

WHAT THE KNIT!

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September 9, 2017 Guild Meeting and Creative Ewe Trunk Show

9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Parish Hall
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
2216 17th St (NE corner of 17th & B St.)
Bakersfield, CA**

As you face the church, the door on the right side of the patio will get you headed in the right direction. Parking lot is on SE corner of 17th St and B St.

We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Typically, we meet at the Superintendent of Schools Bldg, 2000 K St., but meeting location changes from time to time depending on room availability.

Website/Blog:

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

Email:

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.

Affiliated with The Knitting Guild Association. www.tkga.com

Even if you believe it to be true and can probably get a note from a psychiatrist who will appear as a witness in court to back you up, never say to a knitter: "You're very obsessed with this string thing." ~Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

knitted knockers knit off



A reminder to join What the Knit, for our first Knitted Kocker Knit Off! You are encouraged to knit or crochet as wild, crazy and creative a pair of knockers you can think of and submit them to help raise awareness about breast cancer and the knitted knocker program. Come up with a theme for your knockers & submit them to Jacqui Engstrand at the Breast Center at Adventist Health Bakersfield with a \$25 entry fee by September 15.

For more information, the poster and entry form are at the end of the newsletter.

Wool, I'll be darn!

Did you know that in Ireland, the cost to shear a sheep is more than the wool can be sold for? That's right. This is due to low demand from Chinese buyers who are favoring Australian Merino wool. The market even affects sheep shearers. ("Sheep Shearers" – say that fast 3 times.)

~Claire Christian

Cha cha cha changes

There are changes in the air. Maybe it's the anticipation of Fall, which has to be a knitter's favorite season or an observation by our President that we could do better; but our trusted servants, Cindy McBride and Claire Christian (with assists from Bill and Stacey Hungerford), have made some changes/improvements to the Guild's website.

It looks better and is more streamlined. Best of all, you no longer have to sign in to get to photos or member information. Member information will be emailed to all paid members on at least an annual basis, and quarterly if needed due to additions, subtractions, or changes in personal information.

Thanks to all these folks for their hard work! The website looks great!



If you are able to go knit at the fair, contact Judi Joyce. This "duty" is a lot of fun and only on the weekends. No experience necessary! Just talk to the nice people who stop by, let them know about the guild and hand them a flyer.

Also, if you entered items in the fair, be sure and bring them with you to the October Guild meeting, along with your entry stubs so you can be entered into a drawing for a nice prize!

See you at the fair!
Rene Petrowsky

A Blast From the Past



Last month we published a photo of Jacqui Engstrand from her high school knitting days. This month I had the privilege of talking to Jane Kleindienst who provided this photo of her and her knitting friends sitting on the steps of East Bakersfield High School back in 1949!

Sorry for the quality of the photo, but it was the best I could do. Look at the way these young ladies were dressed. Times, they have changed.

Jane told me everyone knitted in those days. “We all knitted socks for our boyfriends.” I asked her if she still had her boyfriend after knitting him socks (the old “Knit a Sweater for your Boyfriend Curse. The quickest way to lose a boyfriend was to knit him a sweater.)

Jane said, “Oh yeah. We were married for sixty-five years.” Jane just lost her beloved husband last year. She’s unable to get to Guild meetings due to a conflict in her schedule, but you can find her at social knitting at the Kern County Library on Ming every third Monday of the month. If you haven’t met her, do yourself a favor and make it a point to do so. Jane is a sweet lady with a wealth of knitting knowledge.

President's Message



Hello Knitters,

This month's educational component of the Guild meeting is going to be fun.

Christian of Creative Ewe will be discussing various fibers and their uses as well as types of yarn (twist, plies, fiber content) and will be bringing many examples to share.

Once the guild meeting is adjourned (after presentation by Christian) he will be sharing a trunk show with us. It is like bringing his yarn store to us. He will have yarn and knitting notions for sale.

Be sure to bring a friend, non-guild members can attend one time before they will need to become a member. So this is a good time to share the guild with your friends.

For more educational material, be sure to check out my YouTube page for several new videos. [Knitting With Suzanne](#)

I hope all of you take a moment to check out the [What the Knit! webpage](#). We aren't finished with it yet, but we are making changes. There are a ton of photos on the webpage – maybe even one or two of you.

See you September 9th!

Suzanne

Lost and Found

Have you ever lost a needle or a stitch marker and gone to extraordinary lengths to find it?

Some of our knitters do!



Claire C. found a clever way to keep track of those metal stitch markers.



No more desperate searches for the elusive stitch marker!

This and That

As I finish up this edition of the newsletter, it's Labor Day. Many of you are enjoying a day off to knit, barbeque, go to the beach, relax with family, or all of the above. There was a time when spinning, knitting, weaving, and other handcrafts were not leisure pursuits, but necessary to clothe the family.



We've come a long way. I don't know about you, but I'm grateful I have these skills. Hopefully, they'll never become critical again, but I'm ready if they do.

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WEAPONS OF MASS
CONSTRUCTION

August 12, 2017 Guild Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Bryan at 9:15 AM. Board members present were Suzanne Bryan, Jacki Rickels, Katherine Birkbeck, and Claire Christian. There were 46 in attendance. Visitors were introduced.

Suzanne asked for a volunteer to mark the board member's nametags in some way.

She also talked about our Fair entries and security/safety at the fair. Most items are secured to the lattice with plastic ties, or are displayed in a cabinet. Anyone willing to help at the fair should contact Judi Joyce.

The final payment for our September 29 Retreat is due.

There are 2 spots in the Beginning Knitting class at BC. Also several spots for the Intermediate I, and Intermediate II.

Ron Warren spoke about the results of his survey for his yarn store. He will write a report and put it in the September Newsletter.

Linda Alvarado requested stories and items for the Newsletter.

Librarian Barbara Norman shared The Harmony Guides with us.

After a break, Suzanne taught our educational component on stranded knitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50.

About 17 went to lunch at La Costa.

Submitted by Renee Petrowsky