



ALL YOU KNIT IS LOVE.

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Welcome to our First Issue!

Hello to all our wonderful knitters and crocheters! This year has been so exciting and we only hope to expand our projects and events even more. Seeing as we have so many new members and so many things going on in our group we have decided it is about time for an official newsletter.

So what exactly do we hope to accomplish? It is simple; with our newsletter we hope to keep all our core members up to date on the events, charity projects, KALs, local events and more. You will be automatically signed up if you have paid your annual dues and given us your email. Event sign-ups will still be on Meetup and KALs will still be through Ravelry, but now you have a handy monthly newsletter that gives you as much information as

we can stuff in these few pages conveniently packaged for easy review.

Each newsletter will contain pictures and stories about our events, provide our monthly calendar, keep you up to date on our numerous group projects and showcase the beautiful finished projects our members create.

This is a trial run for now. Please take the time to check out our first two complete newsletters and let us know what you think. Is it helpful? Is it fun? Too much info? Should we spend our time doing something else? Make more? At the least we hope you enjoy it! **Give us your feedback!**

Thanks so much and happy knitting!

- Selene



Yarnover Truck Picnic

Our first big event was a huge success thanks in part to everyone's help! Share in the fun! More on Page 2.



Charity Knits

We have two important charity projects going on and we would love your support. Check out all the info on Page 3.

Yarnover Truck Picnic

The only way to describe the picnic on August 20th is EPIC!

The food. The games. The YARN! We don't know how we managed to cram so much into one afternoon but we did it and it was all possible thanks to our fabulous members!

There could have been no better way to say goodbye to summer than with a beautiful sunny day and the Yarnover Truck. A huge thank you to Maridee and the Yarnover Truck for coming out to join us and bringing such wonderful yarn for us all to admire.

The raffle was a big success, so thank you everyone who contributed. We raised \$60 to support our charity projects and groups costs for the year. And the three raffle winners – Ann, Susan



and Shawna – we hope you love your prizes!

As for the games, all we can say is wow! We did not know we had so many talented knitters in our group who can not only identify yarn without looking but also knit it into a perfect swatch while blindfolded. Are you kidding me!

The crazy talented trio of winners (take note if you need assistance in any of these categories):

Genius Yarn Identifier (better than an App): **Edie**

Fastest Knitter in the West: **Cathy**

Knitter you want when the Zombie Apocalypse is upon us, the lights go out and the cold sets in because she can still knit you a sweater in the dark: **Farnaz**

And how many of you got the Tie-Breaker questions correct? Answers are now posted on the Yarnover Truck Ravelry thread in our Ravelry group. Check it out!

Let's do this again next year!



YARNY HAPPENINGS

Trish Lange at The Branch Gallery

Trish brings a handwoven clothing collection featuring her signature color, style and glitz! The exhibit is only there until Sept. 3rd so hurry! Open Fri-Sat-Sun 12-5pm. Located at 1031 W. Manchester Blvd in Inglewood.

Trunk Show Heaven at Wildfiber

This month Wildfiber has some amazing trunk shows that are not to be missed. The Malabrigo Trunk Show is going on right now until Sept. 9th. This is followed by the Bristol Ivy Trunk Show starting on Sept. 22nd. 1453 14th Street, Santa Monica



Downtown Art Walk with Gather

On the second Thursday of every month, you can take in all the art that downtown has to offer, including the fiber variety! Join Gather DTLA on Sept. 8th for their knit-in and introduce everyone on tour to the wonderful world of knitting. Visit togatherdtla.com for more info.

San Luis Obispo Yarn Crawl

Visit 5 amazing shops on September 10th in the gorgeous San Luis Obispo County. Only a little over 3 hours drive from LA but why not make it an overnight and enjoy the coastal scenery! www.sloyarncrawl.com

San Diego Yarn Crawl

May you never run out of yarn! Prizes and alpacas abound this year at the 2016 San Diego Yarn Crawl on Sept. 15th – 18th. www.sandiegoyarncrawl.com

Celebrate your Birthday with Compatto

On the last Thursday of every month Compatto wants to celebrate all the birthdays of the month with 15% off all full price yarn. Born in September? Then get shopping! 2112 Wilshire Blvd., Santa Monica

Supporting the Community

Every year the West Los Angeles Knitters look to the community to see what is needed and where our knitted items can help the most. This year we are focusing on two projects organized by our fearless leaders.

We are always in need of more knitted items, help with finishing projects and support by delivering the finished items to those in need. Take a look at our projects and see where you might be able to assist.



BLANKETS FOR VETERANS

Help us knit lap blankets for recovering Veterans at the VA Hospital. You can either knit or crochet a complete blanket measuring 32" by 32" or provide knitted/ crocheted panels measuring 32" by 8" that will later be sewn into complete lap blankets. Knitted blankets and panels must be in worsted weight, machine washable yarn.

Turn in all completed blankets and panels to Ursula. If you can assist in blanket assembly be in touch with Ursula ASAP through Meetup.

DEADLINE for Completed Panels: October 29th, 2016.

DEADLINE for Completed Blankets: November 12th, 2016.

KNITS FOR KIDS

This year we are expanding our projects to include Knits for Kids! This includes mainly knitted toys and accessories like hats, scarves and socks. Our web site has an amazing selection of free patterns to choose from or you can simply search on Ravelry.

All knitted items will be distributed to homeless and foster children through DCFS in Lancaster, Penny Lane in Palmdale and AVHG Hope on the Go in Antelope Valley.

All completed knitted items must be turned in to Aya by December 9th, 2016.

See our web site for more details: www.westlaknitters.weebly.com/charity-projects.html

WLAK Autumn Knits KAL/CAL

Our second ever KAL/CAL is currently running strong! The theme is AUTUMN so break out those cables and tweeds. Knit up some cozy socks and mittens. Check out our Ravelry page for inspiration and to post your WIPs.

We won't always have prizes for

our KALs but this time we are in luck! Be sure to see the goodies, find out the rules and post your final projects in the Finished Objects thread by Oct 30th.

www.ravelry.com/groups/west-los-angeles-knitting-group

Dye Day at Westwood Library

For anyone who may have missed the Dye Day at the Westwood Branch Library on Aug. 26th it was a blast! Our members created some amazing skeins and one-of-a-kind colorways. Check out their fabulous work.



Spotlight on Members Projects (finished in August)



Reyna Shawl by Ann



Summer Flies by Ming



Crosby Sweater by Selene

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Knitting in the Park

Spend the afternoon knitting outdoors with Selene. Cheviot Hills Recreation Center on September 1st and 15th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Knitting at Westside Pavilion

Join Ursula and our core members as we jump start the weekend with a morning of knitting. Every Saturday at the Westside Pavilion food court from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Knit at the Brea Tar Pits

Join Aliza, Selene and canine mascots Finn and Cookie for a fun evening of knitting. Sept. 6th from 4 – 6 pm.

Westwood Public Library Knits

Aya hosts a fabulous afternoon of knitting and conversation. Be sure to bring your current WIPs and a snack to share. Westwood Branch Library on September 9th and 23rd from 2 – 4 pm.

For more detailed information and to R.S.V.P. please go to our Meetup page: www.meetup.com/West-Los-Angeles-Knitting-Group/.

*** We are in need of places to host our private events! Please message Aya on Meetup if you are interested in hosting and let her know how many can fit at your home. Thank you!

West Los Angeles Knitting Group

<http://westlaknitters.weebly.com/>

Knitting it up in Los Angeles, California!

Find us on...

Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/WLAknitters/

Ravelry: www.ravelry.com/groups/west-los-angeles-knitting-group

Meetup: www.meetup.com/West-Los-Angeles-Knitting-Group/

We have an Instagram hashtag - #westlaknits - so tag your projects!

Be sure to R.S.V.P. for all events on our Meetup Page.

Questions, Comments, Need to get in touch?

You can contact any of our Organizers (Aya, Farnaz and Ursula) directly by clicking on their Meetup profile page and sending them a personal message. You can also send comments through our web site using the 'Contact Us' page.

Newsletter Questions? Contact Selene through Meetup.

Final Note on Pictures: We love all the pictures that our members take of our events and projects that are posted to Meetup, Ravelry and Facebook. Since it is hard for us to be present and photograph every event we hope that you, our members, are willing to share your pictures with the rest of the group through the Newsletter. If for any reason you do not want us using your pictures in our Newsletter please let Selene know. Otherwise we will assume that you are okay with your pictures appearing on our pages. (FYI, due to space restriction we cannot place photo credits at this time. Just know that all pictures are taken by our wonderful members!)