



SHALL WE KNIT?

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January – fresh starts, clean slate, something old and something new. And it really looks like a clean slate outside as I'm writing this. We have a beautiful snowy day out there – beautiful if you don't have to shovel it or travel too far. But perfect for knitters and seems to be perfect weather for Teddy. We have discovered that snuffling under the snow is one of his favourite pastimes, so much fun to watch.

I don't go in for New Year's resolutions but I do like to set myself some challenges. I think I get this from my Mom, she is always (still) learning new things and just plain exploring life. I love her and her attitude to life!!!

This year I want to dig a bit deeper into knitting techniques, not necessarily new things but different ways of doing some of the things I do already. Maybe some different cast ons and cast offs or working on my colour techniques, maybe I will go deeper into some of Elizabeth Zimmerman books again. That's the great thing (or one of the great things) about knitting – there is always something new to learn, it's never stagnant. That really plays with the something old, something new idea.

This might be a good year for you to join one of our wonderful clubs to stretch your knitting a bit more.

Knit Afghan class meets once a month (except for July & August) and every month Lynne will teach a different knit stitch or pattern. At the end of the year you will have enough squares to put together for a throw. Lynne has taught this class for multiple years now and it's fun to listen to the student comments. We've had a few Mother/Daughter pairs take the class. Mom (experienced knitter) was taking the class to encourage daughter and to have some together time and every month would come out of class saying how excited she was about learning new ways of doing things she had always done. I find this is a great class for people of all skill levels from just past new knitter to been knitting for years.

We even had a couple of people that did multiple squares of each months squares and then at the end of the year had enough squares to put together for a couple of throws to give as gifts – perfect timing!

Crochet club meets the 2nd Thursday evening of each month and everyone works on their own things with Beth here to oversee and offer advice & suggestions. Every month has a different teaching point as well. Last month they were working on Maple Leaves for the Ottawa anniversary in 2017 – so cool!

Garner club (cause who doesn't love some garner stitch?), they meet the first Thursday of each month and Janelle will guide you through your chosen garner stitch shawl, scarf. We've had a couple of people that made it through multiple items during the 6 month session. This is a great club for knitters of any level as there are patterns that will suit the just past beginner level as well as some that are forms of origami and will mess with the minds of the more advanced knitters. Check out the class listing on the website to see some pattern ideas and see if you find your next project.



Customer Appreciation Card Promo

I know most of you know how our Customer Appreciation card works but just a quick reminder and then I will tell you about a promo we are doing in the New Year.

Every time you spend over \$10 on regular priced yarns, needles, accessories we put 10% of the pretax price onto a card for you. You can spend this on any future visit and on anything – even sale items.

Now! For every receipt from Wordsworth Books or Spool & Spindle dated January 2017 we will put double points on your card. Yes, that's right 20% on your Customer card with your purchases here in January or February when you show us a receipt from Wordsworth Books or Spool & Spindle.



Did you know we have **TWO Knit & Chat** times? Our regular one is Friday evenings from 6-9 but we also have one on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3.

Knit & Chat is a free casual drop in time to just spend time with other crafters. Bring whatever you are working on and come and relax. We even have a Keurig machine here that you are welcome to use with a donation to the sheep bank.

Regular Shop Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 – 5:30
Thursday 10:00 – 8:00
Friday 10:00 – 9:00
Saturday 10:00 – 4:00
Sunday & Monday CLOSED



Classes, Clubs, KALs

Guided Project Class

Tuesdays NEW TIME 11:30 – 12:30 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.

Choose your own Garter Adventure with Janelle

First class is January 5th 6:30 - 8:00

First Thursday of each month

Class is \$15/night. If you pay for 6 classes at registration you will receive your pattern as well as an accessory kit built just for the Garter club.

Suitable for advanced beginners.

Cast on for a garter stitch adventure in this new club! Delve deeper into your love of garter stitch, learn complementary techniques (short rows, modular construction, colourwork, icord edgings, etc), and work on the patterns you want to knit. The monthly structure allows each student to work at their own pace – focus on one project or finish six – it's up to you.

Select from the list of suggested patterns listed on the website or propose your own - bet you can't knit just one!

P.S. Many of these patterns are perfect ways to use up your stash!

2017 Crochet Club with Beth

2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:30-8:00 (\$15/month) Skill Level: ALL

Next club meeting Jan. 12th

Working on a new project and need some help? Want to laugh along with others and share your monthly progress? Interested in learning some crochet tips and tricks? Join Beth and other club members on the second Thursday of each month and get the support you need in a friendly, non-threatening environment.

Students are talking about the Crochet Club: "Before Crochet Club, I always thought of gauge as a four letter word. Turns out it has five."

*** Please register ahead so we can have class set up adequately. In the comments field during registration please let us know what you are working on so Beth can be prepared with samples/examples if possible.

Knit Afghan Squares with Lynne

NEW CLASS STARTING THIS JANUARY 12th 2017

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 \$19.95, 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. Stop into the shop and have a look at some of the squares to see what you can also learn to do. ***if all classes are paid prior to first class you will get a discounted price - basically one class free

Beginner Knitting with Kerry

Saturday, January 14th 10:30 – 12:30 \$50

\$40 class price includes materials

Skill Level: Beginner

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.

Beginner Knitting Part 2 with Kerry

Saturday, January 14th 1:30 - 3:30 \$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!

Absolute Beginner Crochet with Beth

Thursday, January 26th 6:30-8:30

OR Saturday, February 11th 1:00-3:00

\$40 (Class Fee includes materials)

This class is limited to 3 for maximum teacher help

Skill Level: Beginner

Absolute beginners will learn the ABCs of hook handling, making chains, and the single crochet stitch. Afterward, students will begin their very first project, Beth's Mother's Little Helper coaster. Bring a pencil and paper to take notes.

If you already know how to make single-crochet fabric, consider taking Absolute Beginner Crochet Part 2 instead, which covers double, treble, and half-double crochet stitches and introduces basic pattern-reading skills.

Class fee includes crochet hook, 100gm ball of Cascade 220 Superwash wool, copy of coaster pattern, and handouts.

Toe-up socks on 2 circulars with Lynne

Saturday, January 28th & February 11th 1:00 – 3:00 \$50

Skill Level: Advanced-Beginner/Intermediate

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.

Fixing Your Mistakes! A KnitHow Class with Lynne

Sosnowski

Thursday, February 2nd 6:30 - 8:30

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.