

WINDY CITY KNITTING GUILD



JULY 2020

July Update

Usually about this time of year in the midwest we say: "Hot enough for ya?" but this year is shaping up to be "Did you get water in your basement?"

Hopefully you've found something to knit or crochet in cotton or linen... or maybe you cranked the ac and continued with some wooly item for our friends at Wool Aid or the Night Ministry?

See you "virtually" at our next meeting!

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JULY MEETING
virtual via zoom!
TUESDAY JULY 14TH
7:00-8:15pm
a zoom meeting link
will be sent to our
email list three days
prior

GUILD NEWS

June Meeting Recap:

Our June meeting was VIRTUAL -- about twenty members and friends logged on to Zoom on June 16 and spent an hour or so chatting and catching up. We talked about Ravelry's new look just unveiled the day before. We heard updates about the Yarn Crawl and several LYS's (details on the Shop News page).

Everyone has been knitting a LOT and many of us had finished projects or WIP to hold up and wave around in front of the camera.

Mention was made of the Rhinebeck Sheep and Wool Festival going virtual this year on October 17 -18, 2020. That makes it accessible to all of us who can't travel to upstate NY! No details are posted but keep checking their website: [SHEEP AND WOOL](#)

We plan to meet again on-line in July -- please join us!

Virtual Knitting Group

At the meeting, Jenny M. told us of a great virtual knitting group she's connected with in New Jersey and followed up with this info by email:

If people are interested in a virtual knit-along sponsored by the Princeton, NJ Public Library, the registration link is below. It meets at 10am Central Time on Wednesdays and will continue at least until mid-September. I've been attending for a couple of months now and it's really nice to look forward to.

Click here for info: [LINK TO PRINCETON LIBRARY](#)



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We are reaching out to members new and old to rebuild our numbers. We have a great year ahead and hope you will join us!

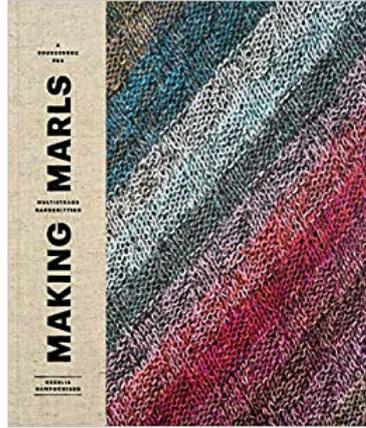
Click here to renew your WCKG membership online. Pay via PayPal or download a printable form to pay by check at our next meeting.

<https://www.windycityknittingguild.com/join-our-guild.html>

REVIEWS

Making Marls

Cecelia Campochiaro
Chroma Opaci Books, 2020
\$65.00



Cecelia Campochiaro amazed the knitting world with her systematic exploration of the geometric power of knit and purl repeats for textures in *Sequence Knitting*, a Sourcebook for Multistrand Handknitting. She returns to explore knitting with multiple strands of yarn together, to control color, in *Making Marls*. It's as though your rag sweater or boot socks, in a humble brown and white mix, were at a family reunion of color, with countless tweedy cousins coming straight from color theory and practice. In just over 300 large pages, the book explains color theory and how to apply it in different sequences of multi strands of yarn, worked as one. There are more than 30 examples of knitwear and color changes to prime your own exploration. Some common strand sequences carry one or more color strands throughout the entire piece. Bridging sequences connect solids with marls. Gradient sequences move through colors. Complex sequences go in further directions. Improvisational sequences bring surprises.

Marled knitting involves working with plied or parallel strands of yarn, where different colors have been combined, often creating a speckled look. It has shown up without it being realized as something distinct in sock knitting mimicking tartans, in accounts of old-time stockings and in the thrifty uses of yarn on hand. More recently by certain creative knitters have used the technique, including Kaffe Fassett, Marianne Isager, Setsuko Torii, and Stephen West.

This is not straight off the shelf knitting. The book is a step-by-step guide to figuring out how to work the patterns in the book or to produce your own creations. There is much on color theory and how it works in knitting. It is not so much a project book as a guided independent study. I have only started to scratch its surface, but know that it is another landmark study for knitting. We are fortunate to have Cecelia Campochiaro directing her intellectual creativity to in-depth explorations of knitting.

This book is a must for color theory students, technical knitting enthusiasts, those who like to control their color projects and to those of us whose jaws drop at knitting pushed in new directions. Although the processes do not involve dyeing, but could, hand dyers would probably learn more about how to think about color from her studies.

This book is distributed by [Schoolhouse Press](#) and is available through their web site. It should also show up at fiber festivals when they resume.

Cathy G

**To submit a review or article,
please email Karen H. at
wckgnewsletter@gmail.com**

REVIEWS

Editor's Comment: Last month I mentioned I was working my way through this book and Cathy G. sent me a copy of the review she wrote when it came out -- thought you all would like to read it!

Knitting Comfortably The Ergonomics of Handknitting

Carson Demers

Ergo Publishing, 2016 \$46.95



About now we've been digging into our various 2018 resolutions—such as trying out a new knitting technique with our WCKG buddies, starting a project from our stash, and taking good care of ourselves.

Enter a passionate knitter and experienced physical therapist who shares his exploration of body mechanics with the knitting community, with the goal of balancing productivity, efficiency, and preventing injury, to maintain our comfort as knitters. Carson Demers is an explainer and helper, rather than a finger shaker. He explains to us in a clear and knitter-ly way how the body works and how stressors can be generated by how we use our bodies. Today, those stressors can be compounded not only by the repetitive nature of knitting but by the increasing role of computing in most of our lives. He helps us to be aware of modifications and activities to be good to ourselves, to have both happier bodies and great projects. This involves such things as diverse as good seating selection, picking the right knitting equipment to meet our needs, using new applications for swatching, and doing stretching exercises. It respects each of our own individual paths to change and develop better habits for well-being.

I'm looking forward to working my way in detail through the nearly 250 well-illustrated pages, and applying the knowledge to get more of the knitting that's inside my head off my needles. It has only one oddity—no mention of crochet. Perhaps this will become Volume 2. As always, it is important to seek individual medical help as needed. This is a unique and very important book for knitters of all ages and experience levels, to keep us healthy, lifetime knitters. The computer sections will also benefit our non-knitting family and friends. It is privately published and in limited distribution. Seek it out at a book-focused yarn shop or at specialty knitting events.

It can also be ordered from the author's web site, [ERGO I KNIT](#).

Cathy G.

SHOW & SHARE

Our show and share for the June meeting was of course hampered by the limitations of our computers and camera angles and lighting. Will we ever get the hang of trying to hold something up in front of our iPad to get it in focus? Not to mention we don't get to lean in to see details and **alas!** no touching... Anna R. sent in these photos which show the detail of the summer sweater she finished -- beautifully done -- we couldn't really see that on-line! Please do take the time to photograph your work and send them to us!



Ann R's "[Morning Sky](#)" by designer Heidi Kirrmaier using Debbie Bliss Eco Baby 100% cotton. Nice!

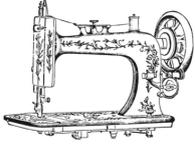


"When we engage in fiber arts, we are creating something, but we're also participating in historic traditions tens of thousands of years old. You are not only making art for your soul and for future generations, you are embodying the work of our ancestors."

-the woven road

SHOP NEWS

Evanston



Stitchworks

Their online store is still open and they are now offering Virtual Camps and Classes but Evanston Stitchworks is also offering SOMETHING NEW!

Open Air Shopping

Wednesdays - 2:00-5:00pm

Saturdays - 12noon - 3:00pm

Weather permitting!

More info at [Evanston Stitchworks](#)

Chicago Yarn Crawl
July 25th - Aug 2nd 2020

The Chicago Yarn Crawl is going Virtual! Now you can participate, wherever you are! 2020 has been a year of uncertainty. As we planned out this year's Yarn Crawl, we didn't want to be another cancellation, in a sea of cancelled fiber events. Together, we re-worked the Chicago Yarn Crawl so we could still reach our community, and have a fun event that we know so many of you look forward to. In a community that thrives on small businesses, we want to continue to support the dyers, designers, and LYS's that have been effected these last few months. We are proud of how the 18 yarn shops have come together, to re-work our structure so any one, any where, can join!

To learn how to participate ACTUALLY or VIRTUALLY, to get info on buttons/totes/raffle and which shops are participating, please go to this link:

[CHICAGO YARN CRAWL: How to Participate](#)

A New Friend...

We got an email from Ruth Sybers of Knitters Treat LLC. You can join Knitter's Treat LLC on Facebook. Knitter's Treat features ChiaoGoo needles, Soxx Appeal yarn, Miyuki beads, Portuguese pins and book and DVDs, knitting books, and lots more. Free delivery in Madison and Monticello areas.

You might want to visit this link: [CELEBRATING TEN YEARS OF TEXTILE EXHIBITS- Ruth Knight Sybers](#) Start with a display of some lovely knitting by Ms. Sybers and then, down below, click on links of past displays of fiberwork that was on display at The Dining Room at 209 Main. What a lovely idea -- displaying beautiful handiwork for diners out for a good meal!

SHOP NEWS, CONTINUED

Knit One Purl Two Closing Sale

Knit One Purl Two

6409 E Riverside Blvd, Rockford, Illinois 61114 815-904-6030

Kim R shared this email from Knit One Purl Two with us:

It's that time...We knew it would come, but not this soon. Due to the Covid-19 virus we have decided to close the store even as we celebrate our 6th birthday of being open.

Our biggest goal was to have a place where community could gather and enjoy good yarn. That kind of community is going to be impossible until there is a vaccine, and even then, first responders will rightfully get the vaccine first. We are incredibly sad but we are so grateful for the opportunity to meet you and teach you, but especially to laugh together and enjoy your friendship!

As of **Wednesday July 1, 2020 everything in the store will be 35% off**. We will also be selling the Ikea shelves and other furniture, tables, pictures, even the refrigerator (but you won't be able to take some things home right away). We will also sell a large number of sweaters, hats, cowls and scarves because we can't possibly wear all of them!

Store hours will be 10-4 Tuesday thru Friday and 10-2 on Saturday. We will be available for evening appointments if your work schedule interferes with your yarn needs. If you still have a class to take you can schedule it soon or take the remaining dollars in yarn. If you have a gift certificate, you must use it before August 15, 2020 so we can close our books.

We will continue to help you with your projects even after the store is closed. Either of us can meet you at a coffee shop or a park and help you with your projects. You can reach Kay at 815-262-4517 and Connie at 815-222-7994. When we can gather again we will find a coffee shop or a library or other place to meet in.

CHICAGO KNIT IN PUBLIC DAY UPDATE

Anna R. shared this email with us from Amanda Zagloba at the Chicago Public Library:

Unfortunately, we won't be having a program on Saturday for World Wide Knit in Public Day. I have talked to the Maker Lab and we're going to re-schedule the programming we had intended for this weekend to October to celebrate **Slow Fashion October**. Even if we can't do something in-person, we're hoping we'll be able to do something virtually by then.

I did switch my Urban Yarns Knit & Crochet meetup to Zoom. We meet every Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. Your members are welcome to join and can register here:

URBAN YARNS KNIT & CROCHET

SHOP NEWS, CONTINUED

Cathy G shared this photo and message from Close Knit in Evanston:

CloseKnit

Slowly, but surely, we are making progress sewing together the Quarantine Blanket. Thank you for creating a mountain (or two!) of varied and beautiful squares!!!

[CloseKnit Yarn Store](#) 1630 Orrington Ave
Evanston, IL 60201 Phone (847)-328-6760



More news shared by Cathy G. from Donna Druchunas of [Sheep to Shawl!](#):

Hello Knitters & Spinners,
The timing for my latest knitting projects could not have been better with the current business climate. As some know, I'm teaming up with local Vermont Shepherds to move their wool to market. With the help of Cloverworks farm (shepherd, Katie Sullivan) from Irasburg, Vermont. Sheep To Shawl & Cloverworks will source 100% wool from select farms to bring to market with some of my knitting projects moving forward.

Over the past few months I've done some testing & marketing for Vermont wool & there seems to be much interest. Supporting the local farms in these times is the best thing a consumer of fiber can do right now. With that said, I'm starting a fiber club for spinners. You'll receive 4oz of 100% of Vermont wool every two months for \$39.99. Mystery color, mystery Vermont wool, learn about the sheep, and more. Info can be found here:

[Vermont Fiber Subscription Club](#)

ABOUT OUR GUILD

Windy City Knitting Guild is an educational and social club. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest and skill in knitting, while encouraging high standards of quality workmanship.

The Windy City Knitting Guild normally meets the second Tuesday of each month, 6:45 to 8:45 pm, at:

Welles Park Clubroom
2333 West Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago

Meetings are suspended until group gatherings are approved by state and city government and the park district buildings open up to groups.

Please check our website for any changes in date or time. You can also find updates on Ravelry. We will notify you by email when meetings will resume.

WCKG is a 501(c)(7) organization. We do not discriminate. All knitters, from beginners to designers and teachers, are welcome at our meetings. As a prospective member, we encourage you to attend a few meetings. Check us out and, if you like, join. For questions about or issues with receiving the newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor.

Annual membership costs \$25 for the calendar year. This money helps us send 12 newsletters via email each year and pay for monthly programs. You will receive a 10% discount at participating yarn shops and discounted fees for our weekend workshops and classes. If you would like to join, make your check out to Windy City Knitting Guild for \$25 and mail it to:

Marcie Claus, WCKG Treasurer
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Membership fees are non-refundable. You also have the option of paying for membership through our website using PayPal.

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