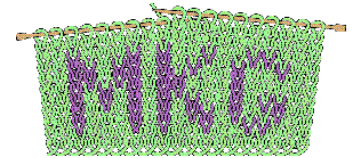


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter From Our President

What a wonderful weekend! Sally Melville was delightful, and imparted a wealth of information in the workshops. We owe a huge thank you to the committee, led by Gail, with lots of time and effort contributed by Carol D., Jessica and Hank. Eloise was a big help as well. We want your feedback! Jessica is collecting it at mkgtreasurer@gmail.com.

I am really looking forward to this month's meeting. We'll have a short business meeting followed by fun, relaxation and camaraderie! We'll have an expanded Show & Tell, so be sure to bring the things you have been working on for the past couple of months.

See you Tuesday, Oct. 26!

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

Thanks to Amy W. for last month's program. She did a nice job, and Judy's Magic Cast On was mastered by many! And thank you, Amy, for volunteering to handle secretarial duties for the remainder of the term of office.

Kathy



Sally Melville at dinner at Neely's. She loved the beaded broach that we all presented to her in our appreciation for all the knowledge that she shared with us during her visit. What a great lady and what a great workshop!

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September Meeting Highlights

September's meeting was dominated by talk of the Sally Melville workshops. This was such a huge endeavor, and our members really stepped up.

Our treasurer, Christy, is on to bigger and better things. We'll miss you, Christy! Fortunately for us, Jessica stepped up and took over. Quite a feat, right before a big venture. She has made the change seamless. Thanks, Jessica!

Speaking of money— now is the time to start paying dues for 2011.

We'd all like to thank Lisa for all her hard work as secretary. Sadly, she is stepping down due to personal reasons. Lisa, we all wish the very best for you.

Amy volunteered to step in as secretary until the next election.

Rita is still accepting donations for our ongoing charity endeavors. Participation

is great! We are also starting the red scarf project again. Scarves can be any color...red is great, but they can be any gender-neutral color. Also, don't forget squares for our crazy quilt!

Amy taught a class on toe-up socks. Despite some technical difficulties, I think everyone benefitted. It was great fun seeing a few breakthroughs on Judy's Magic cast-on! Amy did a great job with her presentation and everyone really got a lot out of her PowerPoint presentation (kitties and all!)

We had a HUGE turnout at the last meeting! It was great to see, and I believe that several of those guests joined the guild. I look forward to future crowded meetings!

Amy

Useful and ornamental needlework, knitting, and netting are capable of being made, not only sources of personal gratification, but of high moral benefit, and the means of developing in surpassing loveliness and grace, some of the highest and noblest feelings of the soul.

~Author unknown, from The Ladies' Work Table Book, 1845

Charity Endeavors

We have knitted preemie hats and blankets for The Med. The babies will be so happy with their warm little heads. We want to try for 300. Keep on knitting!

The TKGA, in conjunction with Land's End, has sent us 2 cones of yarn for Warm Up America. I will bring little balls of yarn for you to knit a 7x9 square for this project, if you would like to participate. We can decide on a local place to donate our blanket or we can send completed squares back to Warm Up America. The main library has asked to participate with us as part of their children's program. We will need volunteers to help teach knitting. More info on the library later. Thank you in advance.

Thank you in advance,

Rita



Preemie caps & blankets knit & crochet for the

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.

Marcia Mitchell

How long have you been knitting? **All my life**

What do you love about knitting? **I can lose myself in it and not think about anything else. It's comforting and peaceful. I love to create.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **I have a booth at Sheffield Antique Mall in Collierville, I love antique lamps and light fixtures. I have a collection of knitting books.**

You may be surprised to know this about me. . . **I used to be a ballet dancer.**



Janice O'Hay

How long have you been knitting? **Learned in college, but only seem to knit in "surges."**

What do you love about knitting? **Portability, and it's the only creative thing that I do!**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Computer, reading, sewing (also sporadic), husband**



Marie Witte

How long have you been knitting? **Two months**

What do you love about knitting? **Not sure yet (know what I don't like!)**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Crochet, spinning, photography**



VP Report and Sally Melville Highlights

The Sally Melville Workshop was great! We even had ladies to come back for more classes. I want to think Carol D. and Jessica W. for their hard work. And also to Eloise for her support and help on the kits. Also a huge thanks to Kathy and Hank for their support and leadership in getting the workshop to Memphis. Thank each of you so much. We would like to hear your input from Sally's workshop.

For our October meeting, bring your Fair items, current projects or problems and let's share and visit! Let's have another full house like last month. That was great to see so many ladies doing what we all love to do! See you Tuesday the 26!

Gail



2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

This month we are happy to have many new additions to the Memphis Knitting Guild Library.

We have recently purchased the Interweave Knits Magazine 2006 Collection CD. There are many popular patterns on this CD including : Icarus Shawl by Miriam Felton, Cambridge Jacket by Ann Budd, Nantucket Jacket by Norah Gaughan, Enid Cardigan by Veronik Avery, Provincial Waistcoat by Mari Lynn Patrick, and A Cardigan for Arwen by Kate Gilbert. There are all 4 issues from 2006 on the CD and also the "Holiday Gifts" issue.

The Special Anniversary issue (Aug-Oct 2010) of Cast On Magazine has arrived also.

We received a most generous donation from Carol Watkins of several wonderful titles as follows:

At Knits End by Stephanie Pearl McPhee, Feng Shaun -Wallace and Gromit, Free Range Knitter by Stephanie Pearl McPhee, The Knitting Answer Book by Margaret Radcliffe, One Skein Wonders by Judith Durant, Knitting for Dummies by Pam Allen, Noro Designer Mini Knits by Jenny Watson, Family Circle Easy Sweaters-50 Knit and Crochet Projects, Great Garter Stitch by Jean Lein-hauser and Rita Weiss, Get Knitting From Cast On to Bind Off by Gina Macris, Rowan Knitting and Crochet magazine no.40 (Autumn/Winter 2006/07)

Remember also, we have Sally Melville's 5 books- all signed by the author.

As you can see, we have many wonderful titles available for you to check out and take home for 1 month at a time. Why not take a look at the library collection and make a selection at the October meeting.

An updated list of our holdings follows.

Terrie Larson, MKG Librarian

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

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
 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
 Cast On magazine May/July 2010
 Cast On Special Anniversary Issue Aug-Oct 2010
 Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970



Did you know that all of Mr. Rogers' sweaters were knitted by his mother? She knitted one a month for him! We miss you Mr. Rogers. . .

Free Patterns

One Day Wristwarmers

<http://slumberland.org/wp/2005/12/14/pattern-1-day-wristwarmers/>



Women's Open Palm Mittens

<http://www.freevintageknitting.com/mittens/624-mittens-pattern.html>

Point Reyes Mitts

<http://www.classicelityarns.com/WebLetter/160/Issue160.php>



Texting Gloves

<http://www.coatsandclark.com/Crafts/Crochet/Projects/Accessories/WR2110+Texting+Gloves.htm>



Knitting in the Movies

The Matrix (Keanu Reeves) It's a split second scene, but there is a woman knitting when Neo runs through her apartment.

Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (Eric Idle) Eric Idle plays a middle-aged woman knitting early in the film.

The Melancholy of Suzumiya Haruhi Anime: In episode 9, one of the characters (Mikuru) is knitting a scarf

Miss Marple (PBS movies, heroine knits while solving mysteries)

Missouri Breaks (Jack Nicholson)

Mr. Lucky (1943, Cary Grant, men knitting)

Mixed Nuts (1994, Steve Martin)

Monster In Law (Jennifer Lopez) you can get a free poncho pattern from [Lion Brand Yarns](#) like the one J-Lo wore in the movie.

Mother Wore Tights (1947 Betty Grable) she knits english method in close to the last scene

Moll Flanders (awesome scene)

Mrs. Miniver

Muppet Treasure Island (1996)

Murder Ahoy (Margaret Rutherford as Miss Marple in an Agatha Christie movie)

Murder Most Foul (1964, Margaret Rutherford knits in jury box)

The Music Man

My Life As A Dog (Anton Ganzelius; Anke Liden; Director, Lasee Hallstrom) Mrs. Arvidsson knits a couple of different times. Also, lots of handknits worn by all.

Night and Day (Cary Grant as Cole Porter) There is a scene in England where he meets a long lost love (who he marries and she becomes Linda Porter) and she is sitting on a park bench knitting a sweater for a child. You see the knitting for a couple of minutes.

Never Been Kissed (1999, Drew Barrymore)

My Reputation (1946 Starring Barbara Stanwyck) Barbara Stanwyck's character knits English method in the movie

No Escape (1999?, Ray Liotta, Kevin Dillon) (male prisoners spinning/knitting)

Normal (Jessica Lange and Tom Wilkinson) Lange's character knits sitting on her bed.

November

Now, Voyager (1942, Bette Davis knits on cruise, Paul Heinreid)

The Old Dark House (Tom Poston) http://www.hammerfilms.com/vaults/horror/1962_olddarkhouse.html

Once (Glen Hansard, Marketa Irglova) The Girl's mother knits in the film.

One True Thing (Meryl Streep, William Hurt) Meryl continental knits in car during Zellweger's memory shot.

Orchestra Wives

Phone Call from a Stranger (Bette Davis making socks on DP's)

Pillow Talk

The Playhouse

Pluto's Sweater (1949, animated)

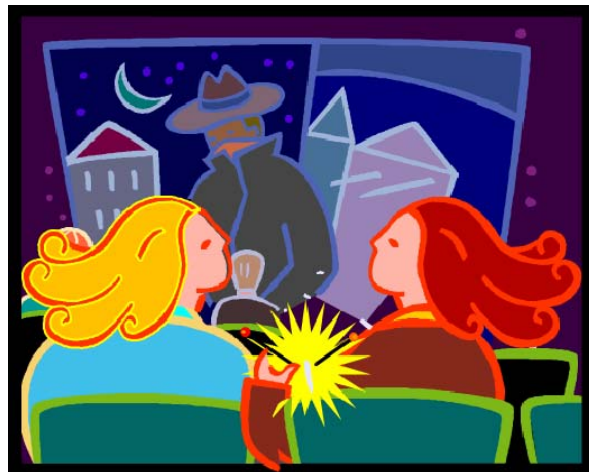
The Poseidon Adventure (Shirley Winters knits)

Preparez vos Mouchoirs - (1978 with Gerard Depardieu) - (Get out your handkerchiefs) Knitting is an integral (and funny) part of the film -- the leading lady knits for her lovers and when her knitting shows up on other men, they immediately know what's up (as does the audience) I think it won an Oscar for foreign film in '78.

The Prince of Pennsylvania (Keanu Reeves, an old man knitting)

Radio Days

(. . .To be continued next month)



Nuttin' But Knittin'

Creating a Knitting Journal (reprinted from *The Knitter's Bag*)

Your knitting journal should be a history of your work and any notes about yarns, needles, etc. Things you want to remember for future use. It should be small enough to keep in your knitting bag so you can carry it with you when you are out shopping.

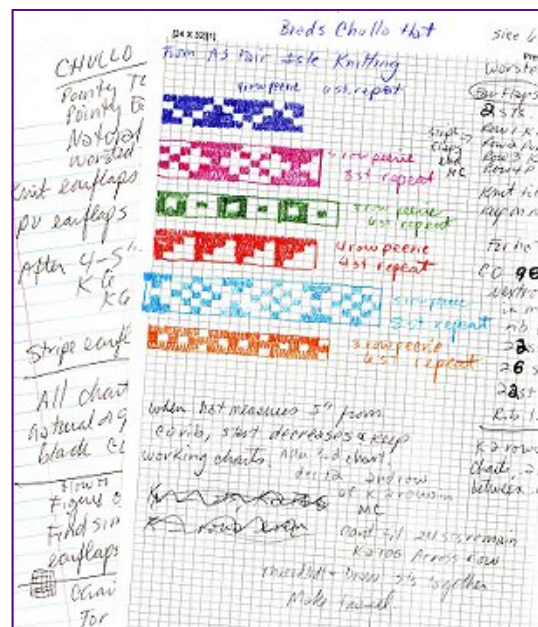
Keep a list of yarns you own, where you got them, name and manufacturer, dye lot, length, weight, quantity you purchased and a small sample of the yarn.

Have a section for patterns you would like to knit, whether it is the actual pattern or just a table with name, author and yarn requirements. It would be best to keep a separate folder or binder with your patterns and just a list in your journal so your journal doesn't get too bulky.

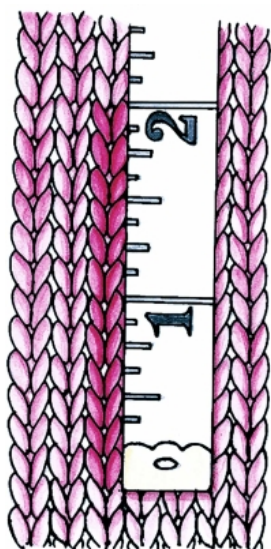
Keep a list of the patterns and knitting books you own so you don't duplicate anything you already own.

Have a projects section where you keep track of the projects you have finished. In this section, put a picture of the finished item, the pattern used with notes if you changed anything. List the needles, type of yarn with a small sample, and any comments or who it was knitted for.

Also keep your swatches with the notes of what type of needle, yarn, etc.



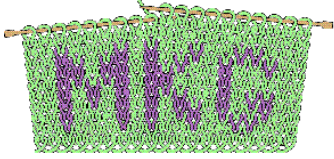
Understanding Knitting Gauge (reprinted from www.earthguild.com)



What IS Gauge, anyway? Sometimes called "Tension", it simply means stitches per inch. It will be different depending on the yarn, needle size, individual knitter, and stitch pattern. In general, the fatter the yarn, the fatter the needle you should use with it, the bigger the stitches it will make, so you will need fewer of them. The thinner the yarn, the thinner the needle you should use with it, the smaller the stitches, so you need more of them.

Why is gauge SO important? Because if you don't know your gauge, you will not know what size your piece will be. Even $\frac{1}{2}$ stitch per inch off can make a difference. For example, if you are following a sweater pattern that is 40 inches around at a gauge of 5 stitches per inch, you will need a total of 200 stitches (5 stitches per inch multiplied by 40 inches). If your gauge is $4\frac{1}{2}$ stitches per inch and you cast on 200 stitches, your sweater will be 44.44 inches around (200 stitches divided by $4\frac{1}{2}$ stitches per inch).

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.

October Program

We will not have a formal program for the October meeting. Try sitting next to someone you don't know very well and get acquainted. If you entered anything in the Fair, bring it to the meeting and share with us. If anyone has questions or problems to discuss, there will be plenty of time to address these.

Future Meetings

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



MKG Sally Melville Committee



"No needles allowed on the plane? No problem, Captain" Jessica mumbled under her breath.