymore, and to make room in the new year for new stash. Just set prices and bring a list of your yarns/quantities/prices with your name on it.

Don't forget to scope out the yarn table for new-to-you bargains, too!

The guest policy for the Guild is changing. The charge for guest visitors to the Guild will now be \$5 per meeting effective at the January meeting. In parallel to this guests can now attend as many meetings as they want in a year.

March Meeting – Raffle Winners

- 🧶 Lesley Van Hezel – crochet hooks
- 🧶 Lina Forner – stitch markers and stitch holder
- 🧶 Miriam Heynen – 1 skein turquoise Angel kid mohair & silk
- 🧶 Shelley Cheeseman – udder cream
- 🧶 Cornelia Cunningham – cutter for yarn
- 🧶 Kathy Sargeson – llama yarn
- 🧶 Brenda Zuk – sheep stitch markers
- 🧶 Alfie Galda – shawl holder
- 🧶 Elizabeth Winfield – silk applique on a bag
- 🧶 Johanna Botari – stitch holders & bent-tip needles
- 🧶 Yvonne Miles – yarn drum
- 🧶 Heather Pomeroy – marking pins & needle gauge
- 🧶 Cornelia Cunningham – Kaffe Fassett book



March Meeting – Show n Tell

- 🧶 Alfie Galda – colourful Noro shaped jacket/shaped collar, triangle pavel double-breasted jacket in lime boucle and Noro
- 🧶 Debbie New – Klein Bottle hat
- 🧶 Lynne Sosnowski – Adrift in Indigodragonfly laceweight Vancouver Melt, Vicious Nasty Penguins socks
- 🧶 Jennie Brown – finished her first sock! (yes, the second one is started)



Some tips

Alfie has sent in these two tips:

How to execute the nicest looking centred double decrease: Simply slip 2 sts tog., knitwise, k the next stitch (3rd stitch) and pass the 2 sts over using the left needle.

If you're working with yarns of different thicknesses, you'll need to decrease on a thick one, preceding a thinner yarn.

Decrease approx. 10% - eg - 8sts: count to 8 as you decrease 8x evenly spaced on your decrease row. When ready to increase to your original stitch number, simply count (evenly spacing increases) to 8. This is much easier than counting to 80!

And from Teresa:

If you are unsure the length to make a sweater sleeve and it is knit from cuff to top. Start with provisional cast on, knit the sleeve up then knit down from the cast on for the cuff. Can make the cuff as long as need be, also great for children's sweaters if the cuffs ever need to be replaced.

Guild Workshops

Are you interested in adding beads to your knitting? Would you like to be able to knit jewelry? Would you like to learn new techniques and have a chance to spend time with fellow Guild members? If you answered yes to any of those questions, please join Laura Nelkin at the Sobey's at Ira Needles and Highland in Kitchener on May 5 and 6 to learn all about knitting with beads! Each workshop is \$40. Patterns will be provided at the workshops, and a supplies list will be sent to participants prior to the workshops.

May 5 - 1 pm

Knitting Jewelry with Beads

This comprehensive Knitted Jewelry Workshop will teach you many of the skills you need to knit the designs in Adorn. You will learn a variety of techniques that will help you incorporate beads, clasps and jewelry techniques into your knitting. This class will be a great booster to your gift knitting repertoire as most of the designs in Adorn can be made in just a few hours. You will have a wonderful time playing with Laura, beads, and your knitting to create unique wearable knitted jewelry.



May 6 - 1 pm

Eventide (scarf)

Eventide is based on an easy 6 stitch "cross stitch" pattern. It is made by working double yarnovers that add length to your stitches so they float and appear to be woven not knitted. Beads are used on each end of the scarf creating an arrow of bling! You will learn about working with beads, elongated stitches and crossing stitches.

To register, please respond to this email with your name, which workshop(s) you would like to register for, and your phone number. You can also see me at the April meeting.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

Store address:
235 Ira Needles Blvd
Kitchener, ON
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Other Stuff

The website team is working on a members only section of the website. In this section you will be able to find executive meeting minutes, budgets and year end reports. This information will also be available in a binder at the library. It is important for the members to have access this information, however it is not information that needs to be posted for the general public. All of the information that you are use to be seeing on the website – newsletters, meeting information etc will still be publically available.



Annual General Meeting – Constitution update committee needed

We would like to solicit your participation in a committee to review and update specific components of the constitution.

Arrangements are being made to create a committee to meet between now and the Fall of 2012. The recommendation from this committee will then be presented to the executive for review, and put forward to the membership for final approval. Items under review include:

- The composition of the executive committee and alignment to the framework shared with all Guild members in early 2011.
- Removal of day to day business

Please contact Lianne Tanner (lianne.tanner@gmail.com) or Victoria Lewin (Victoria.lewin@gmail.com) if you would like to participate on the committee by **June 12, 2012**



The executive would like to remind everyone to not park in the church parking lot. It is very tiny, many meetings run concurrently with our own, and their just is no space. The Town Square lot that is right beside the church is free and spacious. Please park there.

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Adjudicated Show

June 2012 isn't that far away in knitting terms, so start planning your entries for the next Adjudicated Show now! Our adjudicator is Fiona Ellis and the theme is "A New Look at Tradition." Categories will be announced this fall so now is the time to start thinking about the traditions you'd like to explore.

What would be a modern interpretation of Fair Isle?

Why not take a classic sweater silhouette and use modern stitch patterns?

Or reinterpret a classic piece necessary for every knitter's wardrobe?

The possibilities are endless and categories will cover a range of topics.

Remember, any item knit after June 8, 2010 can be entered in the 2012 Adjudicated Show.

The executive wishes to thank everyone for bringing in their receipts from Zehrs. However due to changes in the program it is no longer as beneficial to the Guild as it has been previously. The executive has decided to discontinue collecting the receipts. We thank our members for the past contributions.

Show and Tell

Bring in an item or two and tell us all about it!

We're always excited to hear about your firsts for projects! What did you learn making your items?

What funny stories can you tell us about the items you are showing us? Get the praise and attention you deserve for all your hard work!

Newsletter Entries

Have you ever wanted to submit a piece to be published in the newsletter? Send any inquiries or entries to newsletter@kwknittersguild.ca.

All entries must be sub-mitted by 2 weeks before the next Guild meeting date. The next submission deadline will be for the September Newsletter: August 28, 2012

Every time you send something in to be printed in the newsletter, you get a chance to win a gift certificate in May.



Shall We Knit? is proud to be hosting Brenda Dayne May 12th & 13th. She will be teaching Creative Glove Design and Advanced Top Down Raglan classes. All the class info is available on the website at www.shallweknit.com

Brenda is also doing A Memorable Yarn Event on Sat. May 12th from 6pm - 8pm

Your participation is simple. Donate a few yards of a yarn that holds a certain memory – perhaps leftover from a meaningful project, a yarn personally hand-dyed or hand spun, or a souvenir yarn from a foreign adventure – and an hour or two of your time to knit a small Memory Bag as a physical recollection of that special yarn or project.

To take part in the Memorable Yarn Project, download the pdf, which contains directions for knitting your own Memory Bag, as well as a form for recording your memories. follow the instructions to knit your Memory Bag, then bring it and your recorded memories to the Memorable Yarn event at Shall We Knit?

Registration available at

<http://www.shallweknit.com/Classes/A%20Memorable%20Event.htm>



Words from your Local Yarn Stores (LYS)

We invite all knitters to visit Yarn Indulgences at your Kitchener Market, 5 days a week or visit our website at yarnindulgences.blogspot.com

Alpaca Acres welcomes visitors to our farm and store. Call 519-625-1064 or visit www.alpacaacres.ca

All Strung Out, www.allstrungout.ca is at 36 Quebec St., Guelph with Ashley Reid.

Shall We Knit? Can be found at 11 Willow St., Waterloo www.shallweknit.com

Needle Beetle - For original colourwork, intarsia, lace & texture knitting patterns, please visit www.needlebeetle.com

Knit and Chats

Monday

- ☞ Guelph Knit-ins 7-9 pm at the South end of Guelph. Contact lianne.tanner@gmail.com for location and details

Tuesday

- ☞ 4th Tuesday evening of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Region of Waterloo Public Health and Social Services Building in room 210/211 located on the second floor. Diehard chatters meet every week.
- ☞ Knit Night at Chapters Waterloo, 2nd Tuesday of every month in the store at Chapters.
- ☞ Knit & Chat in Cambridge at the Java Garden from 7 – 9pm every Tuesday night. The Java Garden is at 2 Queen Street East. Parking is free: either on the street or in parking lots. For more information, contact Wendy at Millpond Records & Books 519-658-9641.

Wednesday

- ☞ All Strung Out 11 am to 2 pm at 36 Quebec St., Guelph (226-820-3766)

Thursday

- ☞ All Strung Out 6-9 pm at 36 Quebec St., Guelph (226-820-3766)
- ☞ Uptownknitmob: informal meetings, 6-9 pm, in various Uptown Waterloo locations
- ☞ Greenwood Quiltery: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, upstairs

Friday

- ☞ Shall We Knit? From early afternoon until closing in Waterloo
- ☞ Yarn Indulgences, Kitchener Market, 1-4:30 pm Friday afternoons

Saturday

- ☞ All Strung Out 1-3 pm at 36 Quebec St., Guelph (226-820-3766)
- ☞ Yarn Indulgences, Kitchener Market, 1-3:30 pm Saturday afternoons