



SHALL WE KNIT?

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December! So many things to be thinking about but this newsletter is just going to focus on this weekend because there is so much happening.

Most important is that Kate Atherley is coming to teach so you know it's going to be a great weekend. We still have a few spots in a couple of her classes. All

the information can be found on our website.



- A Trunk Show with Crooked Kitchen!

Yup, all that gorgeous colour that you've seen at the knitting shows by the talented local dyer Laura Jones will be set up at the shop on December 1st. Come out and buy something pretty for knitting friends or treat yourself.



- Holiday Knit Help -

come to this drop-in session and get the help you need to finish up projects for gifting, choose gifts for new and experienced fibre fans, pick up a quick-finish kit to whip up a last-minute handmade present. We will have a sign in sheet when you come so we can help every one in a timely manner.

No charge to attend or get assistance but we'll have a "Help Their Holidays" jar out for your donations and proceeds will go to Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region (<http://www.wcswr.org/>).



- Retreat -

we still have a few spots available for our knitting retreat in January. There is information on our website and down further in this newsletter. Why don't you hint strongly to someone how much you would like to find a gift card for the retreat under the tree?



- UAFO -

We've added over 90 items to our fundraiser and there are some amazing pieces!



KATE ATHERLEY IS BACK!

Kate is coming for a weekend of teaching December 1st & 2nd. Kate is Knitty.com's Managing Technical Editor, and a seasoned designer and teacher of all things knitterly. Her latest book, 'Knit Mitts: Your Hand-y Guide to Knitting Mittens and Gloves' was released in fall 2017, and the first printing sold out in record time.

'Custom Socks: Knit to Fit Your Feet' was released summer 2015 by Interweave Press, to great acclaim. It takes a different approach than many sock books, teaching you how to measure your feet and providing numbers for working both toe-up and top down socks for 12 sizes and 9 gauges.

Her 'Pattern Writing for Knit Designers' book is the industry's first guide specifically written to help knit designers (and teachers) of all levels create easy-to-follow, high quality knitting patterns. It's been called a "game-changer" and a "must-have" by designers and magazine editors.

She's known for her attention to detail in her patterns and her classes, and she regularly teaches at stores and events across North America, including Interweave YarnFest and Vogue Knitting Live. Her work has appeared in many books and magazines. Kate lives in Toronto with her husband and their adorable but sometimes challenging rescue dog Dexter.

Kate's newest book The Knitters Dictionary is out this now and of course we have already ordered a bunch. We will be adding this book to our stack of Kate books.

Kate will be teaching 4 classes over the weekend.

- Next Steps in Brioche
- Continental Knitting
- Create your own Custom Shawl
- Short Row Savvy

UAFO FUNDRAISER - Year 4!

(Rescue an Under-Appreciated Finished Object)

Despite all the resolutions, the determinations, the I've-got-this-under-control's, we still produce them - amazing Finished Objects that we just don't love. Don't eye them ruefully as they pile up in the corners (despite the insulation value.) Donate them to the fourth (!) year of the Under-Appreciated Finished Object fundraiser.

Over the past four years, we've raised \$4,000 for local charities! That's just amazing! This year, we'll return to our roots and send our proceeds to the Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region (<http://www.wcswr.org/>).

If you'd like to donate an under-appreciated finished object to the fundraising sale, please drop it off at Shall We Knit? We'll need to have objects tagged with some basic information. The tags are available on the Shall We Knit FAQ page (at the bottom) : <http://shallweknit.ca/faq.php#UnderAppreciated>.

Then starting Tuesday, November 1st, all the delightful objects will be available to be appreciated and purchased at Shall We Knit? during regular shop hours. Bring your shopping buddies. Heck, if you decide it's a perfect Christmas present for someone on your list, we promise not to tell that it's not your own creation.



Shall We...Squirrel!!!

If you're like most of us, you can be easily distracted by a new yarn. We do joke around the shop about the shiny string distraction...Squirrel!

Once a month (we started July with Coriand'r Merino/Silk/Yak and August was Lichen & Lace) we are going to have a small limited quantity of something we don't normally carry in the shop for sale. This might be a custom dyed yarn, or a new knitting accessory or...who knows what we might find to play with. We will post pictures (on Instagram, Twitter & Facebook) of the item on the first Thursday of the month and it will go on sale when the shop opens the first Friday of the month. There will be no advance peaking, info or holds.

Sound like fun?



SHOP HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 10 - 5:30

Thurs. 10 - 8

Fri. 10 - 9

Sat. 10 - 4

Sun. & Mon. CLOSED



Classes, workshops, help...

Guided Project Class with Erin

Every Tuesday 11:30 - 12:30 \$10

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.

**** we are pondering doing a Guided Project class once a month on a Saturday. Please let us know what you think.**



Choose your own Garter Adventure with Janelle

1st Thurs of month starting October 4th 6:30 - 8:00

Suitable for advanced beginners.

All aboard for the 5th 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.

Select from the list of suggested patterns from class page on 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!

Building with Lace with Janelle

2nd Sat. of month (usually) Sept - June

A new skill 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, nupps, 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!.

Beginner Knitting with Kerry

Sat. Dec. 8th 1:00 - 3:00 \$40

Class price includes materials

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.

Next Steps in Lace - a Mystery Shawl KAL with Janelle

3rd Thursday of month (usually) January - July

A new skills building club and a mystery shawl!

Building on the lace knitting skills gained in the "Building with Lace" club, this new shawl (rectangular stole) introduces knitters to the beauty of Bavarian and Japanese lace patterns. Club members will meet each month and receive the next part of the shawl design, a week before it is available to online subscribers. Meet once-a-month for seven months, from January to July. 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, knitting lace, Japanese stitches, Bavarian stitches, Kitchener stitch in pattern, and blocking. Additional techniques include cables, twisted stitches, raised stitches, knitting with beads, and an introduction to some advanced lace knitting techniques.

At only \$15 per session, plus a one-time purchase of the pattern at \$7.50, this is an affordable way to build your lace knitting chops. We do ask that you purchase your shawl yarn at Shall We Knit?

***if all classes are paid prior to first class you will receive a ball of Cascade Superwash to use for your class swatching.

Next Steps in Brioche with Kate Atherley

Sat. Dec. 1st 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

For knitters with a little **bit of experience** with Brioche knitting, this class will get you started on more complex patterns, starting with Kate's "Omnishambles" patterned brioche scarf.

The session focuses on building skills and confidence with the technique. We'll talk about working increase and decreases, tidy edges, and fixing mistakes. Along the way we'll share a few tips for making the process easier and more fun.

Create Your Own Custom Shawl with Kate Atherley

Sun. Dec. 2nd 9:30 - 12:30 \$60

skill level: knitters must have made a few shawls and have some lace skill.

For adventurous knitters looking to expand their skills and get creative!

This class explains key shawl shapes, and how to make them your own with stitch patterns and custom design details. We'll share tips for shawl knitting: stretchy cast ons and bind offs and increase and edging options for decorative and functional purposes. We'll talk about yarn choices and fabrics, how to use multiple colors, and stitch patterns that work for variegated yarns. Students leave with a set of pattern templates and the confidence and knowledge to start customizing and creating their own designs.

Short Row Savvy with Kate Atherley

Sun. Dec. 2nd 1:30 - 3:30 \$40

"Wrap & Turn" is not a dance move, it's a fabulous way to create shapes with your knitting. Short rows are used for sock heels, they're common in shawls to create, and to create ruffles. In this class we'll discuss four or five common methods of working short rows (and hiding them, just as important!): wrap, German, Yarnover, Shadow, Japanese. We'll discuss their use in bust shaping to custom fit a garment and we'll share a no-fail recipe for a tidy and elegant short row sock heel. Last but not least, we'll show you how to convert a shaped garment shoulder to use short rows for easier seaming.

Beginner Brioche with Erin

Sat. Jan. 12th 10:00 - 12:00 \$30

The shawl pattern "Lemon Difficult" by Kate Atherley is included in the price of the class.

Level: Intermediate (you know how to cast on, knit, and purl comfortably)

Brioche knitting produces a beautiful lofty, cushy, double layer of fabric that is reversible. The stitch is surprisingly easy yet intriguing to knit - it's rhythmic, but with just enough going on to keep it interesting.

In this class we'll learn how to work two colour brioche while making a shawl. We'll cover brioche knit ("bark") and brioche purl ("burp") stitches, how to read brioche patterns, and how to work with two colours. We'll also go over some important tips for keeping your knitting sorted out and on track.

Continental Knitting with Kate Atherley

Sat. Dec. 1st 1:30 - 3:30 \$40

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 colorwork.

Suitable for knitters who are confident with knit and purl stitch.

Learn to Crochet with Erin

Sat. Jan. 12th 1:00 - 3:00 \$35 includes materials

This class is for absolute beginners or those working on basic skills. We'll start at the very beginning (a very good place to start) and cover all the basics - from how to hold your hook and tension yarn, to making your very first crochet stitch.

Crochet hook, yarn, and a simple washcloth pattern are included in the class.

Materials: please bring a pen or pencil to take notes



A Shall We Knit? Retreat

Yarnplay: From Swatch to Sweater

January 18-20, 2019

Elmhurst Inn, Ingersoll, ON

SOME SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Details and registration are on the website.

\$100 deposit due with registration (non-refundable after October 1st) Balance due by October 15th.

This year we are pleased to have the very talented Janelle Martin and Lynne Sosnowski teaching.

So start talking to your knitting friends and plan a weekend away. This might even be a great idea to hint strongly you would like for a Christmas gift!

Join us for a fun weekend away, surrounded by fellow knitters who share the same joy in stitching, in a peaceful and luxurious environment. No cooking, no chores, no children - just a couple of days of stimulating classes, excellent meals, optional spa treatments, a pop-up shop filled with goodies (and exclusives!), and fun in good company.

*** keep an eye out, we will be posting information soon about day passes for the Retreat