

The Studio Knitting & Needlepoint

January-February 2012 @ The Studio

Studio Winter Retreat @ Unity Village Registration Deadline: Jan. 20, 2012

There is still plenty of time to register for the 6th annual Studio Retreat, to be held this year at Kansas City's iconic Unity Village in Lee's Summit, MO. Studio friends from all over will be gathering on January 27-29, 2012 for a weekend filled with peace, love and YARN! What a great way to recover from the holidays! Even though we are in a different place, returning retreat goers will find many of their favorites, including the Friday night

Student Fashion Showcase, the Saturday Designer Trunk Show, door prizes, late night activities, goody bags and the always fabulous Yarn Market.

About Unity Village...

The 5 year old Unity Village Hotel and Conference Center has some great amenities including all of the customer and class rooms on the same floor, three places to sit and stitch in front of fireplaces and day long beverage service. Meals will be served cafeteria/buffet style, most at the nearby Unity Inn so there will be plenty of food choices to meet everyone's preferences. Bar service will be available at Friday and Saturday dinner; you are welcome to BYOB for other times. Rooms with 2 queen beds are \$94; you must book your own room by calling 1-866-348-6489 or 816-251-3540 or you can book online at <http://unityvillage.org/lodging/hotel>.

New Instructors...

This year we are pleased to bring you two new instructors at our new location. Here is a peek at who is new at the Retreat; you can find more information on other classes on the back page of this newsletter and also see project photos online at the www.thestudiokc.com

Laura Mead will offer **Drop Spindle** classes where you can learn how to spin your own yarn Saturday morning or afternoon. The \$75 fee includes spindle, roving and a goodie bag. Use your new-found skills to practice **Spinning as Meditation** in a Sunday morning class.

Jeanne Abel, of NatureSpeaks, offers a **New Angle on Entrelac** one that eliminates holes and "squares" up" the squares while making a snuggling warm wrap. She will teach how to make **I-Cord Bracelets**.

Cost...

We were able to keep the prices the same as 2011—the entire weekend package, which includes 5 meals, student fashion show, professional trunk show, door prizes, a goodie bag and late night activities is \$150. Three hour classes are \$50-\$75 each. One hour classes are \$20; \$50 if you purchase three one-hour classes. Additional costs include your room, bar drinks and Yarn Market purchases.



“How To” Classes! Learn to Knit or Crochet



Learn the basics of how to knit or crochet. The two hour one session Crash Courses in knitting or crochet will provide you with the skills you need to begin your adventure into one of these fiber crafts or re-acquaint you with a long lost skill. The four hour two session Learn to Knit/Crochet are especially helpful if you are a first-timer. If purchasing materials the day of the class, please allow time before the class starts to make your selections. *Instruction is \$10 if class materials are purchased at The Studio or \$25.*

Crash Course in Knit or Crochet

Crash Course/Knitting Dates/Times:
Wednesday, January 11, 2-4 pm OR Friday, January 20, 11 am-1 pm OR Tuesday, February 7, 1-3 pm OR Monday, February 20, 2-4 pm

Crash Courses/Crochet Dates/Times:
Wednesday, January 18, 2-4 pm OR Saturday, February 25, 1-3 pm

Basic Sock Construction

Learn all the skills required to make your very first pair of top down socks, including how to measure the foot to determine the number of stitches to cast on, how to knit the cuff and turn the heel, gusset shaping, and how to sew together the toe using the kitchener stitch. You'll enjoy toasting your toes in your very own creation. Please complete gauge swatch in your yarn before class. *Three Sessions.*
Dates/Time: Mondays, January 9, 16 & 23, 2-4 pm OR Tuesdays, February 7, 21 & 28, 6-8 pm
Fee: \$35 + Supplies

Learn To Knit/Learn To Crochet

Do you prefer to learn in a more relaxed setting? Then these *two-session* “Learn To...” classes are for you. “Learn To...” classes are **\$10 if you purchase class materials at the Studio or \$30.**

Learn to Knit Class Dates/Times:
Thursdays, January 19 & 26, 6-8 pm OR Sundays, February 12 & 19, 1-3 pm OR Tuesdays, February 21 & 28, 6-8 pm

Learn to Crochet Class Dates/Times:
Thursdays, January 12 & 19, 6-8 pm OR Mondays, February 13 & 20, 5:30-7:30 pm

How To Pick Your Classes....

One Flower:

No prior knowledge/skill required

Two Flowers:

Must know basic skills—cast on & knit stitch or chain on and single and double crochet st

Three Flowers:

Must know above and purl st or how to crochet in the round

Four Flowers:

Must know above and how to increase and decrease and follow a pattern.



Project Classes



Five Square Crochet or Knit Cap

This is a basic but fun hat pattern that is a great opportunity for beginner or advanced knitters and crocheters alike to try out new stitch patterns and use up some of your stash yarn at the same time. *One Session.*

Dates/Time: Saturday, Jan. 14, 2-4 pm

Fee: \$25 + Supplies

Crochet Arigurumi Creatures

If you have crocheted before, then you will love learning the basics of crochet shaping by creating your very own Arigurumi creature. Make a crocheted gnome for your yarn bag or a cute bunny to slip into a spring basket; the choices are endless. *One Session.*

Date/Time: Thursday, Feb. 16, 6-8 pm

Fee: \$25 +Supplies

Great Spring Gloves

Learn the basics of making gloves by making pretty spring weight gloves in self-striping sock yarn. In this class you will learn how to use double point needles, knit a ribbed cuff, make a gusset and then pick up stitches for the thumb and knit the individual fingers. *Three Sessions*

Dates/Time: Wednesdays, February 15, 22 and 29, 6-8 pm

Fee: \$35 + Supplies

Wonderful Wallaby Knit-Along

Now that the holidays are over, it is time to knit something for yourself. The Wonderful Wallaby is the perfect comfy sweater for the season. The pattern booklet includes sizes from two-toddler to adult super size (48" chest). Join us as we knit this sweatshirt inspired sweater and get ready to snuggle in its wool warmth. *Four Sessions*

Dates/Time: Tuesdays, January 17 & 31, February 14 & 28, 2-4 pm

Fee: \$40 + Supplies

“SABLE- A common yarn acronym that stands for Stash Acquisition Beyond Life Expectancy.”
– *Stephanie Pearl McFhee*

Tessuto Entrelac Scarf

Learn the basics of the technique called entrelac which creates a textured diamond pattern by making the Tessuto Scarf by Steven Hicks, a free download pattern in Ravelry. Using chunky yarn, this scarf knits up quickly. The use of self-striping or variegated yarn lends added interest. You will also be prepared to take Jeanne Abel's advanced entrelac class at the Studio Winter Retreat. *Two Sessions.*

Dates/Times: Tuesdays, January 10 & 24, 6-8 pm

Fee: \$30 + Supplies

More Studio News!

Needlepoint Trunk Shows

Now that the holidays, with its numerous needlepoint deadlines, take advantage of several upcoming needlepoint trunk shows to pick up new projects for the new year. Both of these shows feature many, small projects. Here's what is coming to the Studio.

February

Painted Pony will arrive with its many delightful angel designs. Discover angels with charms, travel angels, mini-sorority angels and more.

March

Kathy Schenkel creates wonderfully whimsical designs in all sorts of shapes, packages, baubles, ovals and mini-socks. Cats and nautical are just a few of her themes.

Shawl/Blanket Ministry

The Studio continues to sponsor a Prayer Shawl and Blanket ministry benefiting Heartland Hospice. This group meets from 1-2:30 pm on the first Sunday of every month at the Studio, led by volunteer Nancy McDonnell. The lap blankets and shawls are given to hospice patients who are at the end stage of life. These shawls and blankets often become much cherished keepsakes of the families of these patients. Free patterns and yarn are provided to shawl and blanket makers.

DON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!

Please call the Studio or drop by to register for all classes, even FREE ones. Classes with small enrollments are subject to cancellation and only those who are pre-registered will be contacted. Be sure you are IN THE COUNT by registering early!

Studio Hours

M-W-F-S	10 am—5 pm
T-Th	10 am—6 pm
Sun	Noon—4 pm

Additional Retreat Classes

Cindy Craig will introduce a new “knit along” class format to teach the unique technique for creating a **Knit-Swirl** garment. Learn how to make one of these flattering one piece, one seam circular jackets with sculptured shaping and fluid fit in a three hour class. Then join up with Cindy for knit along help throughout the rest of the Retreat at no additional cost. This is a class for adventurous knitters.

The Sexy Knitter, AKA **Sarah Wilson**, joins us again, this time to teach two of her original patterns. The **Aviatrix Clutch/Electronics Cover** is a versatile cabled pouch that is knit sideways. Personal instruction in installing the zipper is included. Sarah will also be teaching the **Limeade Fizz Shawl**, which includes instruction on lace edgings and Estonian Button stitches.

If you already know basic crochet stitches, **Nirmal Kaur Khalsa** will teach you how to shape in crochet by creating a delightful **Arigurumi** creature. How about a yarn bag gnome or an Easter basket bunny? Nirmal is also teaching a one hour-one skill class on **Basic Crochet for Knitters** and a **FREE Handwork Fitness** class.

Filling out the other two one-hour, one skill classes will be the always helpful **Lynn Haffner**. Learn how to **Join Yarn** and avoid weaving in those pesky ends OR discover how to **Cable without a Needle**.