



SHALL WE KNIT?

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2017 – We are already a month in and I haven't told you about some of our plans for our 10th Anniversary year! 10 years – WOW!! We couldn't do this without all the support we have gotten from you over the years. Thank YOU!

Having that common bond of a love of all things yarny is what joins us. We may look at a lot of things differently but it is always good to know that we can agree on loving our craft. And it doesn't matter if you have just picked up your needles or hook this week or 50 years ago – there is always something new and exciting to learn or discover. It is never stagnant – unless you want it to be. There are times when all I want is to knit that pattern my Mom did years ago and know that it is the same pattern and will come out the same and life is good – knitting (or crochet or spinning or felting) is a balm to the spirit. The world may be going crazy around us but I can control this one little part of my world – one stitch at a time.



10th Anniversary – a couple of things will be happening over the year. **First** and HUGE is we are having some of our favourite dyers do us a custom colourway. We will be posting which yarns will be available when in case anyone wants to pre-order. The yarns will be kicking off

in April – stay tuned.

Second – what good is special yarns without special patterns? We will be having a couple of custom patterns done to use the shop colourways – yup more info soon.

Third and I am so excited about this – our 1st Knitting Retreat!! What is better than spending time with knitters than spending time away from home with knitters – no food to prepare, no dishes to do, take a class, eat some decadent food, laugh a lot and knit all you want. No one will ask you to put your knitting down all weekend. The only thing I'm going to tell you right now is the date – November 17th – 19th. SO EXCITED!!!!



Toronto Knitters Frolic

April 29th & 30th

I presume you have the dates marked on your calendar? Because why wouldn't you??

This is the perfect opportunity to find that magical project to while away the dog days of Summer. Find yourself a totally selfish project, winter is a distant memory, Christmas knitting can be put off for another day. The Frolic is for YOU! We will be in our usual spot next to the stairs and in front of the windows so you can get good light to choose that special skein of yarn. We will be bringing some special things to tempt you.



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.



Classes, Clubs, KALs

Guided Project Class

Tuesdays 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 Thursday of each month 6:30 - 8:00

Class is \$15/night.

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 & Chat

2nd Thursday of the Month, 6:30-8:00 FREE Skill Level: ALL
Beth & I have decided to change format to a Crochet & Chat (C&C) instead of a "Club" format. This will work the same as our regular Knit & Chats Tuesday afternoon or Friday night - a free drop in and work on whatever you want. Beth will be at majority of C&Cs and be willing to share her advice...If interest is expressed we can book some specific classes on different techniques or patterns that come up through discussions.

Toe-up socks on 2 circulars with Lynne

Saturday, February 4th & 18th 1:00 – 3:00 \$50-FULL

OR Thursday, March 30th & April 13th 6:30 – 8:30 \$50

OR Saturday, April 22nd & May 6th 1:00 – 3:00

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.

Absolute Beginner Crochet with Beth

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

OR Thursday, February 16th 6:30 – 8:30

OR Saturday, March 4th 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.

Ravelry Roadmap with Janelle

Thursday, February 23rd 6:30 – 8:30

Suitable for anyone

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.

Beginner Knitting with Kerry

Saturday, February 25th 10:00 – 12:00 \$40 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.

How to Steek with Erin

Saturday, February 25th 10:30 – 12:30 \$25

Steeking is a traditional technique, often used in fair isle knitting, which allows a knitter to work continuously in the round. Once the knitting is complete, openings are created by cutting along a centre column of stitches. Steeking is often used to make cardigan fronts, armscyes, neck openings, pockets, and more.

In this class we'll practice steeking on a small project – a coffee cup cozy. We'll learn how to reinforce steek stitches, cut our knitting (gasp!), and neatly tuck in and tack down the edges on the wrong side to create a tidy facing. Lastly, we'll learn how to pick up stitches along the steeked edge. You'll go home with a finished coffee cup cozy, a badge of honour for bravery, and the skills necessary to steek your next sweater!

Coming this Spring

Soxpertise with Kate Atherley

Friday, May 12th 2:00 – 5:00 \$50

Ok, you've worked a few socks, now it's time to expand your skills a bit. In this class you'll learn how to tweak a sock for better fit, including adding a gusset to the toe-up sock and creating leg shaping. We'll address the tricky bits like how to avoid holes at the top of your heel, how to get a tidy gusset pick up, and special cast-ons and cast offs. We'll talk about both toe up and top down socks, and discuss different heel and toe constructions – and when to choose one over another. We'll talk about the best yarns for sock knitting, and we'll provide tips for ensuring your hand-knit socks last as long as possible.

Intro to Tech Editing with Kate Atherley

Friday, May 12th 6:00 – 9:00 \$50

Interested in what a technical editor does? Looking for ways to become a better pattern writer and teacher? The technical editor is a vital part of the pattern publication process, helping designers turn their notes and outlines into patterns ready for publication. Training in technical editing also enhances your understanding of how patterns work and how to read and write them – hugely valuable skills for knitting teachers and designers.

This introductory-level session gets you started down the path. We'll explain the role of the technical editor in the pattern development and publication process. We'll dive deep into the different types of reviews required: language, numbers and usability. And we'll explain the value of the pattern style sheet: what it includes, how to establish one, and how to edit a pattern to meet specific requirements.

We'll also talk about concrete ways to start your business and gain experience as an editor.

As a special tie-in with the class, anyone that takes this class can buy Kate's Guide to Writing Knitting Patterns at 20% off.

Continental Knitting with Kate Atherley

Saturday, May 13th 10:00 – 12:00 \$40

Skill level: advanced beginner and beyond

Want to knit faster? Are you ready to tackle colourwork?

Knitting continental style - with the yarn in your left hand rather than right - is the key to speed, and also helps you enormously with colourwork. Suitable for knitters who are confident with knit and purl stitch.

Fixing Lace Mistakes with Kate Atherley

Saturday, May 13th 1:00 – 3:00 \$40

For knitters who have successfully worked one or two lace patterns, this class focuses on building lace knitting confidence and skills with a focus on fixing mistakes. Through hands-on practice, we'll demonstrate how to deal with missing or misplaced yarnovers, incorrect or misplaced decreases, and messed up patterns. We'll also discuss mistake prevention: the use of the lifeline, how to keep track of your progress on your pattern, and tips for ensuring you stay on track.

Closet Sale Dates
February 14th – 18th
March 14th – 18th
April 18th – 22nd

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