

InterKnit Machine Knitters Guild

February 2018 Newsletter

Incllement Weather Notice: if a meeting is canceled due to inclement weather, an email will be sent out by 8:30 am. So if it looks like the weather might be an issue, please check your email before going out the door.

Mark your calendars! Here are the dates for the upcoming InterKnit meetings:

February 10, 2018 – Machine maintenance and cleaning

March 10, 2018 – Knit To Give

April, 2018 – No meeting. This is Spring Fling weekend!

May 12, 2018 – Solving the Mystery of Yarns by Carol Scott

June 9, 2018 – Entrelac by Diane McQueen

July 14, 2018 - TBD

August, 2018 – No Meeting - Stitches Midwest

September 8, 2018 - TBD

October 13-14, 2018 - InterKnit Seminar weekend (tentative depending on confirmation with demonstrator)

November 10, 2018 - TBD

December 8, 2018 – Holiday Party

CLUB INFO:

1. Reminder: Pamela Powell from COD has been asking when someone from the knitting club would be able to come in and do demos for her class. Her contact info is powellp@cod.edu. Please reach out to her directly.
2. **2018 dues are now being collected.** Still only \$35! This month will be your last InterKnit newsletter if you do not rejoin.
3. Please read the January 2018 meeting notes (attached). Be prepared to discuss date of InterKnit seminar. This discussion was tabled from January meeting so that members could consult their calendars.
4. It is time to return library books if you have had them for over 2 months!
5. What is your **favorite tip or trick**? What has helped you know your machine better? Every member has their special tip that they think everyone knows, but do they? Please send your tip to marytmatz@gmail.com as we are assembling a special surprise for the members!
6. InterKnit is looking for an Assistant Secretary; if you are interested, please let Valoria know. This position would take notes at meetings that Mary cannot attend.

KNIT NEWS:

1. Knitting Universe introduces [Stitchips!](#) Click to see what these are!
2. Pin cushion anyone? <https://cckittenknits.wordpress.com/2016/12/15/passap-short-row-lesson-for-beginners/>
3. [Baby Hats Big Hearts](#) Click this link for free pattern.
4. Attached are the handouts from the January demo along with patterns for Knit –to-Give projects that use these techniques. See attached Surprising stitches demo, False rib hat
5. For those of you that have Microsoft Excel or Excel open, here is something to help you calculate your

project. Ronnie has taken a hand knitted pattern (easy baby sweater) and developed an Excel spreadsheet that will allow you to drop in the size of you swatch be sure to include the stitches and rows and the rest is calculated for you in three different sizes. Also, included is a link to calculate the number of decreases on the sleeve. By reading the hand knitted pattern and working with the spreadsheet you should be able to knit this in short order. The one thing that was changed from the hand knitted pattern is the sleeves are knitted from the top down after re-hanging the armhole opening. This should allow you to knit it on any machine with any yarn. The request was made to have the same pattern on different machines; this should take care of that. Please let Ronnie know if you found this to be useful. If you have any simple patterns for hand or machine knitting please send them to Ronnie as she is looking for other projects that could use this option. See attachments "Pretty in Pink Baby Pullover" and Excel file "Chart to change..."

UPCOMING SEMINARS – Save the dates:

2018

- April 7-8, 2018 Yarn Con, Chicago, IL , www.yarncon.com
- April 13 -14, 2018 Spring Fling Knit Knack Shop, Peru, IN, Charlene Shafer, kks@knitknackshop.com
Registration now open
- April 27-28, 2018 DAK Workshop
- May 25-27, 2018 Pacifically Passap, Pat Groves at <http://www.knit-a-bit-oregon.com/>
Registration form attached.
- June 2-3, 2018 Techknitters featuring Eileen Montgomery, contact
<https://sites.google.com/site/techknittersmkc>
- July 20–21, 2018 30th Monroe Knitting Seminar, Monroe, MI, contact: Cathy Reume, 734-243-3016 or
monroeknitseminar@att.net

OTHER RESOURCES:

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>

Susan Guagliumi's blog: <http://susanguagliumi.com/>