



NCW Knitters Guild Newsletter

April 2014

Business Meeting April 1, 2014

Presiding: Michele Townliand, President. 45 ladies attending.

Welcome & Introductions by Michele. A couple new faces in the crowd—welcome!

Treasurer report: March—no expenses, balance of \$2,921.96. Looking into renewing Interweave Knits magazine subscription.

March minutes approved. Minutes (in the newsletter) are emailed or mailed to members.

Membership: Forms to join guild are available at monthly meetings—see April.

WOW! **184 purple baby hats** were knit by guild members for the CASA project. Kathy Jo will collect any others still in progress at the next '3rd Tuesday at Pybus' event on April 15th.

Victoria has a call in for a visit to Shadow Ridge Alpacas this spring, hopefully sometime in April.

Current Projects & Committee Reports

Upcoming Programs: MAY—Style Show. Sign up was passed to indicate you would bring or wear a knitted piece. If you didn't get signed up, there's still time. Contact Kathy Jo at 663-0609 or jwekje@yahoo.com.

Workshops/Events:

- **Knit at Pybus**—Every 3rd Tuesday from 5-7 pm. Next gathering is on April 15th.
- **Pybus University II** on April 29th (another community 'learn to knit' event). Mary Ann will lead, and a sign up for helpers was passed. If you'd still like to sign up to help, contact Michele @ Michelet@nwi.net or 881-1423.
- **Knit at April's house**— Sunday afternoons 2:30-5 pm., please bring a chair. Call if you need directions or want to confirm, 665-8017 or 421-1868.
- **Wednesday Tea and Knitting** - Java Station at Cherry & Miller streets, Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm a couple times per month, depending on interest. Find more information on their Facebook page.
- **South Sound Yarn Crawl 2014**—4 days, 10 stores, prizes! May 1-4. Check out the website for more info www.southsoundyarncrawl.com/
- **8th Annual Fiber Tour**—May 12th from 6 a.m. to 6p.m.-ish, \$62 per person. Hop on the bus and visit 3 shops: Wild Fibers in Mount Vernon, Ana-Cross Stitch in Anacortes, and Jennings Yarn & Needlecrafts in La Conner. Call Cashmere Cottage Yarns to reserve your seat 509-782-0382.
- **Okanogan Valley Fiber Festival**—May 17th at the Okanogan County Fairgrounds, from 9:00-4:00. Free admission.
- **Palouse Fiber Festival**—First year for this event, held in Moscow, Idaho, June 13-15. For more information go to www.palousefiberfestival.wordpress.com/

Shop Talk:

Warehouse Woolery—Knit socks, shawls or a Kimono Cardigan, or crochet placemats, cowls, or a purse—these are just a few of the classes available at the shop. For more info go to www.warehousewoolery.com or come in and visit us. Knit-ins every Thursday noon-6pm.

Cashmere Cottage Yarns—Project bags and stitch markers from Lantern Moon. New spring yarns: Kudo by Plymouth, Floret by Berroco, Cozy Soft Prints by Ella Rae. Children's class for Continuous Knitting, and Magic Loop classes. Details at www.cashmerecoottageyarns.com. Come and knit at the shop on Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm or 5:00-8:00 pm, and on Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm.

MAC'S studio—A work in progress. If you need to get hold of her call 509-669-3099. Continuing education classes at the college—beginning knitting, and a sock workshop. Find details at www.wvc.edu/directory/departments/conted/

Soap Lake has a nice yarn shop to check out: **World Wide Yarns**, on the main street.

Door Prize: - Fiber Trends shawl and baby owl patterns, and sheet of tattoos, donated by Fiber Trends—won by Marilee.

Charity: Mary Ann and Myra sorted through hats and scarves, and put wintery items aside. Consider knitting lighter weight spring hats for Wellness Place.

Website/Library: Books are available for members to check out at meetings, and also at the library. Please remember to write your name and phone number clearly on cards, and cross off when returned. Guild library is housed at Fiber Trends, 430 Rock Island Road, East Wenatchee. You can also view the library inventory at www.ncwknittersguild.com

Tips/Tech/Tools/Misc: Never promise to knit 10 baby hats for Lent! (It gets boring . . .)

Cute idea to hold your ball of yarn—an old teapot, with yarn threaded through spout.

MaryLee brought her swift and ball winder for members to use.

Knitting Daily advertised “Free alpaca with every purchase, today only” - April fools!

Program: Tonight's program was about different fibers, from animals and plants. Sue Enright shared her knowledge and love of fibers, bringing many samples for us to touch and learn about. We knitters are a tactile bunch! There are over 200 breeds of sheep, and their textures range from fine—think merino, soft, comfortable next to your skin, then medium—a bit beefier and will wear longer, good for cardigans and overshirts with a layer underneath, and lastly the warmest, most substantial group that includes Icelandic and Lopi for those long lasting cold weather staples, usually worn as an outer layer. She recommended Clara Parkes' book “The Knitter's Guide to Wool” for more in-depth information. Sue is also a member of the Alpine Meadows Weavers & Spinners, and invited interested knitters to check out that group. Our thanks to Sue for always being a delightful and knowledgeable speaker!

SHOW AND TELL



Victoria's red pima cotton sweater—2nd time around for yarn



Judy used beads for flower detail, and in yankovers around neckline



Outstanding merino skirt by Marilee—704 stitches at hem.



Notice the rose buttons on Cheryl's fingerless mitts



Ardella's swirly scarf



Mary made this soft, textured scarf. The color was even better in person!



Two versions of the same sweater using different yarns, and different sleeve edgings.

Cheryl's version on the left, and Hannah's on the right.

