

InterKnit Machine Knitters Guild

October 2020 Newsletter

All meetings will be held from 10 am- noon CDT unless otherwise noted.

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

October 10, 2020– Zoom meeting - Cheryl O’Connell - Knit A Long for the Christmas stocking

November 14, 2020 – Zoom meeting – Sharon Scalise – The Fiber Burn Test

December 12, 2020 – Zoom meeting – Virtual Holiday Party

CLUB NEWS

1. Here is the link to the Christmas Stocking pattern we are using for the Knit-Along at the October meeting: <http://slisen.blogspot.com/2012/10/christmas-stocking-standard-gauge.html>.
2. Don't forget to become a member of the **InterKnit Machine Knitters Facebook Group!** Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1387248608130275>
3. Please review the **notes from the September InterKnit General Meeting** (attached).
4. **Dues for 2021 Reminder:** If you have not paid your 2021 dues, the cost for current members is \$20. The yearly subscription cost for the Machine Knitting Monthly magazine will be \$96 (no increase for 2021) and can be paid at the same time. Dues for new members is \$35 for 2021 but all remaining 2020 months are waived. Please send your check to Diane McQueen before December 31 to be included in the membership book. If you have any questions about dues or magazine costs, please contact Diane at dianemcqueen@comcast.net.
5. **Machine Listing update:** At the same time that you pay your dues, please also include your machine list if there are any changes!
6. **Magazines:** To obtain your copies, members may call ahead (630-978-1594) to make an appointment to pick their issues up at her house. Call for a day and time and she will leave them on her doorstep so there is no personal contact.
7. InterKnit will meet via Zoom for the remainder of the year.
8. If you have any ideas for **topics for the 2021** meetings or have something you would like to demonstrate, please forward the suggestions to Emma Anderson, Ronnie Soltysiak, Mary Jordan or Christine Welsh. These are the member of the Program Committee.
9. InterKnit has scheduled the **October meeting via Zoom**. The invitation will be sent out separately so watch your email!
10. **Knit and Learn!** While we shelter-in-place, it's time to practice and learn your knitting machine. The Education committee has released three lesson plans so far!

KNIT NEWS

1. A message from Rebecca:

A couple people had contacted me because the PunchCard Generator site was down. I got in touch with Brenda and she wasn't aware of the certificate issue. She has it fixed now - you can access the site once again! <https://brendaabell.com/knittingtools/pcgenerator/>

2. The LK-150 Needle Beetle is here!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eiO40h1e8AE>
And here is a link to her blog!
<https://auntekristy.blogspot.com/>
3. Plaiting on the Addi, who knew? <https://auntekristy.blogspot.com/2019/>
4. Mary Slattery wrote: This knitter has a series of YouTube videos. I didn't see a charge listed on the blog. <https://aninoogunjobi.com/2020/09/video-knitwear-designing-designing-the-garment-in-three3-sections-of-designaknit-charting-software-using-coloured-yarn-to-demonstrate-the-technique-of-stockinet-as-an-asymmetrical-border-design/?fbclid=IwAR1PTCe3Tizmd2FObuNrWB0rQd29HYuP89NYDW1FnhYEeC1w-Gxq8bsgxmY>
5. Charity Knitting opportunities:
 - a. For knitters who want a change from knitting hats: www.soapsacks.com
 - b. Jean Powell wrote and requested help with knitting sweaters for the Hephzibah Children. She writes:

Hello Fellow Interknit members,

I belong to a charity group called Hephzibah which takes care of children that have been taken from their homes, for one reason or another. The Organization has a home here in Oak Park, where there are usually anywhere from 25 to 30 children of all ages living at any one time. Quite an undertaking.

Two weeks ago Valoria called me to say that she was given a whole lot of yarn and would I like to have some. I went to collect some of it, but when I got home and really looked at it all I immediately thought that the best use for this yarn was to make sweaters for the kids at the Hephzibah Home as Christmas presents. Below is a string of emails that I had with Juliet Year, who is my contact there for what's going on at any one time.

So I wanted to ask you ladies if you would join me in knitting sweaters as Christmas presents for the kids at the Hephzibah Home this Christmas. Or, if you are able to knit anything else that Juliet Yera has mentioned instead of a sweater, that would also be greatly appreciated.

Most of the cones that I got from Valoria contains very thin yarn, so I think that two strands at a time will have to be used when knitting. There are some larger cones which will mean rewinding some of it off onto another cone, so that the two strands can be used at the same time.

Marlaine McVisk, who lives near me, has a large yarn winder and she has offered to help me to do this chore of rewinding the yarn, before I pass it on for use for this project. As well, if anyone has some yarn in their stash that they could contribute to this project, it would be most appreciated.

Please let me know whether you would be able to join in on this worthy cause, and what size/sex you would be able to do, and I will try to get the yarn to you as soon as I can. These will all be used as Xmas presents for the kids, so we do have some time to get them done.

With my best wishes. Take care and stay safe.

Jean Marie Powell

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Let me know if you know of any seminars or events!

Oct 10-11, 2020 **CANCELLED** - InterKnit seminar

OTHER RESOURCES:

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

Julie's Podcast: <http://handymachineknitting.libsyn.com/>

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/>

Ask Jack's favorite chemicals, [click here](#) for the link!

Passap Newsletter, [click here](#) for the link!

Mary Matz's TwistedYarns.com or you can go to her [YouTube channel Twisted Yarns](#)

Harold at Knit Knack Shop in Peru IN is no longer doing repairs. They recommend Shawn in MN as he still does the repairs. His phone number is 507 934 3741.