

InterKnit Machine Knitters Guild

August 2017 Newsletter

Mark your calendars! Here is the program for 2017 InterKnit meetings:

August 3-6	Stitches Midwest, Schaumburg, IL
September 9	Double jacquard - Carol Scott
October 14-15	InterKnit Seminar (to be confirmed)
November 11	Charity Knitting
December 9	Holiday Party

CLUB INFO:

1. Watch for the flyer for the October InterKnit Seminar! It will be sent separately.
2. Please read the July meeting notes (attached).
3. Please print and add the July new member info to your InterKnit directory (attached).
4. It is time to return library books if you have had them for over 2 months!
5. Valoria asks that members start thinking about programs for 2018! Wow! Time sure goes quickly!

STITCHES Midwest – August 3-6 UPDATE:

1. **Special message regarding InterKnit and Stitches Midwest from Diane McQueen:**
One of the purposes of our guild is education. Stitches is a great way to fulfill this purpose by showing people another way to create knitted items or encouraging them to get their machines out of the closet or under the bed as well as to make knitters aware of our group and the other machine knitting groups in the area.

Attached is the current list of volunteers for Stitches Midwest this year. As you will see, we still have several open shifts and hope that you may have some time to staff one or more of the shifts. Please let me know if you are available for any of the shifts. If you have already signed up, there will be a badge waiting for you at the information booth just inside the door of the Market Place (or at the back of the room on Thursday). If you are not on the list, go to the information booth and tell them you are a volunteer for our group and you should be able to get a vendor badge.

We are planning to have all LK150 machines this year so even if you have not used that particular machine, the learning curve is very low! If you do not want to actually knit, you can talk to booth visitors about machine knitting or seam the hats for Haloes of Hope that others will be making throughout the weekend. Then, of course, there are all the other booths to visit either before or after your shift to get you inspired and increase your stash!

Thanks for your help. Enjoy!

2. **Location:** Renaissance Convention Center, 1551 Thoreau Dr N, Schaumburg, IL 60173
3. **What to wear:** Wear comfortable shoes. You will be standing on a cement floor. Dress in layers. It is often very cold at times, warms up then gets cold again.
4. **Schedule:** Please arrive based on when you signed up.
5. **When you arrive at the convention center:** Go inside and tell the guard that you are a vendor, and ask where to pick up your badge. At that booth, tell them you are with Interknit MK Club,

booth #222. If there isn't a badge ready for you, tell them you volunteered after the list was sent.

6. Consider bringing a lunch or snack. Food is expensive, and choices are limited in the convention center.
7. If you have to cancel your shift or will be late, call Diane McQueen at 815-501-7204.
8. Reminder that the booth is not a collection station for yarn purchases. Please take your purchases out to your car not the booth.
9. Halos for Hope will be at Stitches Midwest, please bring the chemo hats directly to Stitches.

KNIT NEWS:

1. Lace anyone? <http://needlesofsteel.blogspot.com/2016/05/the-art-of-lace-on-knitting-machine.html>
2. Ronnie provides information for Passap lovers:
 - a. Passap bobble-bubbles? <http://alessandrina.com/2012/09/21/knit-bubbles-and-stitch-ditchersdumpers/>
 - b. Info on stitch dumping tool development: <https://cckittenknits.wordpress.com/>
 - c. To order the drop stitch accessory: https://www.etsy.com/listing/528048976/drop-stitch-carriage-for-passap-knitting?ref=shop_home_active_1
3. Kathy M has bunnies, bunnies everywhere!
<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/430375308130184173/>

UPCOMING SEMINARS – Save the dates:

July 29-30, 2017	Founders' Fest Seminar, Midwest Machine Knitters' Collaborative, Plymouth MN, http://www.midwestmachineknitters.org/events/foundersfest/
July 29-August 7, 2017	Chicago Yarn Crawl
August 3-6, 2017	Stitches Midwest, Renaissance Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL
Sept 15-16, 2017	26 th Annual September Seminar, Rocking Horse Farm, 320-252-2996 see attachment
Sept 23, 2017	Eastern WI Machine Knitters Guild, Grace Lindo at 262-227-8329 or Lynn Meyer at 414-588-4971
October 14-15, 2017	InterKnit Seminar featuring Rebekah Younger from San Francisco
April 27-28, 2018	DAK Workshop
July 20–21, 2018	30 th Monroe Knitting Seminar

OTHER RESOURCES of INTEREST:

Interknit website - <http://www.interknitmk.org/>

BBK (Machine Knitters Club) – Meets the last Wednesday of month, 10am - noon - Bolingbrook Fire Station 4

LK150 (Knitting Machine Club) - 4th Saturday of Month, 10am - 3pm - Hillside Community Center

Techknitters' Machine Knitting Club website: <https://sites.google.com/site/techknittersmkc>

Diana Sullivan blogspot is: <http://diananatters.blogspot.com/>

Garment Designer Webinars: <http://www.cochenille.com/events/category/webinars>