

The Swift

Annual WIPs, Chains and Stash Exchange Party July 31

Our annual stash exchange is coming up Monday with a treasure trove of yarns, books, magazines, tools and notions to trade.

The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gordon Biersch, 145 S. San Fernando Blvd., in Burbank.

It's a perfect opportunity to refine your stash, make someone else happy and get inspiration from fellow fiber lovers' offerings.



Knerdy Knitters elect 2017-2018 officers

President **Tammy Takahashi** and Treasurer **Sara Smith** have won reelection to the guild's 2017-18 Board of Directors. Joining them are **Virginia Van Osdel, DDS**, as guild vice president, and **Elizabeth Booth** as secretary. The annual board elections were held in May.

A tip of the hat should also go to the following people whose volunteer contributions are essential to our success:

- **Nicole Briggs**, our membership chair, who keeps our database up-to-date and accurate.
- **Rachel Decker**, our charity project chair.

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2017-18 Officers
-- From the left, Treasurer **Sara Smith**, President **Tammy Takahashi**, Vice President **Virginia Van Osdel** and Secretary **Elizabeth Booth**.

Calendar

August 2017

- 5 Saturday Stitches, 10 a.m. to noon at Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave., Burbank
- 14 TGIFiber, 7-9 p.m. Monday at Four 'n 20, 5530 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks
- 20 Purls & Pooches, 2 - 4 p.m., Sunday, the Westfield Village, 6600 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Woodland Hills
- 21 Yarn Club, 7- 9 p.m. Monday at the Food Court, Burbank Town Center, 201 E. Magnolia Blvd.
- 28 Guild meeting, 7-9 p.m. Monday at Police Headquarters, 200 N. 3rd St., Burbank

September 2017

- 2 Saturday Stitches, 10 a.m. to noon at Starbucks, 1520 W. Olive Ave.,

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Fandom Challenge Committee meets in August

In August, our Fandom Challenge Committee will start meeting to set up prize categories for the Knerdy Knitters' first themed challenge.

The challenge is to knit, crochet, spin, felt or create in any other fiber craft something that reflects what you are a fan of: a sports team, an animal, a book, a movie, a historical period, a fantasy character, a fiber, a technique or anything else that you are passionate about. The only requirement is that the project be made entirely in 2017 – no resuscitation of unfinished objects (UFOs) from years past.

The projects will be displayed at Dec. 2 holiday party, where guests will vote on their favorites. Top vote getters in each category will receive prizes.

If you would like to serve on the committee, contact **Anastasia McGee**, committee chair, at agmcgee@gmail.com. You can still compete in the challenge if you serve on the committee since the voting is done by guild members attending the holiday party.

The idea was borrowed from the handweavers guild by **Tammy Takahashi**, our president, and Anastasia. The handweavers often have challenges to inspire creativity, experimentation and the exploration of new techniques or aspects of weaving.

Are you a process knitter or a project knitter?

There's been a lot of talk about monogamy at guild meetings lately – the project kind, not the sexual kind. As one knitter fights her creative appetites to finish one project, another unpacks six from her tote bag.

How many projects you're happy working on at a time says a lot about whether you're a process knitter or a project knitter. We surveyed participants at several meetings to see how they defined themselves.

Here's how these two types differ:

- **Process knitters (or crocheters)** do it for the experience of the process. They choose a project based on what they might pick up along the way. A



New officers

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- **Jeannette Hartman**, newsletter editor and the web mistress.
- **Anastasia McGee**, both as Crochet-Along chair and the Fandom Challenge chair.
- **Deb Mobley-Burns** and **Julie Kornblum**, who helped research and plan the 2017 retreat to Julian.
- **Virginia**, who in addition to being vice president, serves as Knit-Along chair.



new stitch pattern or technique, for example, is like a puzzle. Mastering it gives you satisfaction.

- **Project knitters (or crocheters)** do it to have the finished project. They see something and know they want to knit or crochet it to wear, use or give away. The joy is reaching the finish line. The accomplishment is what gives satisfaction

Both types enjoy selecting patterns, choosing yarns and learning new things. It's not either/or. The down side of

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Purls & Pooches meeting debuts in Woodland Hills

Inspired by a conversation at a TGIFiber meeting, a new Knerdy Knitters social group, Purls & Pooches, is now meeting at The Village outdoor mall in Woodland Hills.

The group gathers from 2 to 4 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month at 6600 Topanga Canyon Blvd.

Knitters, crocheters and their dogs are welcome to attend. You're still welcome even if you don't have a dog.

"In June, we had eight knitters and crocheters and four dogs," said host Jeannette Hartman. "It was lots of fun and attracted a lot of interest from people passing by."

While the heat has been an obstacle, the group is testing locations within the mall to find a shady space with good light that allows for easy conversation. Keep an eye on the Knerdy Knitters's web calendar at <http://www.knerdyknitters.com/calendars.html> or the guild's page at Meetup.com/Knerdy-Knitters-of-the-SFV for details.



Purls & Pooches

Growing into new locations

As the guild grows, we've been moving some locations to larger, more convenient sites. This summer both Yarn Club and TGIFiber have moved.

Yarn Club

Yarn Club has moved to the lower level food court at the Burbank Town Center mall, 201 E. Magnolia Blvd. It will continue meeting at 7 to 9 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

The new site is more spacious and has better lighting, more food choices and easier conversational groupings. The mall and food court are being renovated, but that will be finished in late 2017.

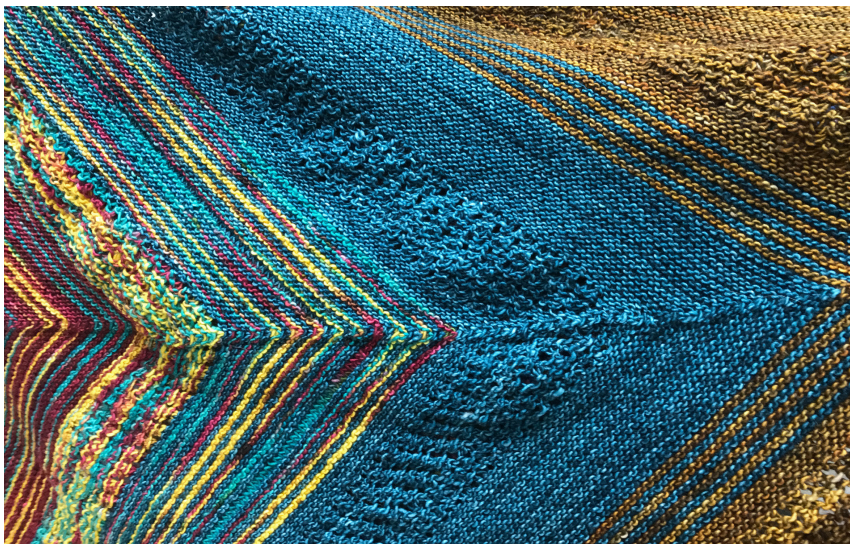
TGIFiber

This social knitting group had been meeting at TGIFridays in Porter Ranch, which many found inconvenient and far away.

The group is holding its Aug. 14 meeting Four 'N 20 Restaurant, Grill and Bakery, 5530 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks. Just south of the intersection of Van Nuys and Burbank boulevards, Four 'N 20 has good parking and is easy to get to from the 101 or the 405 freeways.

The menu includes soups, salads, sandwiches, dinner items, pies and assorted beverages including wine and beer.

Since we can always say, "Thank God it's fiber!" we're keeping the name despite the move from TGIFridays.



Find Your Fade by Julie Kornblum -- These shawls have been popular this year because they look so different depending on fiber and color choices and embellishments like beads.

Process versus Project

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process knitters is that they can lose interest in a project once they master the challenge. They tend to have lots of works in progress and loads of UFOs. Project knitters tend to work on only a few projects at a time because they want the sense of completion.

Clearly, process knitters must finish something sometime or they'd be on the street pushing shopping carts full of UFOs; and project knitters are always learning new things or they'd never get past making washcloths, scarves or placemats.

Among those we surveyed, 42 percent defined themselves process knitters, a quarter defined themselves as project knitters and a third defined themselves as both.

We also asked responders to decide what type of knitter the following famous (real and fictional) people might be:

- **Madame Defarge**, a character in Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities*. She sits at the guillotine during the French Revolution knitting as heads roll. Her knitting secretly encodes the names of the people to be killed. A total of 55 percent of our survey takers described her as a project knitter.
- **Capt. James T. Kirk**, commander of the starship USS Enterprise in the original TV series "Star Trek." He's a hard-driving leader who pushes himself and his crew beyond human limits. He's a rule-breaker who is committed to the survival of his ship and his crew. He would be a project knitter, according to 67 percent of our survey takers.
- **Ringo Starr**, drummer and former Beatles member, who as a sickly young lad learned to knit during a hospital stay. It was something you could do in bed, he said later. Definitely a process knitter, according to 83 percent of our respondents.
- **Julia Roberts**, an actress, who so well known for her knitting that on the set of the comedy "Larry Crowne" (2011), fellow actor Tom Hanks rounded up all the crew members and gave them yarn and needles. When Roberts walked into the room, they were all hard at work knitting and purling. Seventy-five percent said Julia is a process knitter.

- **Grace Kelly**, an actress who tried to knit Clark Gable a pair of Christmas socks while on location in Tanganyika filming "Mogambo" (1953). She didn't get them done in time, so she stole a pair of his own socks – and other items to fill the socks with – to present as a gift. A project knitter, according to 82 percent of our respondents -- if you could even call her a knitter.

Get the latest KAL and CAL patterns on KnerdyKnitters.com

It's never too late to start the guild's knit-along or crochet-along. The patterns are posted on the guild's website.

Both can be adapted to a variety of projects, big or small. It's a great way to learn new techniques with fellow fiber workers to help with questions and challenges.



Talk to Us

Knerdy Knitters of the San Fernando Valley publishes The Swift monthly. To submit news items or photographs, e-mail them to News4KnerdyKnitters@gmail.com.

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