

Snohomish Knitters Guild

Events and Programs Log: 2009-2011

Note: the following is a snapshot for historical reference. Not all images were available at the time this snapshot was gathered.

Membership Year 2010-2011

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 Biritz 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

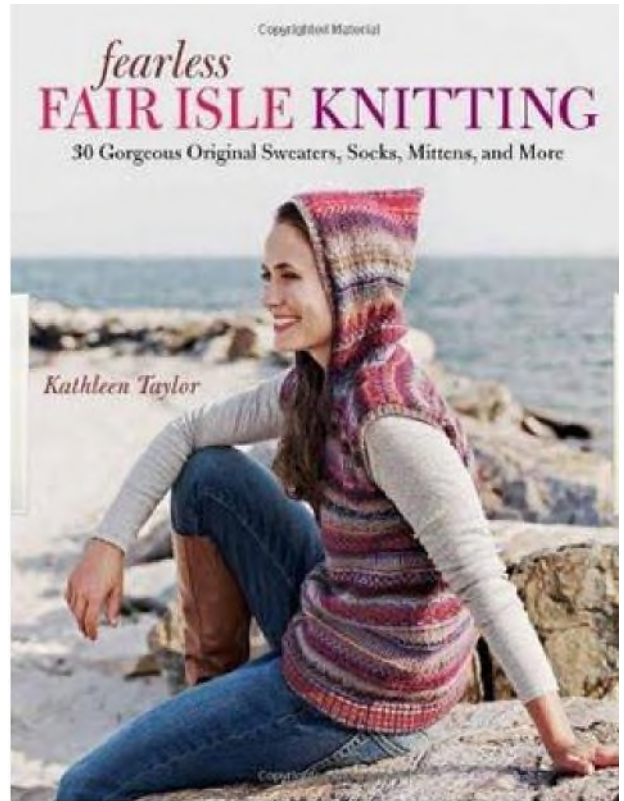
Writer and designer and workshop teacher (wife, mother, grandmother), Kathleen Taylor, author of five knitting books, six mysteries, and over 500 magazine articles, will talk about the fun (and the horror) of being published, working on deadlines, loving knitting, forgetting her two-word line of dialogue 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)

Membership Year 2009-2010

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 14 September, 2010 Program: Snohomish Knitters Guild FIRST Birthday Celebration

Doors open 6:30pm for KnitLab, Program 7pm.

It's been a great first year for the guild. Come to share birthday cake, see a [review of our first year](#), and vote in the new officers for the 2010/2011 membership year.



Event: Evergreen State Fair:

Entries accepted August 13-14. Fair runs August 26 - September 6; Monroe, WA

At our June '10 meeting, Shelley Miars, superintendent of the lace, knit, and crochet department at the Evergreen State Fair shared some history and offered tips for entering your knitwork in the state fair. She ended the program with an invitation and admonition to enter. Here's the scoop so you'll be ready to win that big ribbon. [Read the details here.](#)

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 10 August, 2010 Program: Susan Dirk, [The Big Wooly](#) - Felting

With a background in professional photography and a life long interest in textiles Susan Dirk has been working with fiber since 2002, concentrating on knitting, felting and natural dyeing. She has enjoyed teaching classes to adults and kids at Earthues Textile Design studio, the Nordic Heritage Museum, local yarn shops, on Knitting Cruises in the Pacific Northwest and at a number of schools in the Greater Seattle area.

Join her at the Snohomish Knitters Guild Meeting on the evening of August 10th as she talks about her felting experiences, shows samples of her work and demonstrates the art of felting.
To visit her website, go to www.TheBigWooly.com.

Event: Come join us for an exciting evening of Knitting and Baseball!

Mariners vs. Texas Rangers on Thursday, August 5th, game starts at 7:10 pm at Safeco Field ([map](#)) in Seattle.

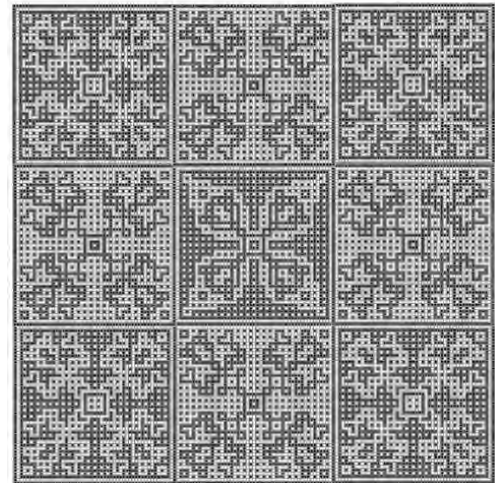
Enjoy the wonderful summer weather, watch a baseball game, and meet Debbie Bliss, while browsing products and samples from local yarn and fiber vendors. The ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by knitting and yarn designer, Debbie Bliss. She will also be available during the game to chat and sign 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. *Note:* Ticket sales closed 30 June 2010 - [you can still order individual tickets directly from the Mariners.](#)

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 13 July, 2010

Program: Abbott Smith - Taming the Color Beast

Our own member, Abbott Smith will talk about color theory and knitting. View his [blog](#) to see in-depth info about color. *Pictured: Abbott's baby blanket design using mosaic knitting.* Abbott has made a packet of mosaic patterns available exclusively to members of the Snohomish Knitters Guild. (Schematic right: [Exclusive Pattern for Snohomish Thistle Mosaic Tiles from Abbott Smith](#))



SKG Monthly Meeting; 8 June, 2010

Program: Evergreen State Fair and Summer Potluck

Bring a potluck dish to next week's meeting! We'll share a meal together and Shelley Miars will share with us the judging criteria for blue ribbons at the fair. Bring your questions as well as any items you have entered in the fair in previous years.

Follow-up: read details that Shelley had to tell us about the fair [here](#).

SKG Monthly Meeting; 11 May, 2010

Program: Mary Scott Huff | Steek Eeeeeek!

Mary, author of [The New Stranded Colorwork](#) will share her enthusiasm and fun spirit with the guild. Books will be available for purchase and signing. See more about Mary at <http://maryscotthuff.com>.



Small Knit Groups: Are you part of a small knit group that has room for more new members? We welcome you to tell us a little about your group. Do you want to form a new group? Write up what you are looking for specifically (ask, they will come!) and announce it at the April meeting. Be creative in your invitation!

SKG Monthly Meeting; April 13, 2010

Program: Book, Yarn Destash Swap and Sale

Realize that you'll never ever knit with that cobweb yarn you bought 15 miles of? Ready to reduce the number of knit books you have? Bring books and great yarn you want to swap and/or sell to the April meeting. Un-swapped materials can be donated to the New Knitter Support committee for the creation of New Knitter kits. Doors open at 6:30pm.

SKG Monthly Meeting; 9 March, 2010

Program: Evelyn Clark | Lace Design

If you've been entranced by knit lace on someone, chances are it was a design of Evelyn's. She is known for her beautiful and completely do-able lace patterns. Evelyn talks about lace design. Design featured in the photo on the left is the "Karin Lace Shawl" - named for our own SKG member, Karin who loves hearts and has been the inspiration for Seattle's Nordic Heritage Museum to create its Nordic Knitting Conference. For more information, please visit www.evelynclarkdesigns.com



SKG Monthly Meeting; 9 February, 2010

Program: Teaching Round Robin | SKG

Learn three techniques: cables, lace and mosaic knitting with a round robin of teaching demonstrations. Due to the limited time, this will be a view-and-learn session. Download the [View and Learn Handout](#) and the [Exclusive Pattern for Snohomish Thistle Mosaic Tiles from Abbott Smith](#) (must sign in to members-only site to download)

We've had a sad loss in our community | Memorial Service for Deb Barnes, Saturday 30 January; 2pm A memorial service for Deb will be held at University Unitarian Church, 6556 35th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115. [See Village Yarn and Tea Website for more info.](#)

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting
Tuesday, 26 January 2010, 7-9pm (see the guild calendar link in right column for agenda)

Please RSVP to.president@snohomishknittersguild.org by Monday 5pm if you plan to attend. All SKG members are welcome to attend. FYI: the plan of record is for the board to meet on months that begin with an odd number (every other month) unless necessity requires otherwise.
Location: Cabbage Patch Restaurant; 111 Avenue A; Snohomish, WA; Located just off of 1st Street

Event: Saturday, 16 January, 2010

Seattle to Portland Yarn Train!

The Seattle to Portland Yarn Train started as a small knit group's day trip to Portland to search for yarn and books. It has grown into a tour of 125+ folks that are up for a fun-filled day-long adventure of knitting and shopping. As of 2009, this event became a sponsored event of the Snohomish Knitters Guild. [See more info here.](#)



SKG Monthly Meeting; 12 January, 2010 Program: Betts Lampers | Trunk Show

Come see our own best-kept-secret! Betts is famous worldwide for her fair-isle and beautiful sweater designs. One of her best-known designs was published in the book "[Sweaters from Camp](#)" (her design is the cover). In addition to her prowess with multi-color design, she is a master of the textured sweater. Don't miss this special evening.



SKG Monthly Meeting; 8 December, 2009 7-9pm Program - Holiday Potluck & One-Skein Exchange

Location: Garden City Grange Hall. [800-2nd Street](#) (click to view map); Snohomish, WA. Doors open at 6:30pm. Time to party... Bring your favorite treat to share and one lovely gift-wrapped skein to exchange with your fellow knitters. We'll eat, knit, and celebrate the holiday season!

Reminder: Nametag Contest for December Party

Design a nametag for the Guild. It can be paper, plastic, knitted, melted, organic, inorganic...use your creativity! We'll put all the entries out and vote on them at the December 8th party. The winning nametag will be adopted by the guild. Each member will create the nametag design chosen, so please remember to include how-to instructions along with your finished nametag entry. Note: no SKG board meeting in December.

Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting

Tuesday, 24 November 2009, 7-9pm (see the guild calendar link in right column for agenda)

Please RSVP to.president@snohomishknittersguild.org by Monday 5pm if you plan to attend. All SKG members are welcome to attend.

Location: Cabbage Patch Restaurant; 111 Avenue A; Snohomish, WA; Located just off of 1st Street

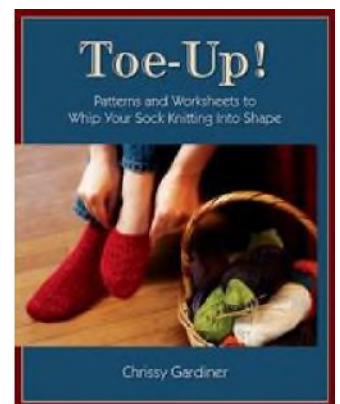
SKG Monthly Meeting; 10 November, 2009 7-9pm Program : Socks From the Toe Up!

Location: Garden City Grange Hall. [800-2nd Street](#) (click to view map); Snohomish, WA. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Meet Chrissy Gardiner, author of the recently released book *Toe Up! Patterns & Worksheets to Whip Your Sock Knitting into Shape*. Chrissy will tell us the story behind her book, share some toe-up sock techniques, answer questions, and sign books. The *Toe Up!* book will be available for purchase.

- For more information, please visit www.toeupsockbook.com

Note about the 10 Nov meeting: Our doors will open at 6:30pm with Help for Beginners, the start of our [Baby Surprise Jacket](#) Knitalong (link is to Ravelry), and a Help Lab for those who are stuck on a pattern. Our program will begin *promptly* at 7pm, there will be a short break, and then we'll have Knit New(s), our SKG business, and Show & Tell.



First Ever Snohomish Knitters Guild Board Meeting

Tuesday, 27 October 2009, 7-9pm (see the guild calendar link in right column for agenda)

Please RSVP to president@snohomishknittersguild.org by Monday 5pm if you plan to attend.

All SKG members are welcome to attend.

Location: Cabbage Patch Restaurant; 111 Avenue A; Snohomish, WA; Located just off of 1st Street

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 13 October, 2009 7-9pm **Program: Knitting, S.E.X (Stash Enhancement Expeditions,) Chocolate and a Little Math...**

We'll also vote in of SKG Board/Officers

Location: Garden City Grange Hall. [800-2nd Street](#) (click to view map);

Snohomish, WA. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Spend an entertaining evening with Cheryl Brunette, author of *Sweater 101: How to Plan Sweaters that Fit... and Organize Your Knitting Life at the Same Time*. The book comes highly recommended by such knitting world divas as Meg Swansen of Schoolhouse Press, Lea-Ann McGregor of Knitting Today, Linda Skolnik, founder of Patternworks, and Wendy Bernard of Knit and Tonic. Indulge in chocolate treats and ask all the questions you want! Books will be available at the event, and Cheryl will happily sign them!

- **Please bring a calculator, notebook, and pencil with an eraser.**
- **For more information, please visit www.sweater101.com**

October Program Follow Up

Cheryl Brunette, author of Sweater 101, posted a note on her blog about her visit with us. From Cheryl "Thank you, thank you, thank you you welcoming and talented women . . ."

[See Cheryl's blog entry](#) about her visit to the SKG.

SKG Monthly Meeting; Tuesday, 8 September 2009, 7-9pm **Program: First meeting of the Snohomish Knitters Guild - Getting to Know You**

Location: Garden City Grange Hall. [800-2nd Street](#) (click to view map);

Snohomish, WA. Doors open at 6:30pm.

We'll have cake to celebrate our beginning, and even a few party games to help us get to know one another. Join for \$30/year and we'll put together some fantastic programs... Bring your projects for show and tell. We look forward to knitting with you!

- Please submit your [membership form here](#). Annual dues will be collected in September for Oct '09 - Sept '10.

August 2009

- Programming lined up for Fall sessions at the SKG. If you are interested in serving on the program committee, please info@snohomishknitterguild.org.

- Steering committee serves as the first nominating committee. They will contact all the folks that have indicated a willingness to serve in an official capacity to create a docket of SKG officers for an official vote at the October SKG meeting.

July 2009

- 12 July We've secured a location for the 8 September first meeting: Garden City Grange Hall in the city of Snohomish. Yay!

- 22 July, [Bylaw ratification](#) (link opens ratified SKG bylaws). See [meeting minutes](#). We are now a formal guild with bylaws!

June 2009

We had a great response to the call for a hand-knitters guild in Snohomish County. See the results of the [SKG feasibility survey](#) (link opens the survey).