

2017 Conference Class Schedule

Most class sizes are limited to maximize instructional quality. Please register early to get your first choices!

Thursday, August 3

“Free CSM Oiling, Setup Setup and Adjustment for Knitting and Ribbing”

Our mentors are available to help get you up and running! This is especially important to anyone who is new to their csm and/or anyone learning to use their ribber for the first time. It's very important for anyone who has an antique machine that has not been used yet. Mentors will work with you individually at your work station.

Time: All day

Level: Beginner-Advanced

Fee: None

“Comfort Doll”

Perfect for leftover sock yarn. Students watch as Lynn knits a doll that children will love! Comfort Dolls make great charity donations for hospitals, rescue squads, police and fire departments. All you need is scraps of flesh colors (pinks, browns, tans, etc.) and hair colors (browns, black, yellow, etc.), and some scraps from your favorite socks. Bring an embroidery and tapestry needle (or a long doll needle if you have one) for finish work. Stuffing will be provided as well as flesh and hair colors and some of Lynn's leftover yarn. Instructions included. A “free” class from our children's charity chairperson! All you pay is materials fee.

Time: 2pm-3pm

Level: All

Instructor: Lynn Israel

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$5 (instructor supplying extra yarn for hair and polyfill stuffing.)

“Clean That Machine!”

As a csm user, it is extremely important to know how and when to clean your machine. Keep it cranking and avoid serious issues from the lack of proper care. Instructor will coach you through using the following materials: gloves, brush, cleaning solution and container. They can be stored together to use each time you clean your machine. Students must have a CSM in good working order.

Time: 3pm -5pm

Instructor: Greg Garver

Level: All

Class Maximum: 25

Fee: \$36pp (includes the \$20 fee for materials)

“Reversible Fingerless Gloves”

Learn this very popular pattern without a ribber! This is a mock rib pattern with a unique technique for making a thumbhole. Perfect for an experienced beginner. A two-hour demonstration--with a little hands-on to learn the thumbhole—students will go back to their machines to complete the project. Instructors will be available after class on the floor to help students master this pattern. You will need to have two coordinating colors of same-weight yarn (50g of each), and a 54 or 60-slot cylinder.

Time: 3pm - 5pm

Instructor: Jamie Mayfield & Sue Vunesky

Level: Experienced Beginner

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$16pp (Add \$5 extra if you want to buy the pattern.)

Friday, August 4

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Time: All day

Level: Beginner-Advanced

Fee: None

“Animal Nation”

You will practice making fun socks and scarves for children and adults. Designs sharks, gators and zombies! Simple crochet stitches required for pattern work. This is a hands-on, no ribber class. Kits can be bought from the instructor or bring two skeins of yarn with contrasting waste yarn and a small amount of black and red yarn.

Time: 8:30am-10:30am

Instructor: Kim Garver

Level: Intermediate

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$16pp

“Beginner Knitting on a CSM”—Watch and learn how to thread the CSM with project yarn using a set-up bonnet, change to project yarn, and begin knitting tubes. Afternoon time will focus on heels and toes. Bring your csm to both morning and afternoon sessions. Be sure your machine is in working order. See our mentors before class! No ribber necessary.

Time: 8:30-10:30 am, 1:30-3:30pm

Instructors: Jim Grant

Level: Beginner

Class Maximum: 10

Fee: \$26pp (includes yarn provided by instructor)

“Converting Hand-Knitting Patterns for CSM”

Have you admired patterns written for knitting needles? In this class, we are going to dissect these instructions and lay them out to discover where we can adjust them to fit our cylinders. Lecture will cover graphing and mathematical guides.

Time: 10:45-12 noon

Instructor: Valerie Witherington

Level: Intermediate

Class Maximum: 25

Fee: \$10pp

“Making a Hat in Panels”

In this lecture-style class, Jenny will show you how to make a double thickness hat in panels on the 54- or 60- needle cylinder. Each panel can be different colors, patterned, or you can use your left over sock yarn. The hat is first knit in tubes, which are then joined with a blanket stitch. I will teach you how to

knit for a hat that fits. This basic hat pattern can be adapted for a beanie, a hat with a rolled-up brim or one with earflaps. No ribber necessary.

Time: 10:45-12 noon

Instructor: Jenny Deters

Level: All

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$10pp

“Making a Handbag/Purse”

This is just the cutest bag - and an easy project. Can be knit on any cylinder. Obviously the Bumblebee 90 will knit the largest bag and a 54 will knit a smaller bag. Four sections are knit in tubes, so the bag is double thickness, then put together in a pinwheel fashion which makes a flat bottom with sides going up. The top triangles are folded down and attached with buttons. Handles can be made from I-cord, rope, or handles from JoAnn Fabrics. No ribber. Bring machine to class and 2-3 skeins of sock yarn.

Time: 1:30-3:30

Instructor: Jenny Deters

Level: All

Class Maximum: 12

Fee: \$16pp

“Sue-i-cide Heel--Demonstrating in Public and How to Stay Focused”

After years of demonstrating sock knitting in an 1800's theme park, Sue has developed easy techniques and mental reminders for staying focused when knitting socks, especially heels and toes. You will be able to knit, talk with your customers, answer questions and be socially connected without making mistakes. This will be a one-hour demonstration and discussion, including mastering the “Sue-i- cide Heel”.

Time: 3:45-4:45

Instructor: Sue Vunesky, Jamie Mayfield

Level: All

Class Maximum: 25

Fee: \$8pp

“Cranking in the Fast Lane”

During this lecture, you will watch Wendy knit a Men's size 10 sock, followed immediately by a Ladies size 7 Toe-Up sock. No tension changes, no removal of the ribber, very efficient needle transfers. Handouts will be provided to help students stay clear on where they are in the process. Additional info on sock finishing will be given. Watch how to tweak needle changes for efficient sock production. Size changes use the heel hook, the row count, and variation in the ratio of stockinette and ribber stitches. Wendy never removes the ribber or changes the tension!

Time: 3:45-5pm

Instructor: Wendy Taber

Level: All

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$10pp

“Toe-Up Keyhole Scarf”

This is a perfect project for your first “toe-up” attempt. Beginners are welcome. In addition to “toe-up”, you will learn flat fabric knitting, Kitchener and pompom making. This will be a 1-1/2 hour demonstration. An extra machine will be set up for practice in the class. You will then return to your machine to make the project. Jamie and Sue will be available after class on the floor to help students master this technique. You will need 100g sock yarn with a cylinder of your choice.

Time: 3:45-5pm
Instructors: Jamie Mayfield, Sue Vunesky
Level: All
Class Maximum: 20
Fee: \$15pp (includes \$5 fee for pattern)

“Should I Purchase That Vintage Machine?”

This lecture-style class will help you make this decision. You will learn how to restore those vintage machines that need rescuing. Your instructor will tell you what to look for and when a csm antique is beyond help. He will explain which critical parts are not easily repaired and explain which tools and skills are needed to complete a successful and complete restoration.

Time: 7pm-9pm
Instructor: Greg Garver
Level: All
Class Maximum: 25
Fee: \$16pp

“Not Just Socks”

Learn how to make snowflakes on your csm. You will use these techniques: ewrap, reformed stitched twists, and tucks. These will all add design to your shawls, scarves, and knitted Christmas balls. This hands-on class will require that you bring your machine and one skein of undyed sock yarn and contrasting waste yarn. Another option is to buy the kit from your instructor.

Time: 7pm-9pm
Instructor: Kim Garver
Level: Intermediate +
Class Maximum: 20
Fee: \$16pp

Saturday, August 5

“Beading, Lace, Fair Isle, Cables”

Learn how to knit all sorts of fun and fancy techniques. It is exciting and inspiring to know that you can create so many things on these awesome little machines. Jenny will furnish the materials, so you will have the right yarns/colors and you will come away with a “Sampler” of techniques: Adding beads, knitting easy lace, knitting cables, fair isle and flat fabric. Hands-on, so bring machines to class. No ribber necessary. Any cylinder size.

Time: 8:30am-10:30am
Instructor: Jenny Deters
Level: Intermediate
Class Maximum: 20
Fee: \$16pp

“Introduction to Ribbing”

Don't let your ribber intimidate you! This hands-on class will cover the basics of using the ribber from set up to “set aside.” The only requirement is that you are comfortable knitting with your cylinder. Bring sock-weight yarn and contrast color yarn for waste yarn. Machines should be timed in advance of class. See one of our mentors. Any size cylinder can be used. Bring your csm and ribber to class.

Time: 8:30am-10:30am
Instructor: Kim Garver
Level: Beginner - Intermediate
Class Maximum: 12

Fee: \$16pp

“Dyeing Socks”

In this hands-on class, you will learn a quick and easy way to dye your hand-cranked socks. Class will take place on the patio, so wear your sunglasses! We will also discuss methods used when dyeing sock blanks. At the end of class, you will have a one-of-a-kind, hand-dyed pair of socks.

Time: 8:30am-11:30am

Instructor: Sarah Monroe

Level: All

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$29pp (includes \$5 materials fee for dyes, gloves, etc.)

“Fleeced Mittens & Socks”

In this lecture-style class, you will learn how to knit fleeced mittens and socks using drafted roving. These are not thrummed! It is a simple and smooth technique, and it adds warmth and cushion for the feet and/or hands. No ribber required. Kits available for purchase at class.

Time: 10:45-noon

Instructor: Kim Garver

Level: All

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$10pp

“Kitchener a Tube”

Do you get confused when connecting ends of a tube? Can you Kitchener from the outside? Can you weave in the ends from the outside? If you want to make a mobius scarf or tube scarf, you will need to know how to Kitchener from the outside and bury your ends from the outside. This will be a one-hour demonstration. Practice pieces will be available in class, or bring your unfinished tube with live stitches and waste yarn at each end. No extra charge for materials.

Time: 10:45-11:45

Instructor: Jamie Mayfield, Sue Vunesky

Level: All

Class Maximum: 25

Fee: \$10pp

“Toe-Up Socks”

In this hands-on class, Sarah will teach you how to crank a toe-up sock. This means there is no need for a Kitchener stitch! Voila! Perfect for those who want to minimize their finishing work. Come to class with sock yarn, waste yarn, and machine. Be sure, in advance, that your cylinder spring is tight. Check with our mentors if you are not sure.

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Instructor: Sarah Monroe

Level: All

Class Maximum: 20

Fee: \$16pp

“Heels 4 Ways”

In this hands-on class, Valerie will help you discover ways to expand our design capabilities. She will have you practice these heel styles: Round, Peasant, Flat Iron and Dutch. Bring your machine, sock yarn, and a pack of 100 bobby pins.

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Instructor: Valerie Witherington
Level: All
Class Maximum: 20
Fee: \$16pp