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ANNIVERSARY KIP (knit in public) & Yard Sale Take 2

Join us this Saturday, August 12th from 10 - 3

for a Knit in Public event & yard sale Take 2! We had a great time last weekend but the weather was nasty for ½ the day so we decided to have a do-over.

Knit in Public is a fun, free drop in and hang out day. Bring your knitting, bring a chair, pack a lunch, grab a friend and let's plan on a fun day!

We will have door prizes throughout the day and cold water will be available as well as lots of shade under the tents.

SHOP SPECIALS - the shop will of course be open throughout the KIP and we will have a few in-house specials!

YARD SALE - Several people have been cleaning out their gorgeous stash and have rented table space for a Yard Sale. We will have tents set up in the parking lot so regardless of weather (rain or too much sun) we will be protected and so will all the yarny goodness.

We will be **CLOSING** off the parking lot for the day but there are a couple of regional lots just down the street with free Saturday parking. Please don't park in the Spurline Crossings plaza lot. That is a private lot and your day could be spoiled with a parking ticket.



Have you got Saturday, September 9th marked on your calendars for the 25th KW Knitters Fair?
Stop by to see us at both the Fair and the Shop.



Anniversary Retreat

Our 1st Knitting Retreat and registration is live! Registration is on the website.

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~~You can choose to have a room all to yourself~~ or share with a friend or let us know you would like to share and we will try to match you up. All meals (Friday evening snack to Sunday brunch) & classes are included in the price. The \$100 deposit is required with registration and will be non-refundable after August 1st. Full payment is required by September 1st. ***when you register please put in the comments section if you want to share a room and if you have any dietary restrictions***
31st



CLASSES, CLUBS, HELP...

Guided Project Class

Alternate Tuesdays 11:30 - 12:30 (check website for dates)
The popular guided project class is perfect when you need help but can't wait for a special class and you need more than we can help with over the counter. This is dedicated time when you can sign up ahead of time, come with whatever project you are working on, and get help. You can pick a single project and get help with it each week along the way, or you are welcome to bring a new problem to each class and get help with something new each time. Guided Project class is a book as you go - you pay \$10 for an hour of guided time.

Beginner Knitting with Kerry

Sat. Sept. 16th 1:00 - 3:00 \$40 includes materials
OR Sat. Oct. 7th 1:00 - 3:00

Want to learn to knit, but don't know where to start? This is the class for you! In this class, you'll learn the very basics of knitting: casting on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, and binding off. No prior experience needed.

Toe-Up Socks on 2 Circulars with Lynne

Thurs. Sept. 21st & Oct. 5th 6:30 - 8:30 \$50
OR Sat. Oct. 21st & Nov. 4th 10:00 - 12:00 \$50

Learn how to make the most of your sock yarn by starting your socks at the toes, and knitting up until you run out of yarn! We will start with a seamless toe made with a Turkish cast-on. In the second class we will work through a wrap-and-turn heel and options for casting off a stretchy sock cuff. We'll discuss sizing socks and making adaptations for different fit issues. This class is suitable for beginner sock knitters, provided they have some experience knitting in the round. The "two-circular method" will be used for our socks, but no previous experience with this method is necessary. Students must be able to knit and purl confidently and without assistance, and should have some familiarity with basic increases and decreases.

Learn Lace - A KnitHow Class with Lynne

Sat. Sept. 23rd & 30th 10:00- 12:00 \$50

Few things make a knitter feel more capable than producing a lace-patterned fabric. From a simple scarf to a majestic shawl, the back of a mitten to the hem of a sweater - lace allows us to add beauty, texture and lightness to our finished items. If you can knit and purl and recognize one from the other, and have a few small projects under your belt, you can learn how to knit lace.

We will start with understanding what lace is, and what sort of materials are appropriate for knitting lace. Students will come to class with a completed swatch (see homework below) that we will use to discuss how gauge and blocking affect lace fabric. We will experiment with appropriate cast-ons, and then

get started on our patterns.

Using a sample chart, we will learn the basics of knitting from charts and how they apply to knitting flat and knitting in the round. We will look at the charts for our two patterns and understand the symbols used and the fabric produced. We'll explore mistake prevention tools including: stitch markers, lifelines and annotation.

In our second session we will troubleshoot any issues that arose since our first class. Then we will move on to understanding how shaping happens in lace, and what is meant by "keeping pattern correct". We'll expand our lace repertoire by looking at different lace traditions and patterns, and talk about how and when to add beads to our lace. We'll then talk about appropriate next steps in knitting lace, including how to choose patterns within a knitter's skill set.

Basic Mitts with Lynne

Sat. Sept. 23rd 1:00 - 3:00 & 30th 1:00 - 4:00 \$60
OR Sat. Oct. 21st 1:00 - 3:00 & Nov. 4th 1:00 - 4:00 \$60

Fingerless mitts are one of those great projects that knit up quickly enough to make great gifts out of a small amount of yarn. In this class we will knit a baby-sized mitten in worsted weight wool, to learn all the parts of mitten anatomy with less knitting than an adult mitten. (Students will also receive a pattern for ladies' mittens and are guided to make an adult mitten as homework.)

Techniques taught will include casting on and knitting in the round (using either dpns or two circulars), gusset shaping, picking up a thumb, and proper cast off.

Students must be able to knit and purl independently, to distinguish knit and purl stitches in their fabric, and should have some familiarity with basic knitting terms.

Fixing Your Mistakes! A KnitHow Class with Lynne

Thurs. Sept. 28th 6:30 - 8:30 \$25

There's nothing under earth and sky that will keep us from making mistakes, it's just part of human nature. But when it comes to knitting, there are lots of things we can do to prevent mistakes in the first place and then other tricks we can use to keep small mistakes from becoming big disasters.

This KnitHow class starts with learning how to read your knit fabric - we first brush up on how stitches should look and line up so we can prevent a mistake as we're knitting. We then look at pattern reading and understanding, so we can know what we're meant to do before we do it. We have lots of strategies to explore to help us stay on pattern. We will practice counting stitches and rows, and get a working understanding of gauge. Once we've done some actual knitting (please see homework requirements below), we will look at diagnosing our mistake, and we will talk about cosmetic versus structural remedies. Then we will work our way through fixes for the most common mistakes including: dropped stitch, slipped stitch, twisted stitch, accidental hole, split yarn, purl instead of knit and vice-versa.

We will continue with "disaster management", including learning how to unknit small amounts as well as when and how to rip out sections of a piece



Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Thurs. Oct. 12th 6:30 - 8:30 \$25

New to Ravelry and wondering what all the fuss is about? Have an account but not sure how to make the most of it? Janelle will guide you on a tour of

Ravelry, providing you with a "road map" through the features and benefits of this essential site. This workshop will introduce you to the main features of the site such as forums, groups, "friends," adding projects and stash, and using the advanced search features to figure out just what you can do with those leftovers or impulse purchases in your stash. Bring a laptop/tablet and digital photos of your stash (optional) for a hands-on experience.

Drop Spindle with Tabi

Thurs. Oct. 19th & 26th 6:30 - 8:30 \$50

Drop Everything...and Learn to Spin on a Drop Spindle!

If you've ever been curious about spinning, drop spinning is the easy way to get started. Best of all, it's as portable as your knitting. You'll learn the Secret of Twist, how to Draft, Spin and Ply on the drop spindle, a little Ancient History, Global Perspective and Animal Husbandry. I always bring some special fibers and spindles for the second class including Turkish and Supported Spindles. You will begin a whole new love affair with yarn.

Beginner Knitting Part 2 with Kerry

Sat. Oct. 21st 1:00 - 3:00 \$25

Skill Level: Just past beginner

This class is for beginners with a bit of experience: I'll assume you know how to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off, but if you need a bit of practice that's fine - I'll review these at the start of class.

What I teach for the rest of the class depends on the interests of the students. Potential topics include increasing/decreasing, fixing mistakes, circular knitting, reading a pattern, finishing a project, etc. So bring your questions and any projects you're working on!

Heel Help - Short Row - A Revisit with Lynne

Thurs. Oct. 26th 6:30 - 8:30 \$25

Since 2009, hundreds of sock knitters have taken a toe-up sock class with Lynne. Some have requested a refresher heel class, to work through the steps of constructing a short row heel with some guidance at hand. There's a lot to keep track of at the same time in that heel! Get help to summit heel mountain AND forge through to foot valley.

This class will primarily be of interest to students who have already taken a toe-up sock class with Lynne. Registration is open to other sock students, but **students MUST have sock experience and MUST already be familiar with working on two circular needles.**

Beginner Spinning with Tabi

Thurs. Nov. 2nd & 9th 6:30 - 8:30 \$50

Learn how your wheel works, the Secret of Twist, how to spin a single and ply using your wheel. You'll also learn about yarn construction and different spinning techniques.

Club Cardy with Lynne

Starter class Sat. Nov. 11th 1:00 - 3:00 \$25 (if doing just starter)

Thurs. Nov. 23rd, Jan. 8th Mar. 1st & 22nd. \$100 for all 5 classes
Have you always wanted to tackle a sweater? Or maybe you've made one or two but not been happy with your results? Come join a bunch of knitters while we all make ourselves a cardigan with some expert guidance. (Why a cardigan? Because it's a wardrobe staple that includes all the "tricky" parts. Once you've made one, a pullover is a cinch!)

Custom Fit (CF) is a knitwear solution developed by a woman called Amy Herzog who is both a software developer AND a knitwear designer that helps us create sweater patterns that are custom fit to you. Your yarn. Your tension. Your style elements. Only one size in the instructions!

In order to create the pattern, CF needs three kinds of input: very specific body measurements we take in-house with our CF-trained staff, information we take from a swatch you knit and the yarn's ball band, and the sort of sweater and fit that you want (cardigan or pullover, neck style and depth, sleeve length, etc.).

- measurements taken by CF-trained staff

- recommended for new sweater knitters as well as those who have only made a few, or who have had limited success with previous sweaters

Heel Help - Flap & Gusset with Lynne

Thurs. Nov. 16th 6:30 - 8:30 \$25

Since 2009, hundreds of sock knitters have taken a toe-up sock class with Lynne. This class provides a new option to work the heel - a toe-up "flap & gusset" construction - that can be used in place of the short row heel in the original class.

This class will expand your sock repertoire and perhaps be the start of a collection of sock toes, heels and pattern stitches that can be used interchangeably, like a sock flip book. The flap & gusset heel has a deeper and wider fit than the short row heel, which may offer a better fit for those who find the short row heel too shallow.

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Garter Adventure with Janelle

First Thurs. of each month starting Jan. 2018 \$15/mo.

Suitable for advanced beginners.

All aboard for the 4th season of Garter Club! We'll continue to meet monthly as we explore techniques used in the ever-growing selection of beautiful garter shawls. Whether you make one shawl or finish six, all are welcome and everyone works at their own pace. Topics may include short rows, colourwork, beading, and attached edgings - although club input does influence topics covered.



Building with Lace with Janelle

2nd Thurs. of each month January - December
2018

A new skills building club! Knit a beautiful lace shawl, Meet once-a-month for ten months, from

September to June (two classes are double in length) - once you're signed up you can attend as many or as few as you need. Each class builds on the lace skills learned in the previous month. By the end you'll have a stunning shawl to wear with pride. We work through skills including pattern reading, swatching, working with lace charts, different types of increases and decreases, knitting lace, Japanese stitches, attached edgings, and blocking. Additional techniques include simple cables, wrapped stitches, bobbles, knitting with beads, nups, and circular lace patterns. You'll walk away from this class with confidence, knowing how to read and evaluate lace knitting patterns and knit them!

Knit Afghan Squares 2018 with Lynne

One Thurs. evening ea. Month

We've changed the name from our tongue-in-cheek "Square Dancing" but the content remains the same: this class is a once-a-month meeting for a year - once you're signed up you can attend as many or as few as you need. The class is a great way to improve your skills with only a small amount of knitting - a block - each month, and at the end of the year you have an afghan. We work through skills including pattern reading, swatching, basic charts, seaming, and blocking. And we learn how to do simple patterns of purls & knits as well as cables, slipped-stitches, mock cables, increases & decreases and even lace!

Another bonus of this class is that it is priced lower than our regular class cost. Only \$15 per session, plus a one-time purchase of a pattern book at \$21.50, it's a small investment in building your knitting repertoire. We do ask that you purchase your afghan yarn at Shall We Knit? Approximately 7 skeins of Cascade 220 or an equivalent are needed, and we will hold your yarn for you and allow you to purchase it as you use it. 2017 will be our fifth year offering this class - dozens of students have taken part already.

SUMMER SHOP HOURS

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*** usual fine print- if minimums are not met we may have to cancel. That decision will be made and posted by August 31st