

Snohomish Knitters Guild

Events and Programs Log: Membership Year 2010-2011

Note: the following is a snapshot for historical reference, listed in reverse order.

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 13 September 2011 2nd Birthday Party

The Snohomish Knitters Guild is 2 years old now. We celebrated by having an impromptu potluck, with two types of cake and a few gluten-free treats as well. We had a great time, viewing everyone's UFOs and awarded prizes to the largest and oldest ones.

Also on the agenda was to vote in the new board members. Charisa has stepped down, after 2 amazing years as SKG president and Barb Simonds was voted in as our 2011/2012 President, with Aleen Caplan Yamasaki as Vice-President, Jae Birtz as Treasurer, Lois Champion-Myers as Secretary and April Wilson as Member at Large. Round out the board with the appointed members will be Melissa Wyll taking over Knit New(s), Sherry Toly continuing as Newsletter Editor, Georgi Kaufman taking over Membership and Tandy Imhoff taking over as Webmaster.



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 9 August 2011 Program: View and Learn Intermediate Techniques

In our second annual view and learn session, guild members will present 15 minute short view-and-learn tutorials. This is a fun way to see how a technique is actually done. See the members only documents section to download the [View and Learn hand out](#) from last year.

Brioche Stitch - Chris Underwood
Double Knitting - Abbott Smith
Entrelac - Betts Lampers

Example image above: Entrelac sweater designed and knit by Betts Lampers.



Event: Stitch 'n Pitch | Thursday, 14 July 2011

**Come join us for an exciting evening of Knitting and Baseball!
Mariners vs. Texas Rangers on Thursday, July 14th, game starts at
7:10 pm at Safeco Field ([map](#)) in Seattle.**

Enjoy the wonderful summer weather, watch a baseball game, and meet Nicky Epstein, while browsing products and samples from local yarn and fiber vendors. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by knitting and crochet pattern designer, Nicky Epstein (pictured). She will also be available during the game to chat and sign books.



This is an incredible opportunity to visit a wide variety of yarn stores, all in one convenient location, while enjoying a great baseball game and the fabulous food that Safeco Field offers. Bring your knitting, crocheting, spinning, quilting or other fiber arts project and enjoy this wonderful evening.

Your \$30 ticket (+ small online handling fee), includes game ticket and a SKG knitting tote. This wonderful tote will have many knitting goodies and patterns from a variety of designers, including Tina Smith, [E.A. Kelley](#) and [Julie Anderson](#). Keep checking here for more details about the knitting tote!



Tickets sales will be available until June 14th. All tickets and bags will be distributed at the July 12th Guild meeting. (If you are unable to pick up your ticket at this time, please contact Tandy at skgknitnew@snohomishknittersguild.org.

Tickets are only available for pre-sale online and all sales are final and non-refundable (small fee added for electronic handling). Additional swag bags are available for purchase if desired. We need volunteers to help staff the SKG table at the event. Contact [Tandy](#) if you are interested.

Please contact Tandy at SKGKnitNew@snohomishknittersguild.org with any questions or concerns. (Note: bags sold out at the event.)

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 12 July 2011

Program: Evergreen State Fair How To



Barb Simonds will round up Evergreen State Fair ribbon winners and they will tell us how they did it! Plan to enter your finished knitted items in the Evergreen State Fair this year and join in the fun.

This year the fair runs 25 August - 5 September. We'll add links to the forms you'll need to submit as soon as they are available.



Pictured left top: Barb Simonds shawl; Left bottom: Katie Kent shawl

Event: Worldwide Knit In Public Day | Saturday, 18 June 2011

All knitters are welcome to join up at the knit-out! Seattle Center - 11am to 3pm - Bring a lunch! (International Fountain if it is dry, inside the Center house if it is wet.)

Worldwide Knit in Public day is a glorious celebration of all things knitting – where knitters all over the planet take their knitting from the dark recesses of their knit bags, and come out to the public as knitters. Knitters Unite!

The fearless knitters at the Snohomish Knitters Guild thought that this year we might take the opportunity to all come out, bring a snack, and congregate at the same place – giving us all the opportunity to meet knitters from other small knit groups and guilds in the greater Seattle area.

Click the image above or [this link to purchase a t-shirt or other item for WWKIP day](#). (links to the official WWKIP store).



[Want to carpool?](#) Check out the Ravelry Snohomish Knitters Forum to hook up with fellow knitters in your area.

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 14 June 2011

Program: Suzanne Tidwell and Beth Newfeld

A very special evening is planned for our June program. Suzanne and Beth will come tell us about being *subversive* fiber artists.

Two quotes associated with Suzanne: "You know...Art doesn't just happen!", and "The easiest way for me to work through an idea is simply to begin."

You can see the installation of Yarn bombed trees in Sammamish on 228th/in front of Starbucks, right at the Eastlake High School entrance.

See articles about the tree socks
at: [Sammamish Review - March 15](#)

[Seattle Times](#)

[Yarnbombing.com](#)

[King 5 News](#)



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 10 May 2011, 7pm

Program: Sarah Anderson – Yarn Library

A self-taught spinner since 1973, Sarah Anderson has written for Spin Off magazine and contributed knit designs for the All New Homespun Handknit book.

She has taught at SOAR, Madrona Winter Retreat, Golden Gate Fiber Institute and at guilds across the country. Sarah loves to teach spinning techniques and lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband, a few geriatric chickens, and a California quail named Boo.

She'll be talking to us about different yarn types and properties - information hugely invaluable to knitters.



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 12 April 2011 (doors open at 6pm)

Program: Annual Destash Sale

Unleash the potential of your un-knit skeins! At our annual destash sale, swap or sell them to someone who will knit them.

Guidelines for the event:

If you plan to have items to sell, please send us an e-mail telling us how much space you need (1/8th or 1/4th table). We'll set up all the tables available around the room and accommodate you as we can. Set up is first-come/firstserved.

1. Only Guild members can sell. If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2010/2011 membership year, be sure to do so before the meeting. The SKG Treasurer will be on hand to take your membership fee the night of the sale if necessary.
2. Anyone can come to buy. Tell your knitting friends who are not in the Guild!
3. Only knitting related items can be sold: yarn, knitting needles, tools, stitch markers, needle-sizers, swifts, ball winders, knitting books, roving, etc.

Free knit goodies table - one table will be set up for yarn and yarn-related freebies - please retrieve any remaining items at the end of the evening. The Guild is not responsible for bounced checks, however, or the quality of the yarn. All goods are sold/traded "as is" at the buyer/seller's discretion and approval.



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 8 March 2011

Program: Kathleen Taylor

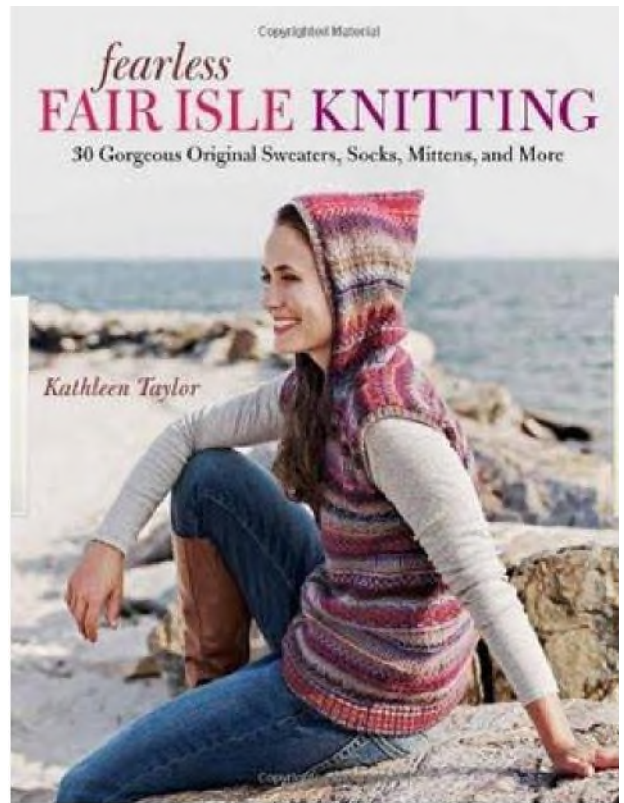
Writer and designer and workshop teacher (wife, mother, grandmother), Kathleen Taylor, author of five knitting books, six mysteries, and over 500 magazine articles, will talk about the fun (and the horror) of being published, working on deadlines, loving knitting, forgetting her two-word line of dialogue on HGTV, and what it's like to move from her native Snohomish to the prairies of South Dakota (where it gets really really cold)(also really really hot).

She will also probably mention Fearless Fair Isle Knitting, her fifth book, which was published in February by The Taunton Press. She'll display projects and items from all 5 of her knitting books, and give away a few copies of her first mystery book, Funeral Food.

Kathleen will be teaching a Tips and Knitting Tricks class at [Great Yarns!](#) in Everett on 12 March from 1-3pm for \$40. Sign up now so you will secure a space. After the class there will be a wine and cheese reception – how fun is that?

Note: Kathleen won't be selling copies of her new book, "Fearless Fair Isle Knitting" -- but she'll be happy to sign a copy if you bring it. And by the way, it's a *great* book!

Check out her blog: Kathleen Taylor's Dakota Dreams
<http://kathleen-dakotadreams.blogspot.com/>



SKG Monthly Meeting; Wednesday, 16 February 2011

Program: Betsy Hershberg

Note: our regular meeting date for this event is changed so we could have Betsy speak while she is in town to teach at the Madrona Fiber Arts conference.

Betsy has studied with some of the world's foremost knitwear designers and technicians, including Alice Starmore, Debbie Bliss, Kaffe Fassett, Jean Moss, Sasha Kagan, Colinette, June Hemmons Hiatt, Susan Lazear and Lily Chin, among others. With a special love of working on very small needles with very fine yarns as she creates one-of-a-kind jewelry with knits and beads. Betsy is regularly featured in Knitter's magazine.

Betsy takes great pleasure in teaching and loves sharing her enthusiasm with the latest generation of knitters who have been attracted by exciting new fibers and contemporary design possibilities. She feels it is especially rewarding to help knitters reach new levels of technical knowledge, confidence and independence that will free them to explore their individual creativity. Check out Betsy's beautiful designs on her website at www.studiobknits.com.



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 11 January 2011

Program: Karen Campbell of Simply Shetland

Shetland yarn is the classic yarn used for stranded color (also called Fair Isle) knitting. No other yarn comes in the array of colors that Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift does. Whether you like to blend colors subtly, or work in strong contrasts, Spindrift and its siblings in the Jamieson's line have much to offer you.

Simply Shetland is a company located in Tukwila that is the exclusive North American distributor of Jamieson's yarns and also imports its own line of Shetland blends, Simply Shetland yarns. This company is owned and run by Karen Campbell, and at our January meeting, she will talk about her company and show sample garments made from these yarns.



Event: All Aboard!

Saturday, January 15, 2011

The Snohomish Knitters Guild

Seattle-to-Portland Yarn Train

The Yarn Train is a yarn crawl on the third Saturday in January that starts at o-dark thirty by hopping the train in Seattle and landing in Portland. We spend the day shopping and cavorting with other knitters and ride the train home to Seattle in the evening, arriving home around 10pm.

Get ready for a wonderful day of knitting, socializing, shopping!!, and laughter.

Rain or shine we'll have a good time. [Read more details](#)

[here.](#)

SKG Monthly Meeting;

Tuesday, 14 December

Program: Party — One-skein Gift Exchange and Good-Eats!

Bring one "luxury" (that definition is up to you) skein of yarn gift-wrapped with an accompanying one-skein pattern plus a plate of your favorite luxury appetizers to share.

Doors open at 6pm for drop-in knitting; 6:30 for KnitLab, Party commences: 7pm at the Waltz building in Snohomish.



SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 9 November

Program: Building Community - How the KnitWits do it!

Doors open at 6pm for impromptu knit group, 6:30pm for KnitLab, Program 7pm. Waltz building in Snohomish

The KnitWits are 4 gals, related by marriage, whose relationships with each other have grown immensely in the short time we've been knitting. Our personalities, tastes and skill levels are across the board but the joy of the craft has really been a strong bonding connection for the four of us and other family relationships as well, and we are always encouraging each other to try new challenges and to not say 'no' to any opportunities that arise. Like public speaking, looks like it's time for another adventure!

Event: SKG's Knitters Retreat – 22-24 October - Sold Out

Eat. Knit. Sleep. Repeat. Yes!

Information about Camp Huston:

6 meals are included in the 2 night stay; you'll share a room but have your own twin bed. Click the Camp Huston link to see the type of cabin we'll be renting. [Wallace Falls](#) is nearby and a fun hike if you are so inclined. Linens: either bring your own or rent them for \$15 additional. You'll have a relaxing two days knitting with friends. Membership to the guild is not required to participate in the retreat, and we welcome any handwork (knitting, crochet, etc.)



Signed up and have questions? Send them to webmaster@snohomishknittersguild.org

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 12 October

Program: Local Yarn Store Panel

Photo courtesy of pinktiburoun@gmail.com

Doors open at 6 for impromptu knit group, 6:30pm for KnitLab, Program 7pm. At our new location! Waltz building in Snohomish

Join us as we learn about how our favorite places on earth! We'll have a chance to learn about our LYS and ask questions. On the panel:

Teresa Wilson (Country Yarns)
Sarah Parker (Wild Fibers)
Fontelle Jones (Great Yarns)
Elaine Walters & Claudia Davidson (Main Street Yarn)
Victoria Chase (Village Yarn & Tea)