

Artisan Knitworks Classes and Workshops Are Serious Bargains

Helping knitters and crocheters become better at their craft is the basic mission of Artisan Knitworks. Simply put: we believe that the better you are, the more you will enjoy the fiber arts regardless of one's age or gender. It's that simple and it's why we encourage "starting them young."

We offer one-on-one knitting and crochet instruction for children (over age 7, with good fine motor skills, a genuine interest, and sufficient attention span) and adults, by advance appointment. Parents should consider learning with children! Because of the attention spans of most children we recommend that most sessions be limited to about an hour or so. \$10.00/hour per person.



As the big knitting season approaches, we think it makes sense to repeat our policies about Knit-Togethers.

As you perhaps know, shops incur expenses, like any other small business. So we are always glad to receive some minor financial help.

Here are the charges.

- No charge if you don't need help and just sit and knit or crochet. (Donations to the refreshment fund are always welcome.)
- Minor help – e.g., putting stitches back on your needles, fixing minor problems, telling you minor points, \$5.
- Teaching or help that requires for more than a few minutes, short of a full-blown lesson is \$10.

Private tutoring is also available.

Evening Knit-Togethers...

Currently they are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday 6:30-8:30 pm. If you have an organized group or just a bunch of fiber folk who like to hang out together, come on in. We will gladly schedule a special time, if that meets your needs. Just let us know.

Learn to Knit with Sharon McKenna Wednesday, 2:00-3:00

Four introductory sessions include: (1) Casting on and knitting; (2) Purling and binding off; (3) Basic shaping; and (4) basic pattern stitches. \$10 per session each person.



Christine & Sandra-Led Project Groups

These, bring whatever you are working on, groups are priced at \$55 for six sessions. You'll receive a coupon good for six sessions. To be fair to the teachers, coupons must be used within 10 weeks of issuance and are not refundable. A single session is \$10.

Christine Schwartz's Project Groups

Tuesday ... 11:00 – 1:00

Thursday ... 10:30 – 12:30 & 1:00 – 3:00

Saturday ... 2:00 – 4:00

Every Thursday we host two project groups led by Christine Schwartz. You can join either or both of them.

There is a morning session which starts on at 10:30. The afternoon session begins at 1:00. Christine joins us from Knitting on the Fringe, and she is a great, great teacher. Stop by any time for more information.



Sandra's Friday Evening Project Group...

The topical classes this time are mostly knitting, but in winter, Sandra will also lead some crochet classes.

On Friday evenings from 6:30 until 8:30 or so, Sandra will lead the Take Command Group. It's for everyone who wants to sit and knit or crochet but especially for those who want to expand knowledge of their craft. This could mean learning...

- all about gauge so things actually fit.
- how to alter a pattern.
- how to draft a sweater for which you can't find a pattern.
- How to fix a mistake or lengthening something or shortening or adding a pocket, etc.

The cost is ten bucks or 6 sessions for \$55 (useable over 10 weeks).

On Saturday afternoons, Sandra will teach people to crochet from about 3:00 until 5:00 -- \$10 Ten bucks plus materials. We ask that you purchase materials from us



SPECIAL SUNDAY WORKSHOPS

Single session classes are \$25 Two session classes are \$45. All sessions start at 1:30

Sunday, September 25 and October 2 – Finishing Your Knitted Treasures

This two-part workshop conveys what you need to know to transform a homemade garment or accessory into a handmade treasure. Learn to block, seam, pick up stitches, do afterthought pockets, refine borders and edges, and so on. Nothing matters more than good finishing. This is NOT a workshop designed to complete particular garments or accessories; instead, we learn how to do essential tasks so that you CAN finish whatever is unfinished in your basket. Bring four 4-inch squares in stockinette (DK or worsted) in smooth animal-fiber yarn with appropriate needles – two should be left on needles. Also bring additional yarn, if possible in one additional color.

Sunday, October 9 and 16 – Never Worked in the Round? The Mad-Hatter Class!

For beginners who know how to knit and purl and cast on, but who have never worked in the round – make a beautiful cloche (bucket) hat in any number of stitch patterns and fabrics, with appropriate trim. The AK Mad Hatter pattern is free – we'll talk about yarn and needles on the spot. You will need a 16-inch circular needle in a size appropriate to the yarn and same-size double-pointed needles.

Sunday, October 23 – Fixing Mistakes!

How to undo almost anything that can go wrong with a knitting project, from dropped stitches to 'forgetting' a pocket. Bring a couple of stockinette swatches at least 4 inches square in smooth yarn, a pair of scissors, appropriate needles – 2 of them on holders with yarn still attached.

Sunday, October 30 – About Yarns and Fibers

Spend a couple of hours learning about the different weights and varieties of yarn on the market, their strengths and limitations, how superwash yarns are made, which yarns felt and which will not, the several ways in which hand-dyed yarns are colored, how to decide which size tools to use, and so on. No homework or tools needed, though you can bring 'mystery yarns' to talk about.

November 6 and 13 – Using Up Stash with Free-Form Knitting

First, we'll think about varieties of free-form knitting (working without patterns) and how not to be terrified – then we'll set out to make something from stash yarns – perhaps supplemented with cool stuff in the shop. We'll especially explore modular squares, linear squares, and drop-stitch scarves or shawls. But we also will consider a number of other approaches. Bring what you'd like to consider using; make sure that the pile is mostly animal or mostly plant-based; synthetics work with both. Don't hesitate to bring different colors, textures, etc.

November 20 – Make the Monet Shawl

Learn how to use modular squares and create your own Monet Shawl – model is in the shop – from Liberty Wool, or from another long-color-run yarn with coordinated solid in DK or worsted weight. We ask that you use AK yarns. First, we'll talk about the pattern and the technique, then we'll make headway plus materials. If necessary, we can hold a second session free after Thanksgiving.

Sunday, December 4 – Make a Tunisian Crochet Hat or Scarf

Learn the basics of Tunisian Crochet and make a simple hat or scarf. You will work mostly in Tunisian Simple Stitch – but we'll also explore some additional stitches and design possibilities. Materials: Tunisian crochet hook, straight, Big Blue or smaller – the hat requires a Big Blue plastic hook. Plus, appropriate yarn. Please buy materials in advance of class – we'll help.

December 11– Make the Norwich Jacket (short or long, plain or bling)

Learn how to create accessories and garments with bias knitted strips and pieces – the jacket model is in the shop. You can choose a solid chunky-weight yarn or mix of yarns (as the model does) from AK stock. Sandra will assist with yarn selection. Free pattern. Does not include materials. If necessary, we can hold a second session free before or after the winter holidays.

If you want to do something else, just tell us – we will organize a class.

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