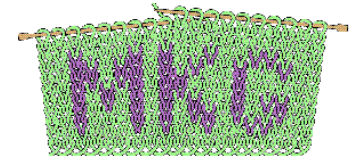


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter From Our President

The Memphis Knitting Guild got off to a great start in 2011! The Winter Tea at Hank's was lots of fun! We had good food, and exchanged kitchen items – it is fun to get things you may not normally buy for yourself. Thanks to Hank for opening up her home to us.

2010 was a successful year for the Guild in so many ways. We changed our meeting agendas so that both our programs and "Show and Tell" get adequate time allotted. Thank you to those who conducted programs: Angie, Donnita, Eloise, Gail, Amy W., Jenni, and Elise. Our Summer Auction was once again a hit! The December coffee was a nice break for a fun evening of conversation and knitting. Members participated in a number of activities: Delta Fair, Mid-South Fair, Worldwide Knit in Public Day, WKNO's "Learn to Knit" classes, St. Jude volunteer program, Horn Lake Library "Learn to Knit" classes, to name a few.

The contributions which our members have made for charity is amazing! As I look through the months of newsletters and see Rita's articles, it makes me proud of our generosity. We'll get a compilation out on our web site for you to see.

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The library has expanded! In 2010, additions included 1 CD, 4 magazines, and 7 books. The total holdings include 45 books, 4 CD/DVD's, 4 magazines, 7 VHS tapes.

Of course our Sally Melville workshops were a success in so many ways! Not only did we have the wonderful classes, we were able to be the first to receive autographed copies of her new book, and spend time informally with Sally at dinner and a Saturday evening knit-in. We thank Hank for co-hosting the event and preparing the limited edition knitting kits. We used the event to publicize the Guild via an article in the Commercial Appeal, an interview on WKNO, and through an ad on Ravelry. The committee worked tirelessly – and it was a lot of work! The best news: the Guild made money!

Thanks to Gail for coordinating our programs throughout the year, and for her participation in all events, as well as "taking over" for me a few times!

We thank Amy for stepping up to the secretarial position upon Lisa's resignation. Amy got us going on Facebook, and we'll rely on her technical expertise to further our online communications in 2011.

Thanks to Jessica for taking over as treasurer upon Christy's move. Jessica had a much busier year than normal with the additional job of coordinating the finances for the Sally Melville event. Thanks, Jessica!

Ann is doing an awesome job on the newsletter! She has added so much great information via member spotlights, informative articles and fun facts, to name a few examples. Great job, Ann!

Thanks to Terry for her work with the li-

brary and for ensuring we have it available at each meeting, along with the swift/ball winder. You are appreciated for managing our valuable resources.

Rita, you have done a wonderful job as charity coordinator! We thank you so much.

As we move into 2011, think about volunteering to organize a program. You don't have to do it alone! Other Guild members will be happy to help you out. Think about which events the Guild should focus on in which to participate. Are there seminars/workshops we want to have? What topics or instructors? Should we bring in another major teacher? If so, we need to establish a committee now. These famous instructors need booked long in advance, and perhaps we target 2012 for another big event.

Finally, this is my last letter after 2 years as president. I have very much enjoyed representing the Memphis Knitting Guild, and appreciate your support. I look forward to 2011, and perhaps now I can knit at our meetings!

A heartfelt "thank you" to all of you.

Kathy

MKG Officers

- President - Kathy Berkshire
- Vice President - Gail Ray
- Secretary - Amy Williams
- Treasurer - Jessica Walls
- Newsletter Editor - Ann Culpepper
- Charity Coordinator - Rita Watts
- Librarian - Terrie Larson

Charity Endeavors

Preemie hats were taken to the Med today. Pictured are Eloise and Treva Rutherford Newborn Social Work Office.

Thank you for all you have done this year. We have served a lot of people this year and last year. Without your help, I could have done nothing. Thank you for letting me serve you these last 2 years. It has been an honor and a pleasure. Have a good one and see you next year.

Rita



On your yarn-hunting forays buy what is available. Don't set out with a pre-conceived idea of the pattern you're going to work to, but regard yourself as a chef who chooses fresh ingredients at the market, buying what is in season and generating the menu *after* making the purchases.

Brenda Shapeero
English designer

2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

2010 has been a great year for updating and adding to our MKG library holdings. Please take the time to look through the library which is at every meeting. These wonderful resources are for our membership's use.

This month we have added the following to our library holdings:

- The Adventures of Miss Flirt by Beth Hahn (thank you Katherine VanCleaf)
- Knit Simple magazine Holiday 2010 (also from Katherine)
- Warm Knits Cool Gifts by Sally Melville (signed by the author)
- Cast On Magazine Nov 2010 -Jan 2011

Memphis Knitting Guild currently owns: 45 Books, 4 CD/ DVD's, 4 magazines, 7 VHS tapes.

This is an addition of: 1 CD, 4 Magazines, and 29 Books in 2010 which includes purchases by the Guild of: 3 magazines, 1 CD, and 7 books, donations by members : 1 magazine, 22 books

Circulation thus far in 2010 is as follows: 11 books checked out , 5 media (1 DVD, 1 CD, and 3 VHS)

The current holdings list follows:

Terrie

Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings as of 11-17-10

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

Free Form Knitting by Colleen Davis

Knitty Gritty TV Shows - Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Interweave Knits 2006 CD Collection (includes 5 issues of the magazine)

Books

Adventures of Miss Flirt-A Tale of Magic &Mystery with Knitwear Designs by Beth Hahn

At Knit's End by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Big Needle Knit Afghans by Jeanne Stauffer

Book 1: The Knit Stitch by Sally Melville- signed by Author

Book 2: The Purl Stitch by Sally Melville- signed by author

Book 3: Color by Sally Melville- signed by author

Domino Knitting by Vivian Hoxbro

Drunk, Divorced and Covered in Cat Hair by Crazy Aunt Purl -Laurie Perry

Family Circle Easy Sweaters- 50 Knit and Crochet Projects

Feng Shaun- Wallace and Gromit

Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs



Free Range Knitter by Stephanie Pearl McPhee
Get Knitting from Casting On to Binding Off by Gina Macris
Great Garter Stitch by Jean Leinhauser and Rita Weiss
Hand Knits for the Home-20 Designs for Stylish Interiors By Caroline Birkett
Handknit Style II by Linden Ward and Beryl Hiatt
Heirloom Knits by Judith McLeod-Odell
Home Knits-Luxurious Handknits for Every Room of the House by Suss Cousin
It Itches- A Stash of Knitting Cartoons by Franklin Habit
Knit Together (novel) by Debbie Macomber
Knit Two (a sequel to The Friday Night Knitting Club)by Kate Jacobs
Knitting Answer Book by Margaret Radcliffe
Knitting Beyond the Edge by Nicky Epstein
Knitting for Dummies by Pam Allen
Knit Christmas Stockings by Gwen Steege
Knitting Circles around Socks by Antje Gillingham
Knitting the New Classics by Kristin Nickolas
Knitting Tips & Trade Secrets by The Taunton Press
Knitting Without Tears by Elizabeth Zimmerman
Knitwear Design Workshop by Shirley Paden
Mother Daughter Knits by Sally Melville -signed by author
Never Knit Your Man a Sweater Unless you've got the Ring by Judith Durant
Noro Designer Mini Knits by Jenny Watson
Nursery Rhyme Knits by Teresa Boyer
One Skein Wonders by Judith Durant
Quick Knits by Vogue Knitting
Rowan Knitting and Crochet Magazine (Autumn /Winter 2006/07
Stitch by Stitch Vol 16 by Torstar Books
Styles by Sally Melville- signed by author
Tapestry Collection – Rowan by Marie Wallin & Sarah Hatton
Things I Learned from Knitting Weather I Wanted to or Not by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee
Urban Knitter by Lily M. Chin
Warm Knits, Cool Gifts by Sally Melville
Wendy Knits by Wendy D. Johnson
Yarn Girls' Guide to Knits for all Seasons by Julie Carles and Jordana Jacobs

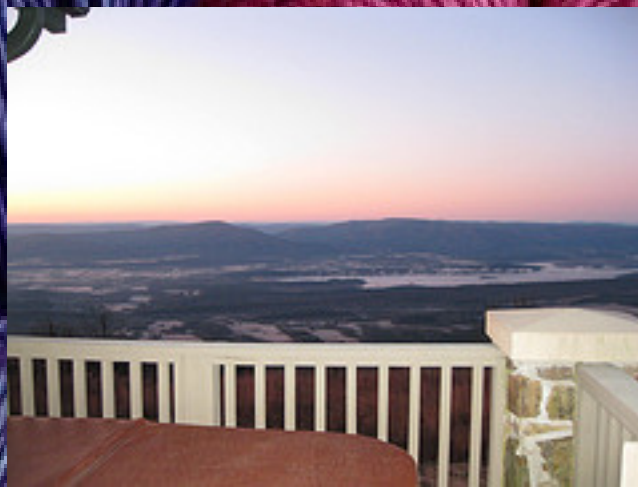
Booklets & Handouts (free to members)

2005 Newsletters
Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)
Duplicate Stitch Handouts
Tricks of the Trade by Carol Anderson

Magazines

Knit Simple- Holiday 2010
Cast On magazine May/July 2010
Cast On Special Anniversary Issue Aug-Oct 2010
Cast On Magazine – Nov-Jan 2011
Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Arkansas Fiber Extravaganza 2010



Free Patterns on Ravelry.com



Hat Heel by Kathleen Sperling



Skew by Lana Holden



Summit by Mandie Harrington



Spoke by Lori Versaci

Knitting in the Movies

The Shipping News
Sleeping With the Enemy



Snow Falling on Cedars (heroine's mother knits)

Solas (Thanks, Andrea!)

Something The Lord Made - (Alan Rickman, Mos Def)

Spiderman Peter parker's aunt is crocheting using an afghan hook

Spiderman III (Toby McGuire) Peter's aunt is knitting in the very uncomfortable but high society old style of knitting with the right knitting needle sitting over the right hand rather than in the hand... can't remember where in which hand the yarn is being held. Looks pretty but must be a begger to knit with the right needle pointing down at an odd angle.

Stage Door (Katherine Hepburn and Ginger Rogers) - One of the ladies knits backstage.

Stalag 17 (William Holden, Peter Graves - one of the POWs knits)

State and Main (R. Piegou, W. H. Macy, A. Baldwin, S. J. Parker)

Steel Magnolias (Julia Roberts)

The Stepford Wives (1975 Katharine Ross) - was it this one when grandma talks about bringing her needles to her marriage bed?

Strait-jacket (Joan Crawford) Lucy: "Knitting. Remember, they taught me that in therapy."

Sweet November (Keanu Reeves & Charlie Theron)

Tammy and the ??? (anybody know which one?)

Terminator 2

Tender Comrade (1943, Ginger Rogers, Robert Ryan)

Thomas and the Magic Railroad (animated children's film)

Tomorrow Is Forever (C. Colbert, O. Wells, G. Brent - Older aunt is knitting)

The Ultimate Gift (Drew Fuller, James Garner, Abigail Breslin)

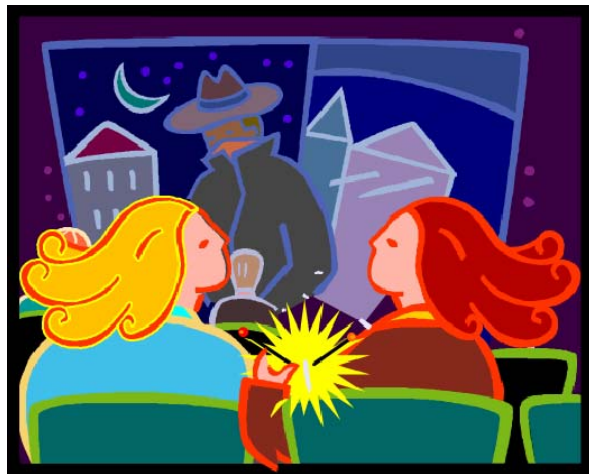
When Abigail Breslin's character is in the hospital, her mother is knitting in her hospital room.

The Ugly Dachshund (Dean Jones and Suzanne Pleshete) Suzanne is knitting a sweater for her prized dog Danke

Undercover Blues -- Kathleen Turner and Dennis Quaid

Up The Down Staircase

(. . .To be continued next month)



Nuttin' But Knittin' - Jogless stripes in the round

When knitting in the round with more than one color of yarn you will notice that there is a jog in the knitting at the beginning of the round when you change colors. This happens when doing Fair Isle and Striping.

To avoid this jog, knit with the first color in the normal fashion. Knit the first row of the next color. When you come back around to your stitch marker marking the beginning of the round, one stitch past the stitch marker:



Insert the right needle into the stitch below.



Lift the stitch from below up onto the left needle.



Knit the two stitches together.



The jog is virtually seamless.

Knit the following rows normal.

The change of colors gets shifted one stitch to the left each time you change colors.

First Annual
Oxford Fiber Arts Festival
 Friday, January 21 - Sunday, January 23
 At the Powerhouse on University Avenue at 14th Street
 Oxford, Mississippi

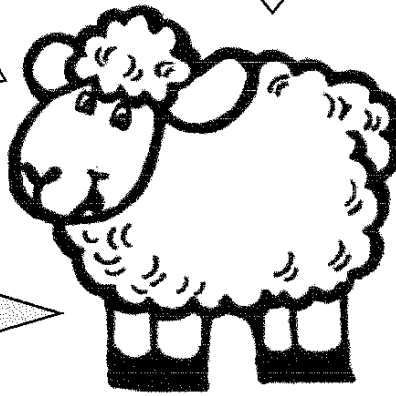
Sponsored by Knit1 Oxford & the YAC

Vintage knitting and
 crochet lecture
 Friday at 6:00 p.m. followed
 by a reception at 7:00 p.m.

Open to the public!
 Free admission!

Demonstrations of
 knitting, crochet,
 lacemaking, rug hooking,
 Russian & Oxford punch,
 spinning, weaving,
 natural & indigo dyeing.

Vendors Include:
 Coldwater Alpaca Ranch,
 Little Bit Acres Farm,
 P is for Primitive,
 Wooden Spinners,
 John D's Wood Things,
 Sky Loom Weavers,
 Handwovens, and
 Knit1 Oxford.



Live Alpacas!

Available for sale:
 tools for knitters,
 spinners, weavers and
 rug hookers; hand spun
 yarns; roving; woven
 goods; knit wear; soaps
 and lotions; and more.

Workshops

Felted Clutch - \$35
 Saturday 1:00-3:00

Nuno Felted Scarf - \$60
 Sunday 1:00-4:00

Hand Painting
 Sock Yarn - \$40
 Sunday 1:00-4:00

Festival Hours

Friday 5:00-9:00
 Saturday 10:00-4:00
 Sunday 1:00-4:00

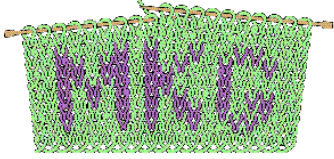
For more information
 call Knit1 Oxford at
 (662) 238-2829 or visit
knit1oxford.com!!

Make & Take - \$1
 All day Saturday

Macrame for Kids

Felted Bead (for young
 children with parents or
 adults)

Yarn Bombing
 All day Saturday



Purpose

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.

We're on the Web!

www.memphisknittingguild.org

January Program

Hank will be doing the program on "Twined Knitting." Everyone should bring worsted wt yarn and comparable needles.

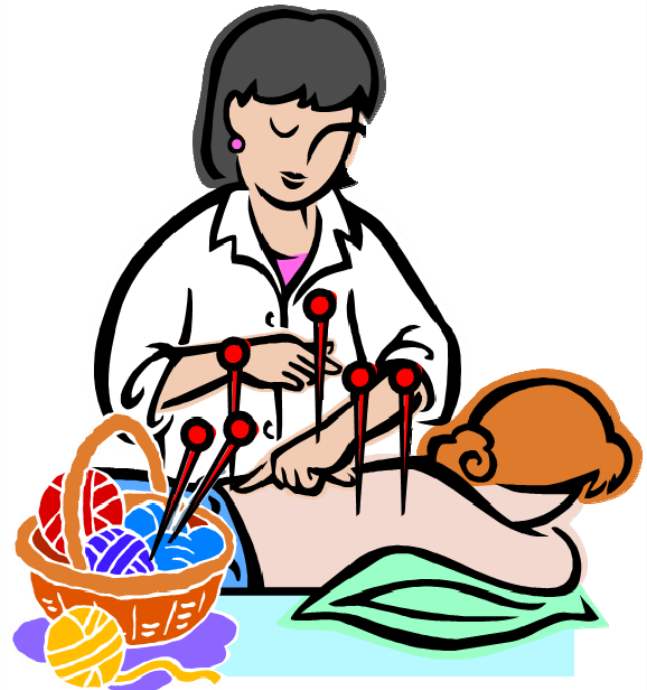
Future Meetings

January 25	May 24
February 22	June 28
March 22	July 26
April 26	August 23
	September 27

Knitting Instructor Needed for JoAnn Fabric and Crafts on Winchester

Hello, my name is Melissa Orr. I am the education coordinator at JoAnn Fabric and Crafts. We are currently looking for a knitting instructor at our store. I am wondering if anyone in your Guild would be interested in earning some extra money and teaching classes from beginner knitting to advanced.

Melissa Orr
Education Coordinator
JoAnn Fabric and Crafts
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Knit 1, Purl 2 . . . ummmm, I mean, yes, our budget cuts have really hit us hard. But rest assured, these are almost as effective as the real thing.