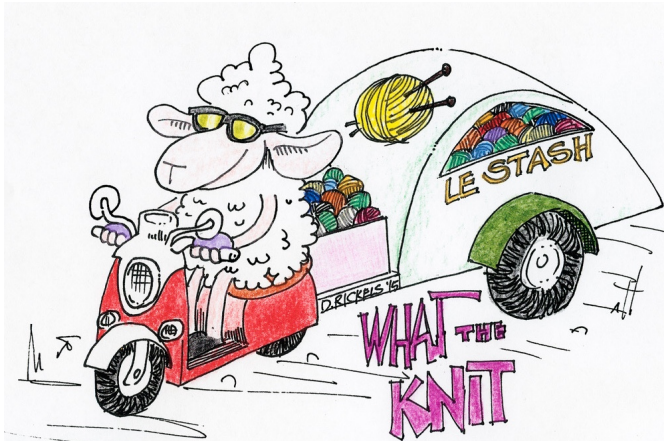


# WHAT THE KNIT!

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October 2017 Newsletter



**October 14, 2017 Guild Meeting**  
**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

**Kern County Library  
Southwest Branch  
8301 Ming Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA**

**The educational topic will be buttonholes.**

#### **Homework -**

With smooth, light colored, worsted weight yarn and US 7 or 8 needles:

- 1) Cast on 7 sts. Work in k1, p1 ribbing for one inch. Keep work on needles or waste yarn or needle holder, break yarn and leave tail 15 inches long.
- 2) Cast on 7 sts and work in garter st for 1". Keep stitches on needles or waste yarn or needle holder, break yarn and leave tail 15 inches long.
- 3) Cast on 8 sts and work in k1,p1 ribbing for one inch. Keep work on needles or waste yarn or needle holder, do not break yarn.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Meeting location changes from time to time depending on room availability. Notices go out via this newsletter, emails, and postings on Facebook regarding the location.

#### **Website/Blog:**

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

Email:

[admin@what-the-knit.org](mailto:admin@what-the-knit.org)

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 that of The Knitting Guild Association, 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 members knitting is just a hobby, so our primary goals are to have fun, make new knitting friends and improve our knitting skills.

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**... today's forecast**

**100% Chance of Knitting**

# knitted knockers knit off



There are some amazing entries for the Knitted Knocker Knit off and they are all now on display at the Breast Center at Adventist Health Bakersfield until October 12. Please take time to go see the display and vote in the contest. On-Line voting will be posted soon.

The community and the Guild thanks Jacqui Engstrand for her commitment to helping women who have a need for knitted knockers. I personally have had the pleasure of making one of someone I know who went without a breast for 24 years because the prosthetic was not comfortable and didn't work for her. She loves her new knocker and I love that I was able to help in this small way.

## Notable Dates in Knitting History

**Around 1000 CE:** Knitting evolved from other similar crafts.

**1000:** First knitter realizes she doesn't have enough yarn to finish her father's socks.

**1500:** Purl stitch arrives and opens a world of possibilities

**1527:** First knitting guild, comprised of only men, formed.

**Redacted from The Yarn Harlot's Guide to the Land of Knitting.**



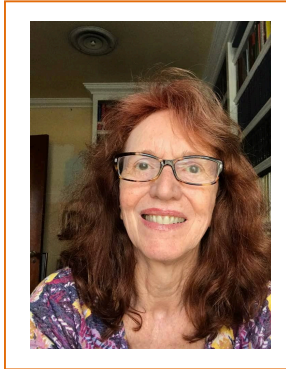
Congratulations to Cathy Henry for being selected for this years "Excellence In Knitting" award. The prize is given by the guild for what we consider the best over-all knitted project from all knitted entries in the fair. The committee was impressed with Cathy's stitch pattern, seaming, and blocking. The prize consists of a knitting bag, one year's guild membership, \$25 cash, a book, and yarn, which will be given at the next guild meeting.

**Reminder:** If you entered items in the fair this year, please bring them to the guild meeting so that we can all see them! Thanks much for participating!

*Rene Petrowsky*

A pattern is a guide or a model. Patterns are used in sewing and knitting, in wood and metalworking, and in a wide variety of other productive pursuits, activities, and jobs. Patterns help to avoid waste and unwanted deviations and facilitate uniformity that is appropriate and beneficial. ~ David A. Bednar

# President's Message



Hello Knitters,

Fall is finally here after a very HOT summer. It has been so lovely the last couple of weeks that we can almost forget about all that heat.

Time to break out the fall and winter knitting - Yay!

We just returned from our 4th Annual Fall Retreat and everyone had a wonderful time. So many people came together and made this event fun and exciting. Thanks go out to all those who participated in the retreat.

We have many more retreats to look forward to in the future.

The knitting exhibit at the Kern County Fair was also wonderful and came together with the aid of many guild members. Renee really did a great job of coordinating the whole function. Thank you Renee!

Be sure to drop by the Cancer Center at SJCH and see the Knitted Knockers Display and vote for your favorite. Thank you Jacqui for organizing such a wonderful charitable event. There are so many fun and creative entries. You just have to go by and see them in person.

We are so fortunate to have so many talented, gifted and generous guild members. Every single person brings something wonderful to the guild and we love you all.

Happy Knitting,  
Suzanne



# This and That



## From Barbara Norman's Kitchen Pretzel Chocolate Candies

**Place mini twists pretzels onto cookie sheet and place a Rolo candy on top. Heat in 350 degree oven for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes ... just until candy is soft! Remove from oven and quickly, while candy is hot and soft, top with a half walnut piece and press down gently. Place in fridge to set. I want to try this recipe using mini Reese's candies!**



## Too Much is Not Enough

For fiber artists there is no such thing of too much yarn, too many needles, or too many projects, but for others watching as yet another package of goodies arrives at the front door step, we may seem just a tad bit nuts, a little obsessive-compulsive. Pffftt! What do they know!?

There are a few of us who have no distortion of space and time: the space it takes to store fiber (stash) or the time it takes to finish a project. There are actually people who plan each project carefully and don't buy yarn for the next one until they are finished with the one they are working on. Yeah, I know. Perplexes me too. They must be engineers or scientist or weirdoes. Nevertheless, they exist and we could learn from them.

I currently have five projects going: an easy-peasy shawl, an afghan, a fair isle scarf, and a slouch hat. I did have seven going, but I frogged two after deciding I didn't like them at all. I usually have a pair of socks going, but not at this time. I do need to get my Christmas sock knitting going, though.

What about you? How many fiber projects do you have going? Do you always finish or are you, like me, an abandoner? What about stash? Just a little or BLE (beyond life expectancy)? One set of needles or an assortment?

## Needles and Friends

Some collect many.  
Some a few will do just fine.

Some are sturdy metals.  
Some are warm woods.  
Some are splintery, if not carefully kept.

Some are shiny, while others are rare, or  
one of a kind.

Some are plastic, with a tendency to  
breakage and good to learn with. The  
investment is minimal until you're  
committed.

Some are flexible with a capacity to stretch  
and hold many things dear.

Some glow in the dark I hear!

Some are interchangeable with many points  
of view.

Some are short, but useful in emergencies!

Some are sharp, getting right to the point ...  
others "doubly" so.  
Some are loose in the joints. Oops, I mean  
joins.

Some have been held by generations. They  
are curved by their heritage and prayer. You  
can feel the projects of their life if you listen  
carefully.

I go through phases knitting with my  
different friends.

They make my life meaningful.  
I think I love them all.

**Stacey Hungerford**



## Library Books

### **The Magic Loop** (donated by Katherine Birkbeck)

This book teaches the technique of using one circular needle to knit in the round. According to the author, who says she is "a bit too stingy to want to buy more than one circular needle in the same size", all you need for any project is one longer needle, but the length should be at least 32" long. Her favorite is the 40" length needles. This book teaches the technique and includes patterns for wristlets, an adult top down winter sock and easy toe-up baby socks.



### **Freeform: Serendipitous Design Techniques for Knitting and Crochet \** (donated by Carol Ray)

This is a book that our knitters AND our Crocheters will find interesting and even suggests mixing the two forms. This book encourages creativity and explains the process of using different stitch patterns in your project: Fisherman's Rib, Double Moss, Basket, and crochet shapes, etc.

You can check with **Barbara Norman** to check out either of these books from our extensive library.





# Fall Retreat

***The reason we need a retreat is to recover from the advance.  
~ Fr. Terry Richie***

When we get toward the end of the calendar year and the beginning of a new school year, we are weary of the daily grind and exhausted from the hustle and bustle. We are ready to turn off the news, the smart phones, the computers and let someone else prepare our food while we spend time with like-minded friends recovering from the advance. There is no better way to do this than in the mountains, with needles and yarn at hand, learning to make beautiful things.

Ronnie Warren and his family were not able to attend the retreat after paying. Rather than getting a refund, they donated the full amount paid to the Knitting Guild. Such a generous gesture!

The annual Fall Retreat has come and gone. If you were not able to make it to this years retreat, plan your budget and put it on your calendar for next year.



What The Knit Guild meeting - September 9, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne at 9:20.

New members were introduced.

Suzanne went over the agenda for the day.

Jacque Engstrand updated the members about the Knotted Knockers Knit-off. Entries are due September 15.

Judy Joyce reminded members of the intake dates for the Fair, and encouraged members to sign up to be available at the fair. We would like to have 2 members present for each "shift".

Cindy reported that the membership application is available online.

Drawing

Show and Tell: Members presented current and completed projects. Pictures by each table photographer were to be sent to Claire.

Drawing

After a short break, Christian DeSario from Creative Ewe in Santa Clarita made a presentation about the various fibers used in yarn.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18. Afterwards, Christian presented a trunk show from his shop.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy Henry  
Secretary