



# Charlotte Knitting Guild News

## Upcoming Events

- August 2 Meeting: Countdown to Christmas
- August 11: Yarn Tasting at Yarnhouse
- September 6 Meeting: Applique for Hand Knits
- September 21-25: TKG Conference in Greensboro
- September 30—October 9: Charlotte Yarn Crawl
- October 4 Meeting: Spinning demo/lesson
- October 21-23: SAFF in Asheville (Fletcher, NC)

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## Exciting Year Planned for the Guild!

August begins our new year for the Guild. The 2011-2012 year is our 9th year as a TKG affiliated guild!

We have loads of things planned for the upcoming Guild year—in addition to our monthly programs (see page 2 for more info) we have lots of special events planned or in the works for the upcoming year. The biggest of these is the March Retreat (see below for more details) which should be a wonderful weekend retreat!

We also have a series of Tasting Events planned at various local yarn shops throughout the upcoming year. See the article on

page 2 for more information on these events. Be sure to patronize our many local yarn shops, they help support our guild!

Stay tuned for info on carpooling for the TKG Conference in Greensboro, a bus tour for the Charlotte Yarn Crawl, and possibly a bus trip for Stitches South next year!

We also have some field trips in the works, and many other events in the beginning planning stages. Join the Special Events committee to help plan our year! Contact Rachel or Davey if you are interested



in helping out.

The upcoming year is sure to be a fantastic year! We hope you can join us - the more the merrier!

~Heather Storta, Guild President

## Register Early for Our Spring Retreat!

Join us in Hickory, NC from March 9-11, 2012 for a weekend getaway of fiber and fun! Join other knitting enthusiasts while we learn new techniques and socialize in a relaxing environment. Candace Eisner Strick will be our in-

structor for this jam-packed weekend of knitting!

Candace will be teaching three classes over the weekend—The Art of Knitting Backwards (and How it Applies to Edgings), Strick-ly Socks, and Colorful Knitting.

All lodging, classes and meals are included in the retreat price. Signups are open to current members now, and general signups will be open in October.

See our website for more info and to sign up.

## Don't Miss Our Upcoming Programs!

We have some exciting programs lined up in the coming months! Our 2011-2012 theme is 'Embellishments' - so we're focusing on ways to spice up your knitting!

August's program is 'Countdown to Christmas' presented by Rachel. She'll be showing us some knitted and felted ornaments that can be placed on your tree, on presents, or even given as gifts. Who doesn't like quick gift knits?

September's program will be presented by Jane Prater—she will be presenting applique for hand knits. Discover ways to decorate knitted fabric with more knitting!

October's program will be a spinning demo/class led by Christiane Knight. Ever wondered how spinning wheels and drop spindles worked? Think you may want to give spinning a try? Then come to October's meeting and you can get a

taste for what spinning is all about!

Coming in the Fall and Winter months we have Knitting with Beads, our Annual Holiday Party, Embroidery for Knitting, and Crocheted Edgings for Knitting.

We're always learning something new, so don't miss out—join us in the coming months!



## Guild Member Spotlight: Davey Roberson

Davey Roberson is a native Charlottean (SHAR-LO-TEA-UN), who has been knitting for the past seven years. Currently VP of the Charlotte Knitting Guild, Davey first got the knitting bug while picking up the Crochet needles after a brief

break from all things crafty. Taught by his Norwegian grandmother, Davey not only knits and crochets, but is also quite handy with a sewing machine. A process knitter, Davey loves to figure out new techniques, and work

them into ideas and items that he is currently working on. Davey is very proud to have been an active part of the Charlotte Knitting Guild for the past five years. You can read more about him on his blog - [www.daveyknits.com](http://www.daveyknits.com)



Davey at Charlotte Yarn Tasting Event  
Photo by Rachel Eldridge

## Join us for Tasting Events at our LYSes!

Our first Tasting Event was held at Charlotte Yarn on July 28th, and was a wonderful evening of wine, cheese, and most of all—yarn! Remi, the owner of Charlotte Yarn, graciously gave guild members a discount on some of her yarn lines, and we had loads of fun

hearing about new yarns coming into the shop, as well as 'sampling' an assortment of yarns available at the shop. Oh, and we sampled some wine and some cheese, too.

Our next Tasting Event will be on August 11 from 6:30 to 8:30pm at Yarnhouse in NoDa. If you

missed our first event, come join us for our next one! Stay tuned on the Charlotte Knitting Guild website for other Tasting Events happening in the months to come!

## Fall Fiber Events Around Town

Fall is a wonderful time for fiber events! Our area has loads of options available to us in the next few months. The TKG Conference is coming to Greensboro in September (see article below), the Charlotte Yarn Crawl starts the end of September (see article below), and SAFF will be in Asheville again at the end of October.

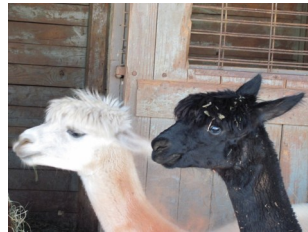
SAFF (Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair) will be from October 21-23. It's our region's largest fiber festi-

val! If you wish to enter a knitted article or handspun yarn for competition, then it must be entered by Friday October 21st.

For those of you who like to enter your knitting into fairs, the State Fair runs from October 13-23. Entry forms are due by September 23, with the entries themselves due by October 10. Closer fairs include the Cabarrus County Fair, the Rowan County Fair, and the Stanley County Fair.

The Cabarrus County Fair runs from September 9-17. Entry forms are due by August 26, and entries should be dropped off on September 6th or 7th.

The are no details for the Rowan County and the Stanley County fair as yet.



Alpaca at SAFF last year  
Photo by Heather Storta

## TKGA Fall Conference is Coming to Greensboro

The TKG Fall Conference will be in Greensboro from September 21-25. Conference locations are changed each year, so who knows when the conference will be this close to Charlotte again!

Penny Sitler, the TKG

Executive Director states, "We will have the best instructors in the business and they've added fresh class choices for this event. You're sure to have a blast at our event, and you'll be sharing this special time with other people who are just as passionate about

knitting as you are."

Registration is already open, so be sure to visit the TKG website ([www.TKGA.com](http://www.TKGA.com)) to register or for more details.

*"You're sure to have a blast at our event..."*

## Charlotte Yarn Crawl

The Charlotte Yarn Crawl is coming to town again! The crawl starts on September 30th and runs through October 9th.

For those who may not know what a yarn crawl is, you pick up a passport at one of the participating shops and have it stamped at each shop you visit during the crawl. Then

when you have visited all 10 shops you leave your passport at the last shop to be entered for a Grand Prize drawing. Even if you don't get a chance to visit all 10 shops you should still leave your passport, since there will be many other prize drawings.

Visit [www.charlotteyarncrawl.com](http://www.charlotteyarncrawl.com)

for a complete list of participating shops and for more info.

The Guild is working on arranging a bus tour for the Yarn Crawl— we'll post details on our website as soon as we have made the arrangements and have all the details!



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*The Charlotte Knitting Guild is an educational, service, and social club affiliated with The Knitting Guild of America. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote interest and skill in knitting, while encouraging high standards of quality workmanship.*

### Board Members:

**President:** Heather Storta

**Vice-President:** Davey Roberson

**Secretary:** Jorah Lavin

**Treasurer:** Gina Barrett

**Charity Chair:** Liz Brown

**Membership Chair:** Rachel Eldridge

**Special Events Co-Chairs:** Rachel and Davey

**Past-President:** Jet LeBlanc



## Charlotte Knitting Guild

*Promoting Excellence in Knitting*

## Why Join the Guild?

There are many benefits to joining our Guild! We hold monthly educational meetings covering a wide variety of knitting-relevant topics. Members are always learning something new!

The Charlotte Knitting Guild also holds semi-annual weekend retreats, and members receive a discount on retreat pricing. The Guild also hosts a wide variety of workshops and other special events, to which members can enroll early and in many cases are admitted free.

The Guild is also commit-

ted to helping local and regional charities through knitting. Our charity this past year was Florence Crittenton Services—we donated baby hats, booties and other baby items, as well as washcloths and many other hand knitted items for the mothers and babies at their facility. This year our charity will be the Center of Hope—a women and children homeless shelter in Charlotte run by the Salvation Army.

Each year the Guild holds 'Excellence in Knitting Awards' - where guild

members can enter their best work from the past year to be judged. Beginners and advanced knitters alike can win prizes.

The biggest benefit of Guild membership is the friendship of fellow knitters—we encourage and inspire each other in endless ways, through sharing the trials and triumphs of our knitting journey. What better way to enjoy knitting and to improve our knitting skills than with fellow knitters?

We hope you join us soon!

