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# West Los Angeles Knitting Group

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## Celebrating our Members

This month we are celebrating all the wonderful things about being a member of the WLAK. And believe me we are a fabulous group of crafters!

In case you are unaware, we are a membership group with annual dues. From this point forward we are introducing two fun titles: **Knitwise Members**, our paid members, and **Purl Jammers** (Thank you to Selene's parents for this awesome name!), which includes everyone on Meetup and Ravelry. To encourage more local support we ask that you consider joining us as a member.

This month we highlight our member benefits, how to become a member and our member only events. After this issue our Newsletter will only be available to Knitwise Members. We will still

host plenty of meetups for Purl Jammers but will now focus more on Knitwise only events.

You will also see a change in how we announce events on Meetup. Each event will be listed as 'For all our Purl Jammers,' which means it is open to anyone and everyone, and 'Knitwise Members Only,' for our paid members only. Knitwise events will only list the neighborhood and the address will be emailed to participants a week before the event.

We hope this streamlines things while still encouraging new members to join. You can find detailed membership information on our web site so check it out.

Looking forward to the upcoming months with all of you!

- Selene



### All About Membership!

We've summed up all the wonderful perks of becoming a member and hope you join us! Read all about it on Page 2.



### Westside Coffee Tour

Join us as we knit our way through the Indie coffee shops on the Westside. This and more Knitwise events on Page 3.

## WLAK Membership

Our members are a wonderful group of people and we love to celebrate our projects while having fun in the process!

We are all about supporting each other and sharing ideas. It's so wonderful to have friends to turn to when you need help, or someone to talk to about your latest project. We want you to meet great people and learn something new. Expand your crafty horizons!

### Member Benefits

So, what are the perks of becoming a Knitwise Member? Other than the comradery of a network of skilled and friendly knitters on the Westside, **for \$10 a year** you also get the following:

- 🧶 A copy of our Monthly Newsletter by email detailing the happenings of the group,



local events, special events, KALs, and more!

- 🧶 Attend Knitwise Member only events. Probably the best part about being a member! These include our Halloween Bash, Holiday Party, KAL parties, jam making sessions, dye days, events at member's homes, picnics, afternoon teas, classes, yarn crawls, retreats, Coffee Tour, and so much more! There is always something fun happening.
- 🧶 While anyone can participate in our KALs on Ravelry, as a Knitwise Member you can now win prizes as well!



### How to Become a Member

First, check out our web site at [westlaknitters.weebly.com](http://westlaknitters.weebly.com) and our Meetup and Ravelry pages.

You will then need to attend three Purl Jammer events listed on Meetup to see if the group is right for you, meet our members and organizers, and let us get to know you.

In the meantime, update your profile on Meetup to tell us more about yourself, post a photo, and share your interests.

Also, join our Ravelry group and answer the questions in the "Introduce Yourself!" thread. Ravelry is free to join and required to participate in KALs.

Once completed let us know and we will add you to the list (after checking of course 😊). Simply pay your dues and start having fun!

**Anyone who has participated in 2016 as a member but not yet paid their dues will need to get their dues in to Aya by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, to continue to participate in private events for the remainder of this year.**

See our web site for more information:  
<http://westlaknitters.weebly.com/membership.html>

## YARNY HAPPENINGS

### Knitting Tree Grand Reopening

Party at the Tree and celebrate their new location with special exhibits by Twinkie Chan and Ben Cuervas. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 11 am – 7pm, 1031 W. Manchester Blvd. #2, Inglewood.

### Vista Fiber Arts Fiesta

Fiber artists, guilds and vendors, oh my! Weekend of Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am to 4pm at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum, 2040 N. Santa Fe Avenue in Vista, CA. <http://vistafiberartsfiesta.yolasite.com/>

### American Craft Week

October 1<sup>st</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup>. Work your knitting mojo and make something amazing to celebrate! <http://americancraftweek.com/>

### Trunk Show Heaven at Wildfiber

For the entire month view knits from the Home and Away collection by Hannah Fettig. Shibui FW15 Catalog will be there from the 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. And, Arcadia will be there from the 20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>. 1453 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica

### Knit Graffiti Collective

Meet fellow guerrilla knitters, share projects and have some good conversation. Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 5pm at the Craft and Folk Art Museum, 5814 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles.



### Fall Fiber Frolic

Join Griffin Dyeworks for their one-day event with dye classes, demos and a craft fair! Be sure to sign up in advance if you want to take a class. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am to 5 pm at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 5329 Sepulveda Blvd., Sherman Oaks. More info: <http://www.griffindyeworks.com/fiber-frolic/>

### The Box Project at Fowler

Now until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, see commissions by three dozen acclaimed international artists and their ingenious use, and often expansive definitions, of fiber. [www.fowler.ucla.edu/exhibitions](http://www.fowler.ucla.edu/exhibitions)

## Let's Have Some Fun!

The holidays are fast approaching and we don't know about you but we need some fun and relaxation mixed with all the craziness.

To combat the stress we are gearing up for a whole bunch of knitty goodness in the coming months with our Knitwise Members!

### Westside Coffee Tour

Starting this month we are kicking off what we hope will become a fall/winter tradition. Join us as we take our projects and test out the delicacies at a series of Indie coffee shops on the Westside. We plan to visit shops in Culver City, Westwood, Santa Monica and more! It is sure to be a whole lot of fun so mark your calendars.

### Autumn Knits KAL/CAL

This is the final month for our KAL/CAL. We have great prizes to win if you post a pic or just chatter with us and there is still plenty of time to jump in!



[Deadline to post a photo of your Finished Project on Ravelry is October 30<sup>th</sup> by midnight.](#)

All info for the KAL/CAL is on Ravelry at <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/west-los-angeles-knitting-group>.



### Nightmare on Knit Street

A spooky celebration is in the air, come and join us if you dare! It's our Autumn Bash and we are celebrating all things Halloween-ey. So bring your KAL/CAL projects and those spooky knits you have hidden in the deep, dark corners of your home. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

### Fiber Art Field Trip

Just like the ones we remember from childhood. We will grab some lunch and then explore the groundbreaking work of fiber artist Kay Sekimachi at CAFAM.



With a career spanning from 1960's to present, Kay has pioneered the resurrection of fiber as an artistic medium. The pieces on display are comprised from the collections of some of the most noteworthy museums in the world including the Smithsonian, the Met and the Musée des Arts in Paris.

## Keep Those Donations Coming

Thank you to everyone who is participating in our Charity Projects. Deadlines are fast approaching and we are still in need of help. So if you can find the time this month to knit up a quick teddy bear or blanket panel we will love you forever! Consider this a friendly reminder to get your panels in to Ursula.

**DEADLINE for Completed Panels: October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

**DEADLINE for Completed Blankets: November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016.**

See our web site for more details:  
[www.westlaknitters.weebly.com/charity-projects.html](http://www.westlaknitters.weebly.com/charity-projects.html)

## ※◆※ Meet our Mascots! ※◆※

Like all amazing teams (and we are AMAZING) we too have Mascots! Meet Nova, the yarn obsessed bunny; Finn, a dog who loves his hand knits; Cookie, the couch potato knitter; and Pippin, cats and yarn, enough said!

They may just pop up at an event so be sure to say hi if you see them!



## OCTOBER CALENDAR

### Knitting in the Park

Spend the afternoon knitting in the great outdoors. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

### Knitting at Westside Pavilion

Jump start your weekend with a morning of knitting. Every Saturday at the Westside Pavilion food court from 9:30 to 11:30 am.

### Westwood Library Knits

Join us for a fabulous afternoon of knitting and conversation. Westwood Branch Library on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4 pm. On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> we will be creating foot templates using the Fish Lips Kiss heel pattern. This pattern is only \$1 on Ravelry and is needed to use the template.

### Westside Coffee Tour

We are knitting our way through the Westside Indie Coffee Shops! First sip is on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm.

### Nightmare on Knit Street Party

Get your spook on and party with us! Bring some knits and a potluck dish to share. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 pm.

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

## Spotlight on Members Projects (finished in September)



In Love Again by Ann



Blue Shawlette by Paty



Mug Cosy by Aya

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

Knitting it up in Los Angeles, California!

Find us on...

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/groups/WLAknitters/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/WLAknitters/)

**Ravelry:** [www.ravelry.com/groups/west-los-angeles-knitting-group](http://www.ravelry.com/groups/west-los-angeles-knitting-group)

**Meetup:** [www.meetup.com/West-Los-Angeles-Knitting-Group/](http://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 on our web site using the 'Contact Us' page.

**Newsletter Questions or Comments?** Contact Selene through Meetup.

**Pictures:** All the pictures you see in our Newsletter are pulled from the wonderful photos posted on Meetup, Ravelry and Facebook taken by our amazing Purl Jammers! Thank you so much for sharing!

**Calling All Knitwise Members!** 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!