

# SWATCHES

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## Dear Guild Presidents

Be sure to share this newsletter with your local members. Email them a copy of the notice with the email link. For members without email access, print out a copy to pass around at your next meeting. Remind your local members of the many benefits of belonging to TKGA – including access to special online items at TKGA.com that are “hidden” to non-members.

If you are no longer or have not been president of your guild for a long time, please notify us so we can get this newsletter into the correct hands, so it will reach all guild members!

## Early Bird Registration: Now through Sept. 9



It'll be anything but quiet and reserved when more than 3,000 crocheters and knitters gather for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall 2013 Knit & Crochet Show — to be held in conjunction with the national conferences of both The

Knitting Guild Association (TKGA) and the Crochet Guild of America (CGOA). The event offers a wide range of classes, shopping and special activities and is open to the public.

The Fall 2013 Knit & Crochet Show will be held at Embassy Suites Charlotte-Concord Golf Resort & Spa, 5400 John Q. Hammons Drive NW, Concord, NC 28027.

### EDUCATION

More than 100 classes are available to crocheters and knitters, taught by more than 20 world-class, widely respected instructors from around the globe. A complete list of instructors is available at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-teachers.asp?i7s2](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-teachers.asp?i7s2).

Classes are available for stitchers of all levels, covering various knitting and crochet techniques and patterns, knit-wear designing, pattern writing, yarn buying and many more topics. A complete course listing may be found at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-classes.asp?i6s2](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-classes.asp?i6s2)

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Education begins on Wednesday with three-hour evening classes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday classes are from 9 a.m. to noon, and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Sunday, classes are from 9 a.m. to noon. Professional Development Day is presented by CGOA, and On Your Way to the Knitting Masters Day is presented by TKGGA; both take place Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### SHOPPING

Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Exhibitors will be selling an array of products, including fiber, hooks and needles, finishing accessories, patterns and books. If you pre-register, shopping begins on *Thursday* evening with a special preview just for you! A complete list of exhibitors may be found at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-exhibitor-list.asp?i8s2](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-exhibitor-list.asp?i8s2).

### ADMISSION, FEES AND CLASS PRICING

Admission to the Expo is \$5. Tickets may be purchased online in advance (advance registrations ends Sept. 9) or at the door. **TKGGA members receive free admission.**

When purchased in advance, class fees are in three-hour increments of \$75 for TKGGA members and \$95 for non-members. On-site class ticket pricing will be \$10 more per three-hour class and \$20 more per six-hour class than during pre-registration. There may be an additional material fee for some classes to cover the cost of supplies provided by the teacher. More details about admission, fees and class pricing may be found at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/admission-class-fees.asp?i4](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/admission-class-fees.asp?i4).

### SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

More details can be found at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-special-events.asp?i16s2](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-special-events.asp?i16s2), but highlights by day include:

#### Wednesday, October 2

- CGOA Professional Development Day
- TKGGA On Your Way to the Masters Day
- CGOA Professional Mixer

#### Thursday, October 3

- CGOA Conference Kick-Off, Member Meeting, Design Competition Awards and Gift Exchange
- Shopping Preview for pre-registered students

#### Friday, October 4

- Friday Fashion Parade
- CGOA Dinner, Fashion Show and Silent Auction
- TKGGA Fun Night

#### Saturday, October 5

- Designers Meet & Greet
- TKGGA Dinner, Fashion Show and Silent Auction
- CGOA Fun Night

#### Other Activities

- Silent Auction to benefit Helping Hands Foundation's Needle Arts Mentoring Program<sup>SM</sup>
- Knit & Crochet Lounge for attendees to relax and stitch
- Shopping Bags provided by Skacel
- Door Prizes
- Buddy Program

#### EVENT SPONSORS

Along with TKGGA and CGOA, event sponsors include the following nationally recognized companies: Annie's, Crochetville, Handy Hands, Lion Brand Yarns, Red Heart, Skacel, Universal Yarn Inc. and Valu-Publishing.

## Fall Show merchandise is now available

Proudly display your logo at the Conference! To get special Conference pricing, order show merchandise when you pre-register for Conference. Pick up your order at the Conference registration counter. Once the Conference is over, remaining items may be available for sale, with shipping and handling charges added. Visit [KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-merch.asp](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com/fall-merch.asp) for more details.

### Knit & Crochet Show Shirt



Everyone loves the Knit & Crochet Show artwork! So, after many requests, we are offering show t-shirts featuring one of our signature graphics. On the back are logos for show sponsors TKGGA and CGOA. 50% cotton / 50% polyester, pre-shrunk. Available in sizes Small through XXXL.

### Knit & Crochet Fall Show 2013 Pin

You'll never forget your Knit & Crochet Show experience with this 2013 pin from Concord! 1.25" high by .75" wide.



## Save the date for 2014 Show

After Concord, the next Knit & Crochet Show is scheduled for **July 23-27, 2014**, in Manchester, NH. Watch for details as they unfold at [KnitAndCrochetShow.com](http://KnitAndCrochetShow.com).

## Scene & Heard at Summer TKGGA Show

Photos from the Indianapolis Summer Show are now available to view at [TKGA.com/?page=ConferenceHistory](http://TKGA.com/?page=ConferenceHistory). Here's a sneak peek!



The Show staff welcomes attendees to the Expo.



StevenBe emcees TKGGA's Member Meeting & Fun Night.



Come for the knitting, stay for the fun!



## Guild Goings-on

*Tidbits and ideas from TKGA Guild meetings around the country, listed in order by state. Gleaned from newsletters mailed or e-mailed to TKGA:*

### CALIFORNIA

**Camellia City Stockin'ettes:** The June meeting featured "Steeking" with Doris Keller. There was a special free three-hour follow-up gathering with Nancie Wiseman in June at member Jo Morrison's home.

The guild's 12-month "Challenge" continues, with the idea of finishing a big project, decreasing stash or decreasing works in progress/unfinished objects by Dec. 31. To also facilitate stash decrease, the guild held a Trash to Treasure event Aug. 1. June 6 was Vendors Night, hosted by Lizette Hopkins and featuring seven vendors.

"Stitch N' Pitch" took place June 22 at Raley Field, which happened to be the 1000th game for the Sacramento River Cats Minor League Baseball team. They won — and about 52 guild participants had nicely shaded seats directly behind home plate!

There was no July meeting, but there was a Program Night, "Beaded Scarf" with Annemieke York, on July 8, as well as a "Crochet for Knitters" workshop July 13 and 20. On July 12, the Camellia City Stockin'ettes and the Sacramento Crocheters Group did a display and demonstration at the California State Fair.

On Aug. 3, physical therapist (and knitter) Carson Demers taught both a "Swatchbuckling" and a Knitting Ergonomics class.

Plans for the annual guild retreat at Camp Richardson Oct. 17-20 continue.

**El Segundo Slipt Stitchers:** About 25 people attended the April Sit 'N Knit. At the April meeting, President Peggy Baxter taught how to knit with beads. The May program was "Reading Knitting Patterns and Charts", presented by Monika Riggs and Joan Whitten. The June program covered choosing fiber to get the drape that you want.

The June Sit 'N Knit had a big group of members, sharing their projects, helping each other with projects, enjoying snacks and taking advantage of some free items. July was ESSS' birthday month, so there was a potluck, dishcloth swap, fire sale and more at the July 20 meeting. Their knitalong/crochetalong ended in July with the Wingspan Shawl, but picks up again in September.

The Sally Melville workshop took place Aug. 17-18. The Saturday morning class was "Why And What We Knit... To Flatter And Fit," and the afternoon class was "Essential Skills." The Sunday morning class was "Two Colors, Two Hands," and the Sunday afternoon class was "Emergency Measures." Plans for the Alamitos Bay Yarn Co. Duffy Boat cruise are underway.

September will be a class on seaming your pieces together. October will be on I-cord and "Applied Edge Treatments." November is a special program with Joyce Wyatt. December will be a Holiday Potluck.

At the June meeting, it was reported that 10 dog blankets, one baby blanket, 26 hats, one sweater and eight scarves were donated to six charities.

**High Tide Purlers Knitting Guild (Lake Forest, CA):** The May Meeting program featured double knitting, taught by Jan Cornelius. The guild's appearance at the Orange County Fair this summer was a huge success, including a fashion show and a display of knitted food (a portion of which is pictured below).



**Sand & Sea Knitting Guild (Los Angeles):** A three-day Lily Chin workshop took place in May: "Tips & Tricks" and "Join As You Go Knitting" on May 9; "Beadaring, Beadelighted, Beadazzled, Bead Knitting!" on May 10; and "Sleeves of Care" on May 11.

From May 25-July 1, Yarn Bombing Los Angeles (YBLA) expanded to include more than 500 collaborators in a grassroots effort to crochet CAFAM Granny Squared, a temporary public art installation on the façade of the city's Craft and Folk Art Museum (CAFAM) on Wilshire Boulevard (visit [YarnBombingLosAngeles.com](http://YarnBombingLosAngeles.com) to learn more).

On Sept. 7-8, guild member Sara Richard will walk 39.3 miles (26.2 miles on Saturday and 13.1 miles on Sunday) with approximately 1,000 others in an event sponsored by the Avon Foundation. She is walking in honor of her mother and sister, both breast cancer survivors, as well as her mother-in-law, a close cousin, an aunt - and all the patients in the plastic surgeon's practice where she works, as boss Dr. Georgeanna Huang specializes in breast reconstruction following mastectomy.

### FLORIDA

**Knit or Knot (Orlando):** As its official charity project, the guild decided to knit 6-in. squares to make into 30x60-in. lap blankets for chemotherapy patients.

For the June 12 meeting, Orna presented an Education Module on a smoother left-leaning decrease. Also at that meeting, Jody showed baby quilts she made from the small square corners left over when making "no-sew" fleece quilts. Four leftover squares are crocheted together, and the finished quilts are distributed for premature infants. Jody is crocheting coordinating caps to go with the quilts, and presented the idea to the guild as another charity project option. For the July 10 meeting, Barb presented an Education Module on different cast on methods.

### GEORGIA

**Atlanta Knitting Guild:** On Aug. 3 and 17, by popular demand Molly Elkind was back to present the "Bead Embroidered Cabochon Cuff" class. Designer Rosemary "Romi" Hill will be the guild's guest Oct. 4-6.

The guild announced that, with a date to be determined, it will host a lecture and demonstration on "Nuido: The Way of Japanese Embroidery."

**North Georgia Knitting Guild:** On Aug. 15, the guild

held a "Navigating Ravelry" workshop, inviting attendees to bring along their laptop or tablet to follow along with the live demonstration. This summer, they also hosted the "Summer Flies Shawl" Fashion Show. On Aug. 23, a "Knitted Beaded Necklace Workshop" was taught by Lois Mitchell.

Sept. 19 will be the guild's Fourth Annual Auction to de- and re-stash. On Oct. 19, the class will be "Children's Flag Slippers: Solefull Style." Dec. 6 will be "Lois and Mary's Excellent Adventure," a free member workshop to share tips, tricks and techniques.

A recent guild donation report found that 29 soap sacks were delivered to the military, 15 items to West Cobb Hospital, 11 cat blankets to Cherokee Animal Shelter and nine blankets to hospice.

### ILLINOIS

**Windy City Knitting Guild (Chicago):** Monthly meeting programs included Judy Chan in July and an ice cream social/presentation from Halos of Hope for August — the guild has donated more than 60 hats to the charity so far this year. Vogue Knitting Live! is the September meeting focus. Dream in Color will present at the October meeting. November is the annual holiday party and board elections, and December is the gift exchange.

The guild's bus trip to the Michigan Fiber Fest took place Aug. 17. The next planned guild weekend workshop will be Feb. 15, 2014, on "Viking Knitting." The guild was recognized for its gifts of \$100 each in memory of Albert I. Cohen to the Midwest Care Center, and to Gilda's Club Chicago in memory of former board member Joy Davis.

### MONTANA

**Knotty Knitters Guild of the Bitterroot (Hamilton):** At the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Fashion Show in April, Carol Jepsen and Janice Heiland were honored for all of their donations to community service projects. They were made Life Members of the Guild. The 2014 Fashion Show event planning is already underway.

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## Guilds celebrate World-Wide Knit in Public Day

**What the Knit! Guild** (Bakersfield, CA) held their June 8 meeting knitting around the fountain at The Marketplace, a local shopping and entertainment center. It was their sixth WWKIP event.

Approximately 10 **Camellia City (CA) Stockin'ettes Knit Guild** members spent June 8 knitting outside the Discovery Museum Science and Space Center in Sacramento.

Several **El Segundo Knitting Guild** members spent June



8 at Wilson Park in Torrance, CA, crafting away while enjoying the many booths of the farmer's market. They even got a new member out of it!

On June 7, the **National Trail Knitters Guild** (New Concord, OH) did their event on the John McIntire Public Library Lawn, then on June 8 met at the Warehouse Restaurant in Coshocton.

Montana's **Knotty Knitters** is doing a series of Farmers Market Knit-In Sit-Ins in Hamilton, MT, Aug. 10, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5.

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On May 21, the guild had a guest speaker from the Ravalli Museum. In addition, guild secretary Chris Mattingly presented a program called the "Trunk Show": Out of a beautiful wooden box, she pulled various antique needle holders, purses, gloves, etc.

On June 29, the guild did a "Tour of Missoula" field trip of three local yarn and bead shops. It was such a success, the guild is considering making it an annual event.

The July 16 meeting's speaker was Nicki Neff, who presented a program about color. After passing out color wheels, she taught members how to fill them in and then how colors relate and their meanings.

The guild's annual BBQ for members and their families took place Aug. 17, with a canned food drive and white elephant auction. Its annual retreat and yarn exchange will take place Oct. 4-6.

On the guild's charity front, a collection is taking place for winter hats, gloves, scarves and coats for the school children on the Browning Reservation. The Ravalli County schoolchildren need mittens this year. Last year the guild provided hats, and this year they have asked for mittens. The guild also donated \$50 to a local therapeutic horse program.

## NEW YORK

The Long Island (NY) Knitting Guild hosted its annual luncheon on June 22 at the Irish Coffee Pub, honoring members who have participated for 20 years or more.

## OHIO

**National Trail Knitters Guild (New Concord, OH):** In May, the guild had Snack Night, did Brioche Knitting with 1 Color, and exchanged unwanted perennials. In June, the presentation was on how to select the proper size pattern. For July, the program was Christmas in July Patterns and Brown Bag Yarn Exchange. In August and October, it's about Embellishments for Your Knitting, and in September, it will be how to block finished garments.

## SOUTH CAROLINA

**The South Carolina Knitting Guild (Greenville):** From Sept. 7-9, Gwen Bortner is teaching five classes, including her entrelac class, in Greenville, S.C. More information can be found at [SCKnittingGuild.com](http://SCKnittingGuild.com).

**CORRECTION:** In the July-August issue, in our *Knit or Knot (Orlando) guild coverage*, we misidentified the bike's owner, Terri Pike. The editors regret the error.

## Want more?

For more local guild news, go online to visit guilds who post their news on their Websites. Look them up at [www.tkga.com/?page=FindGuild](http://www.tkga.com/?page=FindGuild). Please keep TKGa on your newsletter mailing list (Attn: TKGa Guild Relations Coordinator) or email list ([djohnston@offinger.com](mailto:djohnston@offinger.com)). TKGa staff loves looking through them to see what you're doing!

## Jennie Merritt steps down from TKGa instructor post

Best wishes go to Jennie Merritt as she steps down from many years of teaching the TKGa "Machine Knitting - Getting Started" correspondence course. Although



the course will no longer be available for new students, those who are currently enrolled may finish and turn in their work to Jennie before June 1, 2014. After that date, work will not be accepted. Stay tuned for new Machine Knitting course plans

to develop. Jennie has served on the TKGa Masters Machine Knitting Committee, written patterns and articles for *Cast On* magazine and has taught at many conferences. Thank you, Jennie, for generously sharing your talents and knowledge!

## Vickie Howell to host Knitting Daily TV show



DIY lifestyle and needlearts expert Vickie Howell will be the new host and co-executive producer of *Knitting Daily TV*, a how-to program on public television that brings yarn and fiber center stage. Howell's knit and crochet designs have been featured in hundreds of publications worldwide; she has a regular column in *Interweave Crochet* magazine, and she has authored numerous best-selling craft books. She is a board

member of the Central & South Texas Chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation and founder of the Purple Stitch Project to benefit children with seizure disorders. She lives in Austin, TX, with her family.

*Knitting Daily TV*, currently in its 11<sup>th</sup> season, is the longest continuously running knitting program on public television. Formerly known as *Needle Arts Studio with Shay Pendray*, it became *Knitting Daily TV* in 2010 under host Eunny Jang, and will now be named *Knitting Daily TV with Vickie Howell*. Guiding viewers on how to make fun, yet stylish knitwear and crochet patterns and projects, *Knitting Daily TV with Vickie Howell* maintains the show's spirit by sharing great tips, techniques, knitalongs and more.

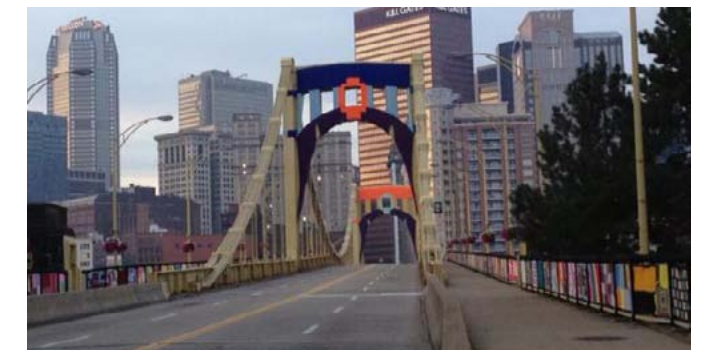
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## Knit the Bridge a Success



This special installation on display on Pittsburgh's 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Andy Warhol Bridge through Sept. 6 was designed in conjunction with Fiberart International 2013. The afghans created by the project will be laundered and distributed to local shelters. Learn more at [KnitTheBridge.wordpress.com](http://KnitTheBridge.wordpress.com).





## A Busy October!

# I Love Yarn Day set for Oct. 11

There will be hundreds of thousands of fiber lovers plying their needles, hooks and spindles this October in celebration of I Love Yarn Day, the second Friday in October. What started as a lark three years ago by a group of yarn enthusiasts inviting people to share their fiber passion has turned into a viral event that last year trended on Twitter.

It's a day that is all about spreading that good feeling people have about yarn and yarn-related crafts. Knit it, crochet it, spin it, weave it, wear it, post it, tweet it, carry it, share it, give it, or bomb it! And share they did, from the schoolteacher who taught her students how to crochet, to a lunchtime gathering where co-



workers shared their crafts, to the woman who completed a chemo cap to donate to a local hospital.

Providing inspiration is ILoveYarn.org, where industry designers share their love of yarn and offer fun, free projects to help celebrate Oct. 11, plus there are yarn party ideas. Yarn crafters are

encouraged to plan fun events locally like yarn bombing evenings or yarn parties and to pin their recipe, decorations and planned projects on the I Love Yarn Day Pinterest board. Enthusiasts are also invited to post their plans at [CraftYarnCouncil.com/i-love-yarn-day-plans](http://CraftYarnCouncil.com/i-love-yarn-day-plans) and post and tweet them on the I Love Yarn Day Facebook and Twitter pages (Twitter Hashtag: #ILoveYarnDay).

# Help Spinzilla take over the world Oct. 7-13

Get your spindles ready and fire up your favorite spinning wheel! The National NeedleArts Association (TNNA) Spinning & Weaving Group (SWG) has officially announced they are hosting a community-wide event, Spinzilla, during National Spinning and Weaving Week Oct. 7-13, 2013.

Teams will be hosted by TNNA and SWG wholesale, retail and affiliate members. They will compete in team challenges to see who can spin the most yarn in a one-week period. A team trophy, prizes and bragging rights will go to the winning Spinzilla team.

Interested spinners can sign up for a team now through Sept. 23 at [Spinzilla.org](http://Spinzilla.org) for a \$10 fee. Part of the proceeds will go to support spinning education through The



Needle Arts Mentoring Program (NAMP, online at [NeedleArtsMentoring.org](http://NeedleArtsMentoring.org)).

Spinzilla is designed to bring together new and experienced spinners to:

- Collectively spin as much yarn as possible during Spinning and Weaving Week.
- Raise awareness of hand spinning in the yarn market and beyond.
- Increase spinning confidence and

knowledge to consumers.

- Participate in various challenges designed to increase awareness.
- Establish a spinning component with NAMP, supporting educating children in the needlearts.

Follow the fun online at [Spinzilla.org](http://Spinzilla.org), on Facebook, Pinterest and Ravelry. You can also subscribe for email updates on the Spinzilla site.