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# What the Knit!

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**January 14, 2017**

**Guild Meeting - 9:00 am until 12:00pm  
1300 17th Street Room 1B**

## **Educational Topic:**

**How to rip out UFO's and repurpose the yarn. We will learn how to use a niddy niddy, swift and ball winder as well as how to wind a ball by hand or use a nøstepinde.**

**Bring a UFO (unfinished object) that you want to unravel and a niddy niddy if you have one. If you have nothing to rip out, you can help your neighbor with hers/his.**

★We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 to noon at the Superintendent of Schools Building, 2000 K St., Bakersfield, CA.

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

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/whattheknit/>

## ★Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the *What the Knit!* Guild is essentially the same as that of TKGGA, which is to provide education for knitters at all levels of ability and communication to advance the quality of workmanship and creativity in their knitting endeavors.

For the majority of the members knitting is just a hobby, so our primary goals are to have fun, make new knitting friends and improve our knitting skills.

*Affiliated with The Knitting Guild Association*  
[www.tkga.com](http://www.tkga.com)

# December Recap



## **WHAT ELSE ARE WE UP TO?**

Since we love spending time with each other so much, we do meet more often than once a month.

### **WEEKLY SOCIAL KNITTING**

#### **Tuesday mornings -**

You can find us at **Panera Bread** on California Ave near the Hobby Lobby store. We start gathering at 9:00 am and stay until about 11:30. Sometimes we go to lunch afterwards.

#### **Wednesday evenings -**

You can find us at **Panera Bread** on Stockdale Hwy. We usually get there around 5:00 pm and stay until about 7:30 or so.

### **NEW - COME JOIN US**

### **MONTHLY SOCIAL KNITTING**

We have been able to secure the auditorium room at the Southwest Library located on Ming Ave near The Marketplace.

The auditorium is the room to your left just after you enter the main doors.

We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 until noon.

This is open to any knitter, crocheter or spinner. There is no program, or sign in. No cost, no need to be a guild member. Just come, sit, knit and enjoy your friends company. Food is allowed.

Bring your friends too.

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

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

## **Calendar**

**Jan 14, 2017 - 9:00- 12:00 - Guild Meeting - Repurposing your yarn.**

**Jan 21, 2017 - 9:00-12:00 - Social Knitting Southwest Library**

**Feb 11, 2017 - 9:00 - 12:00 - Guild Meeting - Educational Topic - Improving your Tension. Also, bring your yarn that needs a new home to be donated.**

**Feb 17-18, 2017 - Steven Be - classes to be announced. See newsletter for details.**

**Feb 18, 2017 - Social Knitting Southwest Library**

**Feb 23 - 26, 2017 - Stitches West, Santa Clara - <http://www.knittinguniverse.com/West2017/>**

**March 11, 2017 - 9:00-12:00 Guild Meeting**

**March 18, 2-17 - 9:00-12:00 Social Knitting**

**April 29, 2017 - Guild Open House**

**Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2017 What the Knit Fall Retreat**

**Mark your Calendars Now**

## Executive Board Members

**President** - Suzanne Bryan  
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**Parliamentarian** - Cathy Henry

**At Large** - Amy St Amour

**At Large** - Sharon Wainwright

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### Committee Chairs

- \* Program - **Suzanne Bryan**
- \* Fair Coordinator - **Janie Reiland**
- \* Greeter - **Sharon Wainwright**
- \* Hospitality Committee - **Linda Neel**
- \* Librarian - **Barbara Norman** -  
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- \* Membership Committee - **Cindy McBride**
- \* Newsletter - **Suzanne Bryan**
- \* Pay It Forward Committee - **Pam Neufeld**
- \* Retreat Committee - **Kate Birkbeck, Cindy McBride & Linda Neel**
- \* Focused Sponsorships - **Cathy Henry**
- \* Sunshine - **April Cox**
- \* Web Design - **Cindy McBride**
- \* Historian - **Deb Ogilvie**

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**What the Knit! Web Page**

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

## From the President

January is our renewal month, not just for renewing membership, but for renewing our enthusiasm for knitting and our friendships with each other.

We start out the year by ripping out a project that we are no longer in love with. You know the one, the one sitting in the corner throwing guilt trips on us for not getting it done, and preventing us from enjoying a new project.

We learn how to repurpose the yarn and make it new so that we can use it in a new project.

Out with the old and in with the new.

Then in February, we gather all of the yarn that we have lost interest in and bring it to donate to the high-school librarians who have yarn clubs. The students will appreciate it. You can also donate knitting needles and other knitting accessories.

We are still collecting guild dues for 2017. You will find a guild renewal form with this newsletter.

And, we taking deposits for the fall retreat. If you have not sent yours in yet, please do so soon. We still have room for you. The retreat registration form is also attached with this newsletter.

See you soon,

Suzanne

## **January Birthdays**

Mary Straw  
Suzanne Bryan  
Grace Rubino  
Erma Giachino  
Shari Mendonca

## **StevenB Will Be Here**

**Feb 17th, Friday:**

**1:00 - 4:00 Workshop**

**5:30 - 7:30 Fashion Show**

**Feb 18th, Saturday:**

**10:30 - 1:30 - Workshop**

**2:30 - 5:30 - Workshop**

**See attached registration form for details**

**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. Attached with this newsletter is the registration information and form. We would love to have you join us.**

### **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 TKGGA Master Hand Knitter



**Binka Schwan**

Binka is also TKGGA 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.

## **December 10, 2016 Guild Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM by President Suzanne Bryan. Board members present were Jacki Rickles, Renee Petrowsky, Sharon Wainwright, Katherine Birkbeck, and Cathy Henry. There were 50 ladies present.

### **Announcements:**

Suzanne shared that the guild will be bringing Steven Be here on February 17 and 18. He will hold 3 classes and a fashion show.

It was decided at the board meeting to hold an open house in 2017. April 18, is a possible date.

Cindy McBride reminded us that it is time to renew dues for the next year.

Amanda Swanson shared that Wednesday, December 21, is the last day to get red hats to her. After that date they can be dropped off in the San Joaquin Hospital gift shop.

We then had our potluck, and gift exchange which lasted until about 12:45.

Renee Petrowsky  
Secretary

## **December 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 AM by President Suzanne Bryan. Board members present were Cathy Henry, Suzanne Bryan, Amy St Amour, Jacki Rickels, Katherine Birkbeck, Sharon Wainwright, and Renee Petrowsky.

Suzanne passed out an Annual Timeline for Guild Functions.

### **Finances**

The budget for 2017 (attached) was submitted. Suzanne made a motion that it be approved, Sharon seconded, and it was passed.

The following items need to be taken care of by Treasurer Jacki:

- File 1099s
- File IRS form 990
- File CA RRF-1
- File CA tax form if needed
- Submit CA Statement of Information

## **Steven Be Event**

The contract for the Steven Be Event, February 17 and 18, was discussed.

Three classes were chosen: Ponchini, Big City Knits, and Know Your Color.

Suzanne will check on the availability of the library for the classes, and Cathy will check on a venue for the fashion show. Each class will have 22 students, and the fashion show will be for 100.

Suzanne suggested that the fashion show be free for guild members, and \$25 for all others, to promote membership.

## **Educational Topics**

The following topics were suggested:

January – Repurposing yarn

February – Gauge and tension

March – Weaving ends

April – Seaming

May - Guest speaker from the weaving guild

June – World Wide Knit in Public Day

Suzanne said that she has had requests to do a workshop on It Takes A Guild Sweater. This might be possible during the summer. No other workshops are planned.

It was decided to have an Open House next April.

## **Policies and Procedures**

It was discussed that we need to make changes to our Policies and Procedures. For example, we need an organized money flow so that membership renewal forms are sent to the post office box. Jacki will then send the form to Cindy to update the roster. We will look at the Policies and Procedures at the next quarterly board meeting with the intent of making revisions. Suzanne asked that Board Members to familiarize themselves with the Policies and Procedures prior to the next meeting.

Our next board meeting will be March 10, 2017, at 11:30 at Mexicali.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53.

Renee Petrowsky  
Secretary