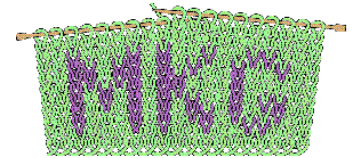


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter from Our President

The July picnic and auction was fun! We had good food and spirited bidding. Thanks to Lisa for once again opening her home for us, and to Elissa, Terrie and Hank for managing the auction.

The Sally Melville registrations have stagnated a bit. We are now running an ad on Ravelry. We have it rotating on about 15 boards in the surrounding states. In case you have not seen it, it appears below. The committee has been working on all aspects of the event, and a full report will be provided at the August meeting.

Please plan to participate at the upcoming fairs! The entry deadline for the Delta Fair creative arts was Thursday, August 19 – I hope you entered! The entry deadline for creative arts for the Mid-South Fair is Thursday, September 2. We'll discuss details about our demos at the August meeting.

I will see you Tuesday, August 24th!

Kathy



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VP Report

All is going well with the Sally Melville Workshop. This is another reminder to enroll if you haven't already! I will expand on things needed at the meeting.

Gail

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Charity Endeavors

For MKG's ongoing preemie hat charity project, Henrietta Davis held a 12 hour Knit-A-Thon, August 14th. There were 18 knitters and crocheters that made 46 hats for the Baptist DeSoto Nursery. Many thanks to those who participated. Remember, this is an ongoing project and we can knit preemie hats all year. Thanks again. There will be many warm heads in the nursery.



A special shout out goes to the women of Oakgrove Baptist Church who donated sheets, blankets, and sewing supplies for the Lakota Elders on the Reservation.

Rita



“Everybody tells me that they would love to knit, but they don't have time. I look at people's lives and I can see opportunity and time for knitting all over the place. The time spent riding the bus each day? That's a pair of socks over a month. Waiting in line? Mittens. Watching TV? Buckets of wasted time that could be an exquisite lace shawl. “

~Stephanie Pearl-McPhee, *At Knit's End: Meditations for Women Who Knit Too Much*

Member Spotlight

Each month, we want to spotlight a few of our members by including a little bio and a photo of each. (Some of the answers may surprise you!) This is just a small way for us to get to know each other a little better. Of course, if you would prefer not to participate in the spotlight section, that's ok.

Carol Watkins

How long have you been knitting? **8 years the second time. Learned 35 years ago, knit for 6 months and quit.**

What do you love about knitting? **Such a wonderful, rewarding hobby. Great night time activity, great knitting friendships.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Gardening, Master Gardener, art festival organizer, computer nerd, bridge player.**



You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I have ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.**



Donnita Humphrey

How long have you been knitting? **About 10 years**

What do you love about knitting? **It's relaxing.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Reading, working crossword puzzles and being with my family.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I met and had my picture taken with Danny Glover.**



Susan Cohn

How long have you been knitting? **40+ years**

What do you love about knitting? **The process, variegated yarns, holding yarn, buying yarn – basically . . . yarn!**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Cross stitch, reading and I'll admit it – Facebook, crocheting, tatting.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **Most of the needlework and knitting I've ever done was for gifts. I own very few pieces I've made. Oh, and I'm a NASCAR fan.**



July Meeting Highlights

I want to thank everyone for making the Guild picnic such a fun time for me this year! I happily scored some awesome yarn at the auction – I'm so happy that Terrie brought the idea to the guild!

We just had a few notes from our June meeting to remember. World Wide Knit In Public Day was a success however it could be even better next year with a little pre-planning and YOUR great ideas! Some of the things mentioned were possibly Wolfchase Mall as a location for next year along with recruiting more people (Guild and Non Guild members) to come out that day and knit. After all, it could be a great opportunity to meet new knitters and invite new

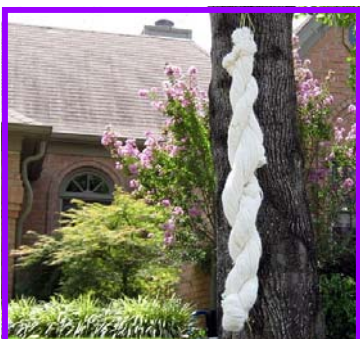
members to our meetings! Also mentioned was the possibility of signs in Joann's, Michael's, etc. to publicize it more widely. The consensus seemed to be that with a little more planning it could be a great event. We need all of you in order to make it happen!

We also voted on the logos submitted in the MKG logo contest. Announcement of the winner was delayed but should be available at the next meeting if it isn't already. Kathy shared the newspaper article about the Guild with other members.

Another member suggested that we utilize our Facebook page more advantageously. Amy Williams volunteered to do a little work on it and try to make suggestions for better usage. Thanks Amy!

See you all next week!

Lisa



Seven Ways you Can Feel Comfortable in a Knitting Group Meeting

Written by *Monica Silva*

1) Talk with other knitters, don't stay quiet.

Don't just show up and knit your projects! You can do that at home, right? The first time I went to a knitting group, I thought people just sat together and knit in silence. Was I wrong! It's more like a group of friends getting together to chat, and they happen to be knitting.

You'll be surprised how the other members in the group want to get to know you. It's their way of making you feel welcome. You'll be doing the same when members come for the first time to your knitting group meeting. Be prepared to answer questions like, "how long have you been knitting," "where do you buy your yarn," "where do you live," and "big plans for the weekend?"

2) Ask them what they think of LYSs (Local Yarn Shops).

If you're a new knitter, get a list of LYSs near you to see and touch the new yarn brands, buy yarn or just go to their day-long sales. Bring the list of your LYSs and ask them what they think of a certain LYS. Members in the group are glad to tell you about their shopping experience at an LYS. You'll hear comments like "the staff was standoffish, the staff is so friendly, too pricy for me, basically same yarn at my LYSs, not worth the trip."

This info is useful when you're driving to the LYS to buy yarn. If you've been to an LYS before, please share with them how you were treated, what you bought, or just what you liked about the LYS. For example, the first time I went to a knitting group, 2 of the members worked in an LYS!

3) Help a new knitter with their project.

People go to a knitting group to knit, but also to learn from experienced knitters. For example, be kind enough to put your project down for a second, and help another new knitter with their project, like fixing "holes" or extra stitches on a needle.

I remember that my first time at a knitting group meeting, I only knew how to cast on and knit in garter stitch. I had finished my scarf but didn't know how to cast off. I asked a member if she could show me how to cast off my scarf, and she kindly put down the hat and the 4-needles, to show me to cast off! Wow, talk about being nice!

4) Bring a simple knitting project to knit.

You're at the meeting to meet knitters, share tips, and knit. If you bring long, complicated patterns that require you to count stitches every row and focus too much, then stay at home to do it. The idea is to join the conversation, and be friendly. I recommend bringing a knitting project like a dishcloth, sock, scarf, or shawl that has 1 or 2 patterns or in garter stitch. For instance, a member in one of the meetings said, "I brought something mindless to knit." It was a long scarf in garter stitch.

5) Bring your list of written knitting patterns.

A member or you might get an idea for knitting project at the meeting. If you're a regular member, a member might even give you yarn as a gift and you would want to knit that moment. Sometimes, you might not be sure of a basic pattern, like a chevron, feather and fan, or horseshoe. You'll be glad someone or you has a list of basic patterns written down in the knitting bag.

6) Bring some of your WIPs (works in projects).

Every knitter struggles to finish a project because there's always a new more exciting project to start. Encourage them to finish their WIPs. Don't forget to tell them what's on your needles! Not just to show off, but to get their opinions and tips. For example, one of your WIPs is a lacy scarf in mohair yarn. They will gladly tell you what they think of the yarn you're using, compliment you on the idea, and ask you about it days later until you finish it.

7) Meet at upcoming knitting events.

If you're a new knitter, you don't need to be shy at a LYS event. Why go by yourself to a knitting store sale, event or knitting show? Have fun by going with friends. Planning to go to a knitting event? Ask the members if they're going and meet them there!

After attending a knitting group meeting, you'll want to go to the next one. I hope these 7 ways will help you feel comfortable in a knitting group meeting. Remember to get to know the members in your group, make a simple knitting project, and meet them at a knitting event. Knitting doesn't have to be a lonely, sometimes frustrating experience.



2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

Do you have any suggestions on content you would like added to the Guild library? Please forward your requests to: mkgpresident@gmail.com.

Terrie

Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings

Videos (VHS):

Knitted Trims – For Woven, Pieced, Felted, Crocheted, and Knitted Projects *by Ginger Luters*

Knitting Workshop *by Elizabeth Zimmerman:*

- Part 1 – Beginnings, A Hat
- Part 2 – Two Sweaters
- Part 3 – Master Classes

Hand Knitted Lace *by Nancie Wiseman*

Knitty Gritty TV Shows (with printed materials):

- Video 1 – Episodes 101-211
- Video 2 – Episodes 212-213

DVDs:

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Free Form Knitting *by Colleen Davis*

Knitty Gritty TV Shows:

Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213

Books:

At Knit's End *by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

Big Needle Knit Afghans *by Jeanne Stauffer*

Domino Knitting *by Vivian Hoxbro*

Hand Knits for the Home *by Caroline Birkett*

Heirloom Knits *by Judith McLeod-Odell*

It Itches *by Franklin Habit*- a hilarious collection of cartoons, knitting related

Knitting Circles Around Socks *by Antje Gillingham*

Knitting the New Classics *by Kristin Nickolas*

Knit Together *by Debbie Macomber*- a novel

Knit Two *by Kate Jacobs*



Knitting Beyond the Edge *by Nicky Epstein*

Knitting Without Tears *by Elizabeth Zimmerman*

Knitwear Design Workshop: The Comprehensive Guide to Handknits *by Shirley Paden*

Mother Daughter Knits 30 Designs to Flatter & Fit *by Sally Melville*

Never Knit Your Man a Sweater Unless You've got the Ring *by Judith Durant*

Nursery Rhyme Knits *by Teresa Boyer*

Quick Knits *by Vogue Knitting*

Sally Melville Styles A Unique and Elegant Approach to Your Yarn Collection *by Sally Melville*

The Friday Night Knitting Club *by Kate Jacobs* (this is the Guild's 2nd copy)

The Knitting Experience: Book 1 The Knit Stitch *by Sally Melville*

The Knitting Experience: Book 2 The Purl Stitch *by Sally Melville*

The Knitting Experience: Book 3 Color *by Sally Melville*

Things I Learned from Knitting Whether I Wanted to or Not *by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

Booklets & Handouts (free to members):

Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)

Tricks of the Trade *by Carol Anderson*

Duplicate Stitch Handouts

2005 Newsletters

Magazines:

Cast On

Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Samples Notebook

**When I learned to knit, I
forgot how to cook.**

~Author Unknown

Free Patterns

Here are some free patterns we found on Ravelry —



Pear Laptop Bag



Charmed Floral Fantasy Shawl



American Girl and Doll Cardigans



Provence Baby Cardigan

Knitting in the Movies

Election (Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon) Mrs. McAllister (movie wife of Broderick's character) knits while conversing with pathetic hubby (who has just returned from making a pass at neighbor . . .).

Enemy Mine - (Robert Gossett, Dennis Quaid) - Gossett plays an alien, when he gets pregnant he knits Jammies (I think).

Fargo (1996)

Foul Play (1984, Goldie Hawn) knitting needle used as fatal weapon

Four Brothers (Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson) At the end of the movie Mark Wahlbergs mother is seen knitting. She's knitting English Method.

The Full Monty

Ghost (Whoopi Goldberg, Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore) - As proof that she's communicated with the dead, Whoopi's character mentions the sweater Demi's character knitted that's in the and 4 sizes too big (Demi didn't check her gauge!).

The Ghost & Mrs. Muir (implied)

The Ghost Train (1941 Arthur Askey, Kathleen Harrison) - Kathleen Harrison's character, Miss Bourne, can be seen knitting in a few scenes, holding her right needle like a pen.

Gilda (Rita Hayworth)

Girl, Interrupted (1999, Winona Ryder, Angelina Jolie, Whoopie Goldberg)

Gone With The Wind (When Melanie is reading while the women are waiting, one of them is crocheting).

The Hand That Rocks The Cradle (Rebecca De Mornay, Matt McCoy, Ernie Hudson)

Evil nanny/psycho-killer Rebecca de Mornay character knitting something long and burgundy (a noose perhaps?)

Halloween (Jamie Lee Curtis) Stabs Michael Meyers in neck w/ knitting needle.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint, & Emma Watson) when the Weasleys & Harry walk into the burrow, they see needles knitting by themselves.

Heavenly Creatures (Kate Winslet knits)

History of the World, Part 1 (1981, Mel Brooks)

Holiday 1938, Katherine Hepburn. Katherine knits while listening to Cary Grant.

Hot Shots Part Deux (Charlie Sheen) Charlie Sheen's character knits a vest of spaghetti and meatballs for his girlfriend.

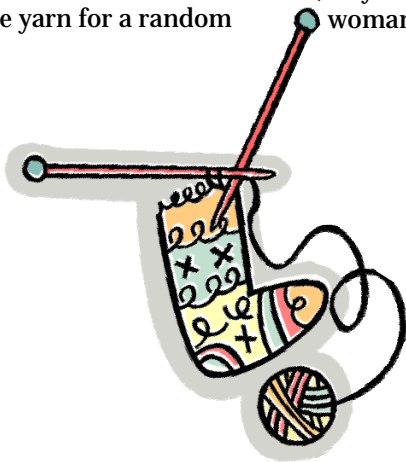
Houseboat

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying (Robert Morse knits in office, scene sometimes edited out when movie shown on TV)

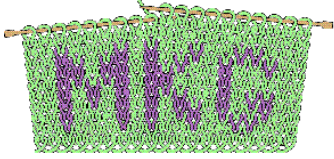
I Was A Male War Bride (Cary Grant, Myrna Loy) Cary Grant holds the yarn for a random woman while she makes it into a ball.



Rita Hayworth in *Gilda*



Purpose



We're on the Web!

www.memphisknittingguild.org

The Memphis Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills.

The Memphis Knitting Guild is a Member of TKGA.

Please join us for our regular meetings the 4th Tuesday at the Poplar-White Station Library, 5094 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. Meetings begin with a meet and greet at 6:00 pm.

August Program

Amy W. is going to preside over the program on **Toe Up Socks**, using Judy's Magic Cast on. Everyone will need to bring size 8 needles and worsted weight yarn.

Future Meetings

August 24

October 26

September 28

November 23

December 28

2010 Events

As was mentioned in our last MKG meeting, listed below are some events the Memphis Knitting Guild is interested in participating in throughout our new year. If you think you might be interested in organizing and coordinating any of these events, please contact mkgpresident@gmail.com. We need your help— lots of knitting experience is **not** a prerequisite! In addition, if you can think of any other events that you think would be fun for us, please let us know.

Delta Fair (Fall)

Mid-South Fair (Fall)



You're right Mildred, we AREN'T too old to learn this!