

January / February 2016

Someone told me (I think it was Deb) that the first couple of months of the year are Selfish knitters months. I can see the logic behind this thought. I know I have just finished knitting a whole slew of projects for other people and was looking forward to knitting something just for my own pleasure. So here is what I made...

Special points of interest:

- * New classes
- * 25,000 Hats

Regular hours

Mon 10 - 6

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Wed 10-8:30

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Alameda by [Clare Lakewood](#)

Both these patterns were relatively quick fun knits. Utilizing slip stitches in place of fairisle knitting, in other words you only have to knit with one colour at a time.

Brain Frieze by [Susan Ashcroft](#)

Alameda I used Shelridge 80/20 sock yarn 4 colours and for Brain Frieze I used 1/2 a hank of Vintage and 1 ball of Liberty Super wash wool. Both of these patterns are for sale on Ravelry.



Lastly I whipped up a super simple but ingenious pattern called **Clincher** by [Ash Kearns](#)

Only 1 ball of sock yarn and a partial ball for the edging and in no time this T.V. knitting project was finished.

Here are my interpretations of Brain Frieze (right) and Alameda shown on the left.



So what will your special project be?

We are offering a class in this technique in February

<http://www.ravelry.com/designers/ash-kearns>

<http://www.ravelry.com/designers/susan-ashcroft>

<http://www.ravelry.com/designers/clare-lakewood>



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For those of you that follow us on Facebook Andrea had a great link to an article in the Globe and Mail titled "In a Knitting club, I found a cure for selfishness and cynicism." if you get a chance to read the article it's very uplifting.

With this article in mind one of our knitters **Caite** has asked me to write about the needs of Mothers at Sunnybrook Health Science Center in Toronto.



Looking for Barrie Knitters with Heart.



Sunnybrook Health Science Center in Toronto has many women with high risk pregnancies admitted to hospital for bed rest to monitor their pregnancy and bring their babies closer to term.

Some of these moms are from the **Barrie** area.

The anticipation of the birth of your baby is a joyful thing but, waiting while in hospital with a high risk pregnancy, away from family and friends can be difficult. When you are on bed rest, it is hard not to get bored. Some mothers are also anxious about their baby's outcome.

To help the moms, Sunnybrook has the **CRIB** resource Centre for pregnant women, new mothers and their families.

The staff at **CRIB** have taught these mom's to Knit & Crochet, and of course they love it!

It helps the mom's pass the time, learn something new and focus on something other than their worries. It reduces stress and they get something wonderful for their new baby!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The staff at **CRIB** are looking for donations of nice wool with colours that would make lovely booties, hats, or sweaters. Is there anything in your stash you could donate? OR you could knit / crochet some items which could be sold by **CRIB** and the proceeds go to the purchase of yarn for future lessons and projects for the mom's. Thank you for taking the time to reading this.

Some of our knitter have put their knitting on display for a limited time, and we thank them for it.

Elisabeth has knit a beautiful cowl out of 1 ball of Rasta from a free pattern on Ravelry called Laser.



Joan has knit a "Shawl Collared Cowl" \$6.00USD from Ravelry using just under 2 hanks of Chunky Alpaca.

Deb has designed and knit the "Squiggle Cowl" using 2 balls of "Big" from Sheldridge Yarn. Her pattern is available exclusively here in the store .





With Valentines Day just around the corner wouldn't you love to have your sweetheart sign you up for this retreat?

It's almost here - the 4th annual YarnOver SleepOver retreat at Fern Resort in Orillia!

This year's weekend retreat will be held **April 15-17th** and will feature classes for knitters, crocheters, dyers and more! Reserve your spot now.

To find out more, check out the YarnOver SleepOver website or the Ravelry group, or you can contact yarnoversleepover@gmail.com.

We'll also post details on Facebook as we get them, so stay tuned for more information!

I know some of you have already signed up and we have a group of returning attendees we know you will Wake up in Stitches.



We have started to collect 25,000 toques for Refugees. **A special thank you to the wonderful ladies who have already donated some very heart warming hats.**

A Facebook page called [A Warm Welcome for Refugees](#) has been created in Ontario.

"I was inspired by 25,000 tuques in Quebec to help out local refugees and thought we should do the same here in Ontario!" "It's mighty cold here in Canada, let's all do our part and try to make this transition as comfortable as possible,"



"Who's with me!?"

Never knit a hat try the hat class

Gaugeless hat Class

January 30th 10-12:00

Any yarn... any size ... Grab your favorite yarn and Cast on. No swatch necessary. Work your Hat from the top down for a perfect fit every time.

Bring any yarn and corresponding 16" circular needles and DPN's. Cost \$30 We will help you with yarn selection and needle sizing.

Have you checked out our Facebook page?

It's a great place to see what's new and inspiring your fellow knitters.

email us your finished project photos and we will share

Slip stitch class. Saturday Feb 13th from 10-12

Also known as Mosaic knitting.

2 of the projects shown on the front page of the news letter were done with this simple but effective technique.

Join us and start your own Brain Freeze cowl. You will need 100+ yards of a solid worsted weight yarn and 100+ yards of a self striping yarn, 5mm circular needles 16" or 24".

We used Vintage and Liberty for our sample.

Cost \$30.

Brioche Saturday Feb 27th 10–12pm

Last year some of you showed interest in learning the Brioche stitch. I have designed a simple pattern to learn two colour brioche.

You will need 2 colours of worsted weight yarn and a 4.5mm 16" circular needle and DPN's

Cost \$30 come try out this fun technique.



Tuesday toppers Night

Who's coming to Tuesday Toppers Night next week? every 1st and 3rd Tuesday from **6:30pm-8:30pm** come and join Deb for a top-down no-sew class.

For \$10, Deb can work with you to custom make your 1st sweater, or your 31st sweater. Hope to see you there!

Drop in Classes

Mon, Tues, Fri, and Sat
You tell me what you want to learn; it could be a different style of casting on, Entrelac, Button Bands, Finishing, knitting with Beads, Crochet or maybe you just want to learn how to knit. Classes run from **1-3** cost \$10 per 2 hour session. Come as often as you like.

Sock of the Month Club

Jane is here the 1st & 3rd Monday's of the month from **6:30-8:30** to help. Once again her designs are spectacular and exclusive to club members only.



Wednesday night social

Every Wednesday evening we get together from **6:30-8:30**. Bring your knitting, crochet, spinning, or fiber craft of any sort and spend some time with like minded people, while you get some time to work on your current project. This is a great time to work on a **KAL** with your friends. Knit along's are fun and make the knitting go faster. Get together with a few friends, pick a project, we will be more than happy to help you along the way. There is no cost but last year we raised \$800. in donations for Christmas cheer. 😊

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