



NCW Knitters Guild Newsletter

January 2016

Business Meeting—January 5, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:05pm with 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from December meeting were approved after some discussion. TJ requested clarification regarding stipend for Arne & Carlos. Victoria will contact the “Arne & Carlos Committee” to clarify and make recommendations at the February meeting. Committee members are Joyce Fisher, Mary Ann Corning, Lisa Graves and Kim Craig.

Treasurer’s report: Current balance is \$2,649.15. There are \$200 in dues to deposit and a \$100 check that has not yet cleared the bank. One new member joined tonight, Ashley Frost.

Membership dues for 2016 are due by January 31st—only \$10. Please mail dues before the end of January to:
NCWKG, PO Box 2851, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Events/Projects: TJ provided an update on the Arne & Carlos workshop, fall 2016. Two facilities for the workshop (s) are being considered in Leavenworth; The Bavarian Inn, \$150 for up to 40 people and the Leavenworth Fire Station, no fee. Arne & Carlos require a minimum of 30 people in attendance at \$40 each. Class fees will be collected in mid to late summer. Due to limited class size, it was suggested that the class(es) be offered to guild members first, then advertised at local knit shops and the Chelan County Fair. Each workshop is 3 hours long. Victoria suggested an online sign-up sheet similar to the one used for fair sign-ups last year.

TJ brought a copy Arne & Carlos’ slipper book. Victoria suggested the guild purchase a copy of the book for the guild library. Marilee made a motion to purchase the book. Motion passed. Sally will make the purchase.

Judy Marsalis is attending the **Madrona Fiber Arts Festival** in Tacoma, February 11-16, 2016. If anyone is interested in carpooling or sharing a room, please contact Judy. For more information about the festival, visit the website <http://madronafiberarts.com/>

Patty Lyon’s instructional DVDs have been received by Victoria. Anyone wanting to borrow the DVDs, please contact Victoria to check them out. DVDs can be copied to your computer so they can be viewed as time allows.

Charity: Mary Ann Corning is donating a hat pattern and yarn for those who would like to knit men’s hats to donate to the Hospitality House. Please make arrangements with Mary Ann if you would like to pick up supplies from her.

Program: Fixes and Alterations

Marilee discussed different methods to alter Stephanie’s skirt that was too large. Methods included steeking*, adding pleats, create a facing and make into a wrap skirt, and seaming.

(*In knitting, **steeking** is a shortcut used to knit garments such as sweaters in the round without interruption for openings or sleeves until the end. After completing a tube, a straight line is cut along the center of a column of stitches, in order to make room for an opening or place to attach another piece.)

Victoria demonstrated a method to shorten sleeves by taking out a row of stitches to detach bottom section of sleeve. Unravel excess length then: use the Kitchner Stitch technique to reattach the bottom portion of the sleeve; or, unravel entire bottom portion, pick up stitches from upper sleeve and reknit the bottom portion.

Library/Website: If you post knitting related items on Facebook and Ravelry, you can also post them on the Guild Facebook page. The Guild website has past newsletters and a listing of books in the guild library, www.ncwknittersguild.com. The library is housed at Sue Enright's home, please contact her if you'd like to visit and utilize the library 670-2290 or sueenright7019@gmail.com.

Tips/Tech/Tools/Misc:

- *Use a bucket to block cowls
- *Roll up a towel to the desired size and use for blocking.
- *When knitting in the round, use two sets of corded needles instead of switching to double pointed needles. Use different color needles to keep your stitches straight and make identification easier.
- *Use needle gauge to determine size of needle to use with a particular yarn.
- *When knitting a sweater, go back and finish the neck when you start sleeves. This allows you to try on sweater to check the fit and make adjustments before getting too far along.

Door Prize: The last two skeins of Ella Rae yarn, won by Marilee Smith-Lorenson.

SHOP TALK

MAC's Knitting Studio

Mary Ann carries a selection of Cascade Yarns, along with knitting magazines and pattern books. Located at 130 Riverview Road S, Suite 2, East Wenatchee (south of Hobby Lobby). Call for shop hours 669-3099. Mary Ann has sample knits to sell either at meeting or at her studio.

Cashmere Cottage Yarn

Classes: Tensfield Hat Jan 9th; Fine Finishing Tech Jan 23rd; Felted Clogs Jan 30th; Entrelac Hat Feb 6 & 27. Call 509-782-0382 for info or to register for classes. Knit at the shop on Wed 1:00-3:00 or 5:00-8:00, Thurs 1:00-3:00. 'Thursday Knit Together'. Located at 102A S. Maple Street in Cashmere.
www.cashmrecottageyarn.com

K1P2 Yarn

Visit the website for upcoming classes at www.k1p2yarn.com or the shop at 1012 Springwater Street in Wenatchee. Shop hours Tues-Sat, 11:00-5:00, Thurs 11:00-7:00. Knit-ins on Thursday!

Twisted Fine Yarn and Wool

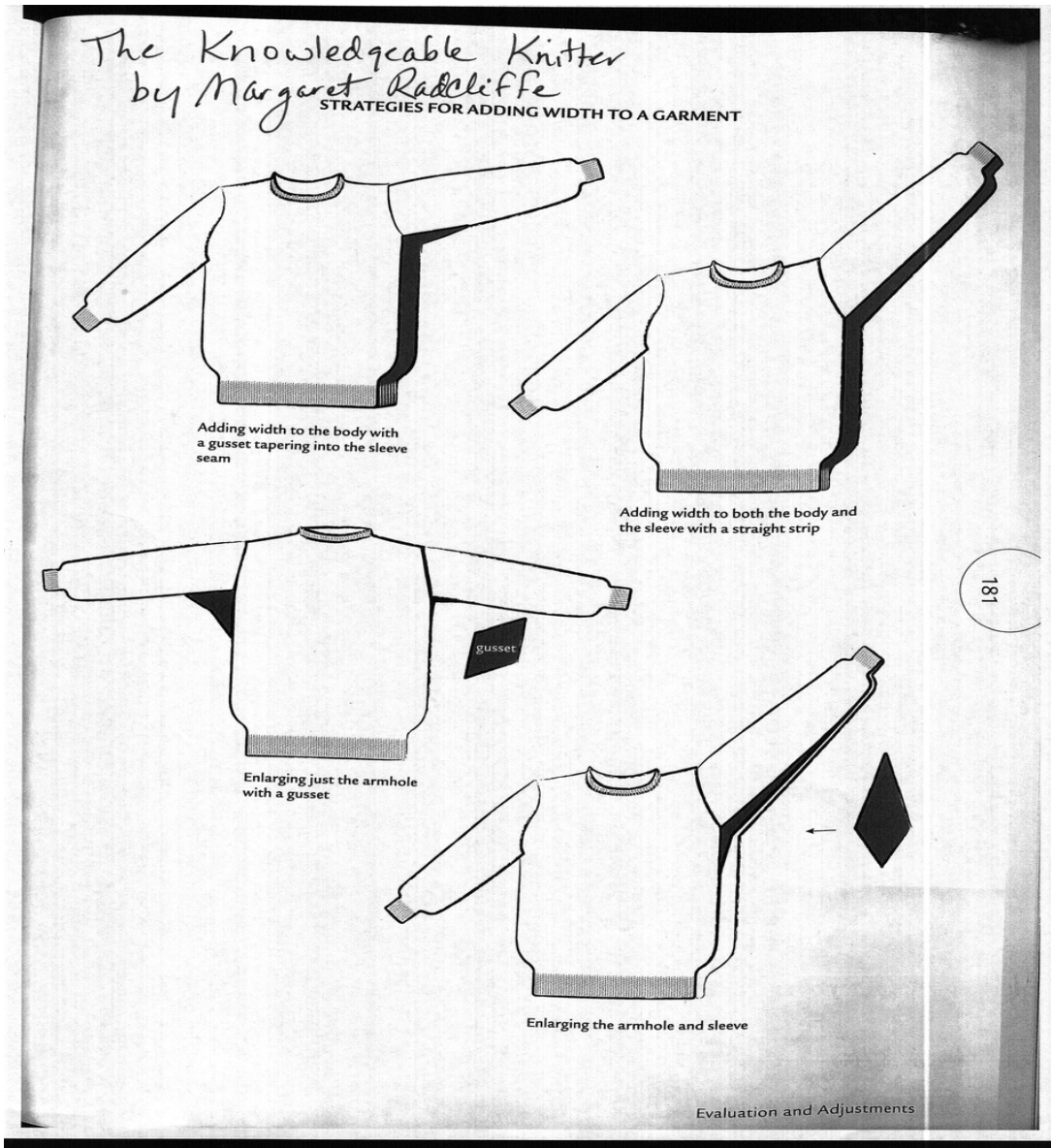
We are gearing up for a fabulous knitting season—lots of kits ready to go, or we'd be happy to put one together for you ... quick gifts—coffee mugs, or Loom has some fun packaged kits, also great for birthdays or to say thinking about you. Shop hours are Mon – Sat 10-5pm, Thursday 10-6pm, 210 E. Woodin Ave, Chelan www.twistedyarnandwool.com

Current officers:

President: Victoria Bosche
Vice Pres: Ardella Edwards
Secretary: Jane Peak
Treasurer: Sally Thompson

Current chairpeople:

Newsletter: Jane Peak
Membership: Tracy Gausman
Refreshments: Judy Marsalis
Charity: Mary Ann Corning
Website: Jackie Gabaldo
Door Prize: Lisa Graves
Library: Sue Enright



New Business: Board Orientation Meeting set for Wednesday, January 13th at 5:30pm. Location, Victoria's Canyon Creek Club House.

Next meeting: February 2, 6:00 pm at Eagles Lodge, 1208 N. Wenatchee Ave - across from Red Lion.

Show & Tell



Marylee—Faire Isle cowls and headbands



Dana—skirt and matching scarf



Sue—lacey cowl knit from hand-spun yarn



Marlene—Faire Isle sweater for a very large dog



Joyce—cowl from door prize yarn



Victoria—wool and silk cowl



Sherry A.—giraffe