



# TIGARD KNITTING GUILD

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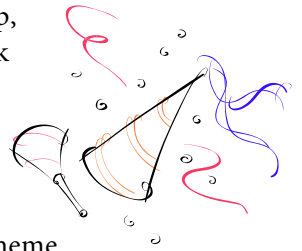
Meetings: Every 3rd Thursday at Tigard Senior Ctr. @ 7 pm (**doors open @ 6:30**)

## THEME OF THE YEAR REVEAL

# Happy New Year!

Now that the shopping is done, decorations are packed up, out-of-town guests have gone home and the kids are back in school what will you do now?

First, take a deep relaxing breath and take some time to think about you. Our January wrap-up meeting has been designed to showcase all of your wonderful fiber items that you have crafted for your home in 2014. Our theme for the past year has been "household" items which could have been dish cloth aprons, dishcloths, cozies, pillow covers, coasters, blankets, etc. So gather them all up and bring them to the meeting in January so we can display your items for some lovely prizes. Along with me, I'm sure your fellow guild members can't wait to see what you have made throughout the year.



Second, let me say ladies, we are going to have an extraordinary year! This will be the year you will not want to miss. We are looking ahead this year to a cornucopia of great things to view, touch, listen to and create with fiber. Yvonne and Jess, our program chairs for 2015, will be exploring a wide range of program ideas and invite inspired speakers for our enjoyment.

Third, I want to say a big thank you to my 2014 Board of great women for all their support, encouragement and enthusiasm. I wouldn't have made it through without you. As in Boards past, we have several Board members returning to continue to assist on the 2015 Board, Beverly Lyons - Treasurer, Yvonne Cutright - Program Chair, Nancy Newcomb - Assistant NL Editor, Lynn Stevens - Member-at-Large. And another thank you to the ladies who have also stepped forward to complete the 2015 Board, Lou Travis - VP, Jess Hearn - Program Chair, Becky Bohlinger - Secretary, Joanne Hughes - NL Editor, Charity McInnes - Member-at-Large.

And last, the theme for 2015 will be announced at the January meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Always froggin'  
**Sabrina Grant**

***2015 motto - It takes a Village to raise a child and it takes involved members to create a Guild.***

## **FROM OUR PROGRAM CHAIRS: EXCITING THINGS AFOOT IN THE NEW YEAR!**

This month's meeting will be fun and educational. We will get to see what members have been knitting for the Theme of The Year: Household.

I know we will see some creative, interesting and lovely things. If you haven't done something and are a fast knitter, there is still time! Get your needles moving along with me since I haven't done anything yet and will have something done by next week! There will be a chance for those who enter an item to win prizes. I can tell you from personal knowledge, there are some nice prizes!

Hilary is also going to share more information about the new website. She has worked very hard to put this together and has done an amazing job. We all applaud her efforts!

Since we are at the beginning of a 'new knitting year' as well as a new calendar year Jess and I thought it would be fun to start it off with learning about taking photos of all the things that will be created during this knitting year. Vivian Aubrey will be sharing her photography knowledge with us in February.

Vivian began playing with a camera as soon she could be trusted to hold one. Her interest has only expanded from there. She believes that knitted garments and items tell stories just as photographs of people tell stories. I'm looking forward to learning some of the best ways to take picture stories of some of my sweaters.

Please join us in February so we can all learn to take photos of our wonderful knitted garments and creations!



## **DECEMBER POTLUCK RECAP**

As a new member, this was the first guild holiday party I've attended, and it was lots of fun. There was approximately a ton of food—we could have fed twice as many people. And it was all good!

From what I've heard, last year there were too many desserts, but this year it was the other way around, although I didn't have much room for dessert anyway, after filling my plate with "savories." (As the newsletter explained, a savory is any food that is not sweet.)

There was a brief show and tell, then we exchanged gifts. After opening our packages, a microphone was passed around the room so everyone could show off their presents.

As an added bonus, everyone who paid their membership dues that night received a second gift, a cute felted notions case (mine is a purple cat.)



The Guild would like to give a big 'thank you' to NITRO KNITTERS for their assistance in providing those adorable felt notion bags as an early renewal gift to those members who paid their 2015 dues by the December meeting!

## TKG BOARD MEMBER

### SPOTLIGHT:

For returning Board Members, they will be updating their biographies to talk about what they've been doing, knitting-wise, over the past year.

#### Lynn Stevens, Member-at-Large

I am a native Oregonian, having been born in Salem. My work life was spent as a legal secretary. I have been retired for 7 years. When I retired, I began knitting.

I am currently one of your Members-at-Large, so when you are looking for your name tag, I am sitting at the table greeting you. This is my second year as a Member-at-Large. I find being on the Board great fun. It is very rewarding to be a part of something you are passionate about, and I am passionate about knitting.

#### What have you been knitting this past year?

Most of my knitting is charity knitting. I belong to a prayer shawl group that meets twice a month. Most of what I make is given away to people I never see. This Christmas, however, we were making scarves for the homeless and my husband liked what he saw and wanted one. After making my husband a scarf, I made him a hat to match. He has been enjoying both in the cold weather we have been having. I am going to try to work on more than one project at a time, so I can begin gifts for next Christmas. It really is fun to see the pleasure received from my humble creations.

#### COLOR OF THE YEAR 2015.....

#### INTRODUCING: MARSALA

A naturally robust and earthy wine red, Marsala



#### Have you learned any new skills?

I haven't learned any new skills this past year, but I did discover that the doily I was making wouldn't work with the thread I had chosen, so I used Cascade 220 instead. Well that little doily ended up covering the top of a queen-sized bed! I got a laugh out of that, but it really was pretty and fun to make. I had no idea it would end up being so big.



#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan	Theme of the Year Reveal
Feb 12-15	Madrona Fiber Arts Festival
March 5-8	Rose City Yarn Crawl
June 5-8	Vogue Knitting LIVE Destination Experience: Imperial Stock Ranch
June 19-21	Black Sheep Gathering
August	Knit & Crochet Out – Tigard Library, Date TBD
Sept 26 & 27	Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival (OFFF) Classes on the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 16-18	TKG Fall Retreat, Teacher TBD
Nov 1-6	Sivia Harding Retreat 'Uncommon Cows' Friday Harbor, WA For info contact: siviaknits@gmail.com
Nov 6-8	Columbia Gorge Fiber Festival, The Dalles

For information on more events far and wide, check out the events link on [knittersreview.com](http://knittersreview.com)

Some knitting thoughts for the New Year from [knitting.about.com](http://knitting.about.com).....

# Resolutions for Knitters

## New Year, New Priorities

By Sarah E. White ([knitting.about.com](http://knitting.about.com))

Most people make New Year's resolutions related to their health, exercising more, breaking bad habits, and other such matters. As knitters, we should make resolutions, too. Whether you want to learn a new skill, use up some old yarn or finish what you start, there are tons of great resolutions for knitters. Here are a few to get you started.

### 1. Finish What You Start (Or Don't)

I think every knitter has some kind of UFOs, also known as unfinished objects. Even the most well-meaning knitters can get sidetracked or simply lose interest in a project before it is completed.

This year, take stock of all the projects you haven't finished. Some of them probably only need minor work to finish them such as weaving in ends, blocking your knitting or simply doing some knitting up. Make these sorts of projects a priority and see how many of them you can complete before the end of January. Other pieces might take much more work to finish. Consider each one individually and decide if it is something you really want to finish. If you abandoned the project part way through because you hated the yarn or the pattern, that's not a project you are ever going to want to finish. Bite the bullet and unravel your work. If you like the yarn but hated the project, try a different pattern. Donate the yarn if it was the problem. If you have unfinished projects that you still want to finish, make an effort to complete them, if possible, before you start any new projects. If you started the project for an occasion that has since passed, find a place to donate the finished item.

### 2. Use the Yarn in Your Stash

A huge guilty pleasure of knitters is buying yarn without any idea of how or if we might one day use it. This year, make an effort to go through your stash and really evaluate each thing you've purchased:

- Do you love it?
- Do you have an idea for a project you could make with it?
- Do you have enough of it to complete that project?
- Is the yarn in good condition?

If you don't love the yarn, donate it to someone who can use it (or sell it on eBay). If you love it but don't know how to use it, check out [Ravelry.com](http://Ravelry.com) for some inspiration. You might find a small project you could complete with a tiny quantity of yarn, or come up with a way to work the yarn into a project that uses many different kinds of yarn. If the yarn is damaged, there's nothing for it but to get rid of it and make room for something else in your stash.

Once you've cleaned out your stash and come up with projects for some of the yarns you are keeping, resolve to make those projects. Either set a goal of one project from the stash every month or vow not to buy any new yarn until you've completed a certain number of projects from the yarn you already have.

### **3. Start Making Swatches**

Most knitters don't like to take the time to knit gauge swatches, yet we all probably have a story involving a project that we should have swatched.

My first pair of socks, for instance, ended up more like slippers because I was sure I could just knit with the size of needles that was recommended in the pattern. They were such small needles, I figured there was no way my knitting wouldn't end up small. I still wear those socks, but often they're put on over other socks!

This year, let's all resolve to try to make more gauge swatches when we embark on difficult or extremely fitted patterns. Notice I didn't say you have to make a gauge swatch for every project, or even that you have to keep them, I just said try to make them on the difficult or big projects you don't want to have to knit twice.

Making resolutions, whether about knitting or anything else, shouldn't be about absolutes. Don't say

"I'll never eat ice cream again" or "I'll always make gauge swatches and knit from my stash."

With that kind of attitude if you mess up once your resolution is gone. Instead, make a day to day, project to project effort.

### **4. Learn New Tricks**

Every knitter, no matter how skilled, probably has something he or she hasn't tried before. Make this the year you learn that skill you've always wanted to try.

Whether its felting or cables, colorwork or circular knitting, be willing to move out of your comfort zone this year and try something new. You'll learn great things about yarn, about knitting, and about yourself. Even if it's a disaster, it probably won't be one you regret.

### **5. Make More Time for Knitting**

It's likely most of us would like to be able to spend more time knitting each day or each week than we currently do. You could resolve to do more knitting in front of the television or to turn off the TV one night a week so you can get more knitting done.

You might also want to join a knitting group so you have a regular time for knitting worked into your schedule. You might be more likely to take part if you know people are expecting you.

### **6. Knit More for Yourself**

If you're constantly knitting for gifts and for charity, good for you, but remember to stop every now and then and knit a little something for yourself. You'll be glad you did.

**Even if you only choose to set one of these resolutions for yourself, I'm sure you'll be glad you did.**

**They'll make you a better knitter, and maybe even a better person. Happy New Year!**

## CHARITY KNITTING: CHEMO HAT GUIDELINES AND HELPFUL HINTS FROM ANNA

<u>NEEDLE SIZE</u>	<u>YARN</u>	<u># STITCHES</u>	<u>AT REST &amp; SLIGHTLY STRETCHED</u>
11	Norville Serenity Chunky	48	20 - 22"
9	Plymouth DK/Brioche Rib	84	22 - 26"
7	Caron Soft	72	18 - 20"
11	Marble, 2 Strands	44	17 - 20"
9	Sport Yarn/Brioche Rib	88	20 - 26"
8	Worsted/2x2 Rib	72	14 - 19"
7	Caron Soft/Seed St	75	18 - 20"

All hats are knitted on 16" circular needles

Chemo hats and Purple hats should be knitted in soft and washable ACRYLIC. Hats for the troops (Nitro Knitters collects those) should be worked in SUPERWASH WOOL in Navy, Army Green, Black, Grey or Tan. 74 Purple Hats were delivered to Randall Children's Hospital last year. Anna will continue to collect purple hats until the September meeting. Many thanks to all who knit for charity as the items are always appreciated!

## Snacks and Beverages

January refreshments will be provided by the following volunteers:

A big thanks to you all! If you haven't done so yet, please sign up at least once! Sign up sheets will be available at the guild meeting or you can send an email to any one of the board members with your preferred month and supply of choice. Please label any snacks with common allergens, like peanuts, eggs, nuts and wheat.

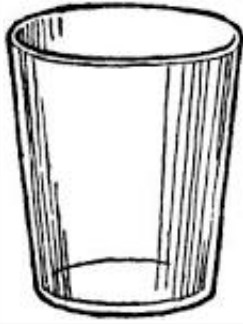


## JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Where: Max's Fanno Creek Brew Pub  
12562 SW Main St., Tigard  
503.624.9400

When: January 22, 2015 (4th Thursday)  
Time: 5:30PM

We will discuss the upcoming February Guild meeting as well as prepare for the March program. All board members must attend and any interested guild members are welcomed to attend the meeting.



FROM OUR SUGGESTION BOX:

Do yourself and the environment a favor: Bring your own drink cups! One less cup ends up in the landfill and you'll remember to drink more water, which always seems to be on many people's new year's resolution list.

The Tigard Knitting Guild is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is "to encourage and support the ongoing development of skills and creativity in knitting by providing fellowship and education opportunities." The Guild meets once a month on the third Thursday at the Tigard Senior Center at 8815 SW Omara Street. Meetings start promptly at 7:00pm. Annual membership dues are \$24.00, with 1/2 price for the second member of a household, and may be sent to the TKG treasurer. Guests of members may attend no more than two Guild meetings per year without membership. Our membership roster is provided to facilitate communication between members. It is not to be used for commercial purposes, and we hope that members will respect this intent. TKG News is a publication of the Tigard Knitting Guild. It is printed once a month and is free to guild members in good standing. Visit our website at [www.tigardknittingguild.org](http://www.tigardknittingguild.org)



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