

What the Knit!

A 501(c)(3) corporation PO Box 21594, Bakersfield, CA 93390

Guild Meeting Saturday February 11th, 2017

9:00 AM to Noon at the Kern Co.
Supt. of Schools Bldg. at
1300 17th Street, Room 1A
Free parking in structure
accessible from 18th Street

Plan for an informal "social knit" during the last hour of the guild meeting. We're going to break into groups to give some hands-on individual assistance. Bring something to knit. OR Bring a project you're "**stuck**" on and get hands on help from an experienced knitter. OR Bring your i-Pad or similar device used for **Ravelry**.

Also bring donation yarn, needles, and accessories to this guild meeting. We collect and donate it to the high school librarians who have yarn clubs. The students will appreciate it. Bring items you have either lost interest in or have too much or too many of (i.e. stitch markers).

Keep in mind that the raffled items at the monthly guild meetings also come from your donations. If you would like to contribute to that pool specifically, contact Judi Joyce at joycejrmom@gmail.com.

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At Large - Sharon Wainwright

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- * Fair Coordinator - **Janie Reiland**
- * Greeter - **Sharon Wainwright**
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- * Newsletter - **Claire Christian**
- * Pay It Forward Committee - **Pam Neufeld**
- * Retreat Committee - **Kate Birkbeck, Cindy McBride & Linda Neel**
- * Focused Sponsorships - **Cathy Henry**
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- * Web Design - **Cindy McBride**
- * Historian - **Deb Ogilvie**

Note from the editor, Claire Christian.

Suzanne Bryan asked me if I'd like to edit the newsletter for the guild. Certainly! The toughest part of a newsletter is constant content. We are a guild to share, support and inform. Nothing is too small to report. In the knitting niche of our lives, we can relate to each other. It'll be YOU who makes this newsletter fun and interesting!

My vision for the newsletter is to move some of the official business to our website what-the-knit.org. For example, we usually read a newspaper and discard it when done, but we keep our phone book in a drawer for future reference. The website will be our phone book. When you have a question, you'll be able to look to the website for answers. It will have a calendar, list of board members, contact information, renewal forms, event forms, deadlines, etc.

Please submit any and all opinions, stories, photos, events, ideas, anecdotes, etc. to Claire Christian at claire@dbchristian.com.

Here is a brain-storming list to get you going...

What is the most unusual place you have knitted?

What is the most unusual comment you've received when knitting?

What is your greatest knitting disaster?

How far away have you travelled for yarn?

What is the most unusual yarn you've used and why?

Have you ever "yarn-bombed" anything? (see page 5)

What is the longest "yarn-crawl" you've ever been part of?

What is the oldest piece of knitted/crocheted item in your possession?

Who made it? What's its back-story?

What is on your needles?

Those who travel? We'd like to hear about the yarn stores you see along the way.

Have you found a great yarn, book or pattern? Write a few lines about it.

Do you know any independent yarn vendors? I chatted with a guild member who knows a lady in Montana who creates yarn but only ships it within the state! Why is that?

Have you been to a fire-pit knitting?

And I love "before and after" photos.

How about a knitting related Word Search or Crossword Puzzle?

How about a Raverly riddle? Create a hunt with clues within the Ravelry site.

General Information Contact

admin@what-the-knit.org

What the Knit! Web Page

<http://what-the-knit.org>

You can always get the most up to date information on our Ravelry forum.

<http://www.ravelry.com/groups/bakersfield-what-the-knit>



More than 25 people braved the rain and wet on Saturday January 21st to enjoy the camaraderie of others at the SW library social knitting. Barbara N. kindly brought along her ball winder and swift. We met one new young knitter who wants to learn! We all mingled and came away rejuvenated!

SOCIAL KNITTING. Come one, come all! Please join us at the regular informal gatherings we refer to as social knitting. We meet to sit, chat, knit, and sometimes eat. (Or is it "sit, chat, eat, and sometimes knit?...") The atmosphere is casual. There is no agenda, no cost, and no need to be a guild member. Bring a friend and whatever project is on your needles. Enjoy the works and process of other knitters, crocheters and spinners. There is always room for one more.

Weekly - Every **Tuesday morning** from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at **Panera Bread on California Ave** near the Hobby Lobby store. Sometimes we go to lunch afterwards.

Weekly - Every **Wednesday evening** from 5:00 PM to ~7:30 PM at **Panera Bread on Stockdale Hwy** near Target. Most, but not everyone, eats dinner here.

Monthly – **3rd Saturday** of every month from 9:00 AM to Noon in the SW Library at 8301 Ming Ave. In the large room to your left just after you enter the main doors. Next meet up is February 18th.

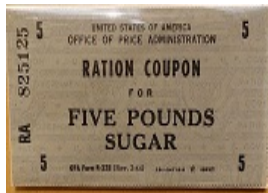
February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7 Social Knit at Panera Bread California Ave 9 AM	8 Social Knit at Panera Bready Stockdale Hwy 5 PM	9	10	11 Guild Meeting 9 AM to Noon
12	13	14 Social Knit at Panera Bread California Ave 9 AM	15 Social Knit at Panera Bready Stockdale Hwy 5 PM	16	17 	18 Social Knit at Library 9 AM 
19	20	21 Social Knit at Panera Bread California Ave 9 AM	22 Social Knit at Panera Bready Stockdale Hwy 5 PM	23 Stitches West Santa Clara	24 Stitches West Santa Clara	25 Stitches West Santa Clara
26 Stitches West Santa Clara	27	28 Social Knit at Panera Bread California Ave 9 AM	March 11th, Guild Meeting 9 AM to Noon-topic TBD March 18th, Saturday Social Knitting 9 AM to Noon April 29th, Open House has been cancelled May 13th, Guest speaker from the weaving guild June 10th, World Wide Knit in Public Day September 29th-October 1st, Fall Retreat			

February Birthdays

Rita Bright - I love celebrating my birthday. When my Mother was alive she would make me a chocolate cake with chocolate frosting that was like fudge. I looked forward to that every year. Now that she's gone, I get my 3 layer chocolate, chocolate cake at Tahoe Joe's which is our favorite place to eat. Also, my daughter who loves to scrapbook usually makes me a special card. I love that I'm still having birthdays!!



Theresa Burich - One birthday I remember was my 25th. I was expecting my first baby at any minute and I remember sitting at home on my couch in a clean house (because I had a housekeeper at that time) just watching tv and knitting a little sweater for the baby. I felt very content and blessed and excited and peaceful. She finally showed up two weeks later and I haven't had a moment of peace or a clean house since then! That was 25 years and 5 kids ago. Time flies!



Carol Fant - During the war, when I was in second grade, my mother, who had 2 friends born on my birthdate, went to a lot of trouble to save up our sugar coupons in order to have enough to make 3 very special birthday cakes. A pink one for me, and one blue and one green for the ladies. Each cake beautifully decorated!

Harriet Morris - In my younger years, my birthday was the day before a holiday, Washington's Birthday. Therefore, we were allowed to watch TV after supper. Normally, we had to do homework, no TV. So it was a treat to see I Love Lucy, Our Miss Brooks, etc. TV was on/off and no remote. Can't believe I'll soon be 76.



Susan Patrick - It would definitely be my 50th birthday. Went to the happiest place on earth (Disneyland) with my daughter. It was a spontaneous trip and one of the best I had. We both celebrated our birthdays together. Had so much fun!

Pam Neufeld - I think my favorite birthdays were when I was a child. My Mom would always bake a three layer chocolate cake with custard filling. She would make a small cake for me and I didn't have to share! Another birthday was on my 40th. My friends planned a fifties party with the poodle skirts and bobby socks. My husband dressed like Elvis, even with the horrible black wig.



Eva Nipp - My 70th birthday in 2016 was celebrated in Death Valley's super bloom amongst a sea of yellow flowers, great friends, and a huge, 2 ft high bottle of wine. This year's birthday I'll celebrate at the CSUB Kegley Institute of Ethics awards banquet honoring my husband for a lifetime of ethical work on local environmental issues.

THE WONDERFUL WALLABY : A HOODED SWEATER FOR ALL AGES, Carol Anderson and Kristi Williams. Cottage Creations. copyright 1984

This booklet contains directions for knitting a seamless sweater for anyone ... it has directions for sizes from two to "supersize adult". This is a "knitted version of the ever popular hooded, cotton sweatshirt" and also has a hand-warming pouch that eliminates the need for mittens.

At the library social knitting on Saturday the 21st, Suzanne Bryan shared this completed WALLABY she made for her granddaughter. The authors recommend worsted weight yarn, but Suzanne used a lighter weight.

Look for a WALLABY booklet to be given away soon probably at our next Guild meeting! - Barbara Norman



<https://www.purlsoho.com/the-wonderful-wallaby.html> click for site that sells booklet \$7.50
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/wonderful-wallaby> click to see more of these sweaters

Amanda Swanson yarn bombed Juliet at the Utah Shakespeare Festival in 2014.

"My best friend and I go every summer and binge watch live Shakespeare and eat the world's best wood-fired pizza. There are almost always other knitters at the post play lectures. We throw in a little hiking and have a great time!" -Amanda

"Yarn bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fiber rather than paint or chalk."-Wikipedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarn_bombing



January 14, 2017 Guild Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board Member Cathy Henry at 9:15. There were 40 present. Board members present were Cathy Henry, Jacki Rickles, Renee Petrowsky, Sharon Wainwright, and Amy St Amour.

Announcements:

We will be collecting yarn to donate to 3 high school knitting clubs at our February meeting.

We will be having StevenBe conduct classes and a fashion show on February 17-18 at the Beale Library. Registration will be held soon. Three classes will be offered at \$45 per class. The fashion show on Friday evening will be free to guild members. Non-guild members who wish to attend will be charged a \$25 guild membership fee. An email with details will go out to members soon, at which time they are encouraged to submit their choice of classes to Suzanne.

Our Open House will be held on April 29 at the Beale Library. Claire Christian has agreed to become the editor of our newsletter. Registration for knitting classes through the Levan Institute is now open. There are about 7 openings in the beginning knitting class. Check online to register.

Reports from the Board:

Treasurer Jacki Rickels said that our current balance is \$2076.00.

Reports from Committee Chairs:

Membership – Cindy McBride reminded us that it is time to update our 2017 dues. She also shared that she is continuing to work on the directory.

Pay It Forward - Pam Neufeld is still collecting hats for the homeless (along with toiletries) and preemies.

Amanda Swanson announced that she has taken more than **89 hats** to San Joaquin hospital for Heart Disease Awareness month. It was estimated that over 100 hats were donated by members of the guild.

Knitted Knockers – Jacqui Engstrom said there is still a need for Knitted Knockers, especially in the smaller sizes.

Judi Joyce volunteered to be in charge of our drawings and the prizes that are given out.

We had several drawings, our show and tell session, and a break.

Education:

Cindy McBride showed us how to rip out and recondition yarn.

Donna Ponton showed us how to wind yarn into a ball.

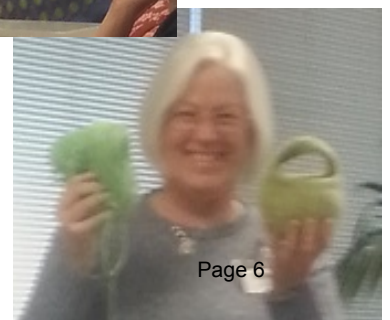
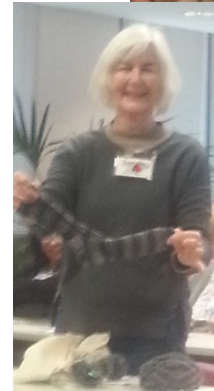
Amanda demonstrated how to post a picture on Ravelry.

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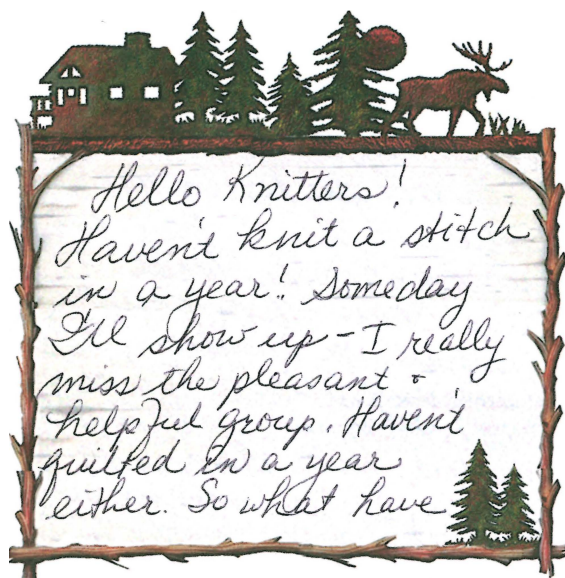
Our next meeting will be held on February 11, 2017. The location will be announced closer to that date. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

Seven went to lunch at Woolworths.

Renee Petrowsky
Secretary



Cards , Letters, & Notes



I been doing? Too much
 travelling Greenland,
 Iceland, Cuba, Canada, etc.
 Each trip produces 1000's of
 pictures + then I have to give
 programs for the local
 Sierra Club - that takes months
 to prepare. In addition, I've been
 to dozens of doctors - Tuesday
 I go to LA again - so there goes
 my time. My plan is to
 return. In the meantime I'll
 just send in membership to show
 my support. Thanks, Eva Nipp

from Eva Nipp

Thank
 you for the
 hats so adorable
 Viviana

For all your effort
 and time, thank
 you! Elaine

Thank you so much
 for the adorable hats!
 Emily

Thank
 you!
 Maria

Thank you
 so much for the
 very cute knitted
 hats. ♥️

Thank you so
 much. The babies
 will look so cute
 with the little hats
 Julie

Thank you
 so much! Loren

Thank you very much, Cheri
 Thank you so much for the
 time and effort you put in
 for our babies!

Jenna

Thank you
 NICU
 Staff

Thank you
 Kelly

Thanks
 Vigi

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Re: Hats for Hugs



Celebrate the spirit of the season.

Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Keep Knitting

Hugs and Love to all,

Grandy - Ruth Rockledge

We are accepting registrations for the 2017 What the Knit Fall Retreat. If you have not already sent in your registration along with your deposit, now is a good time to do so. Contact the retreat committee (listed on page one.)

About the Instructors for our What the Knit Fall 2017 Retreat

Beth Brown Reinsel

<http://www.knittingtraditions.com>

Beth is a world renowned knitting instructor. She has a wonderfully warm and friendly style of teaching knitting. She loves to share her knowledge of the skill of the craft along with its the history.

She will be teaching us traditional styles of knitting.
Beth is a TKGA Master Hand Knitter



Binka Schwan

Binka is also TKGA Master Hand Knitter and is a current Co-Chair on the Master Hand Knitting Committee. She is also the Vice President of Education for The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA). Binka has published a series of articles and has taught many classes in her series of Knitting 911. She is an expert of fixing and preventing mistakes.