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## MAY 15: ROBIN HUNTER

Have you ever dreamed about turning your love of knitting into a career? Join us at the May meeting to hear our own Robin Hunter talk about the process of becoming a professional knitter. She will share the inside scoop on the challenges, the choices, the opportunities and the rewards encountered along the way.

Robin has been knitting her whole life. She doesn't even remember learning. She started making garments for herself in her teens and then explored sewing, tailoring and millinery. Her goal is to teach knitters about fit and flattery and turn them into fashion stars!

Robin left the corporate world to pursue full-time knitting design, blogging and teaching in the spring of 2010. She is well-known on the local knitting circuit in her hometown of Toronto, teaching at guilds and yarn shops.

She established a Professional Knitters group in the summer of 2010 that helps its members plan business strategies and network within the knitting industry. See her patterns on [patternfish.com](http://patternfish.com), read her blog at [knittingrobin.blogspot.com](http://knittingrobin.blogspot.com). Or look her up on Ravelry—her username is [knittingrobin](http://knittingrobin).



## COMING UP IN JUNE

LARA VEERASAMMY

This accomplished crocheter will share with us how her love for yarn and craft is enriching her life.

## RELAY FOR LIFE

It's that time again—the annual Relay is coming up fast. Team members will be knitting scarves, chemo caps and prayer shawls by lantern light at Sunnybrook Park from 7 p.m. on Friday, June 14 until 7 a.m. the next morning. We appreciate donations of knitting from DKC members to help us decorate our 20' x10' tent.

All items will be delivered to Princess Margaret Lodge and Gilda's Club Barrie. Please pledge your support to our team members who vow to knit or spin all night long. Pledges may be made at the May DKC meeting, or online at [tinyurl.com/dkc2013](http://tinyurl.com/dkc2013).

All money raised will go to the Sunnybrook Hospital Odette Cancer Centre.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

## Location

Innis Town Hall, 2 Sussex Ave.  
NW corner of St. George St. and Sussex Ave.  
on the University of Toronto campus.

## TTC Access

Five-minute walk south from St. George subway station.  
Parking available at several nearby locations.

Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.

Doors Open: 6:45 p.m.

## Admission

\$8.00 for guests and Newsletter-Only Subscribers  
Free to Members (please show card at door)

All Downtown Knit Collective meetings, functions and events are governed by the Rules of Conduct as determined by the Executive.  
To read a copy of the Rules, please visit  
[www.downtownknitcollective.ca/dkc\\_conduct.html](http://www.downtownknitcollective.ca/dkc_conduct.html)

Approximately 85 members and one newbie were on hand for our annual Skills Exchange meeting. There was no Show and Tell to make more time for the mini workshops.

### **Announcements**

DKC members have been busy knitting and crocheting Bear Pals for Operation Smile's post-surgery kits for children. A batch was recently sent off and is now in Norfolk, Virginia waiting for shipping overseas with a medical mission team. Others were also sent to El Salvador via Canadian Food for Children. More are always welcome—the pattern can be found in the November 2012 newsletter, or by searching for “bear pals” online. Carole will even stuff them and finish them if you don't have the time!

Congratulations to Robin Hunter, Mary Pat McDonald, Julia Bryant and the rest of the team for hosting a very successful

YarnOver SleepOver in April. It was so much fun, they're already planning next year's retreat.

DKC legal advisor Catherine Osborne spoke to the audience about some legal woes that have befallen the guild. A vendor from the 2010 Frolic has sued the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre for an alleged injury, and the DKC was subsequently sued by the JCCC's insurance company. Since the DKC is not incorporated, Wendy and Carole were named personally in the suit as their names were on the contract with the JCCC. Catherine called the lawsuit a “nuisance claim” and assured members that the lawyer the guild has found is great, and will get results. In the mean time, the executive is looking into getting the guild incorporated to prevent individual members from being sued in the future. More detailed information will be available in the June newsletter.

### **Raffle**

Four skeins of pink Fleece Artist Tiffendall were won by Melissa Marie Legge. A skein of pale green Dye-Version Silk Linen was won by Cristina Simionovici. A skein of Tanis Blue Label in Pink Grapefruit was won by Pam Tremblay. A special prize pack from Ewe Knit featuring four knitting project bags and a number of different skeins of yarn was won by a very lucky Alison Hokkanen.

### **Mini Workshops**

The mini workshops were so popular this year, some tables had standing room only. Many members chose to learn new skills, and some were happy just to sit in the audience and knit while watching the action. Special thanks to all the participants and our teachers—Diane Martin, Trish Denhoed, Patrick Madden, Gloria Williams and Mary Pat McDonald—for making the evening both educational and fun.





## EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

We are pleased to announce the 2013/2014 nominees for the DKC Executive positions:

### President

Carole Adams

### Communications Coordinator

Suzie Larouche

### Program Coordinator

Catherine Osborne

### Secretary

Kerry Fast

Debra Rowland

### Special Events & Promotions Coordinator

Joan Kass

### Treasurer

Wendy Mauzeroll

For those positions where there was only one nominee, the candidates have been acclaimed to the position.

At the beginning of the May DKC meeting, we will run the elections for the position of Secretary.

Below are the procedures that will be followed. Please make sure that you are aware of the processes and requirements, as there will be no exemptions made:

- The elections are only open to current members.
- When you arrive at the meeting, it will be necessary to check in at the Registration Desk to pick up a ballot. You must provide valid government ID in order to receive a ballot.
- At the beginning of the meeting each candidate will be given three (3) minutes to speak to the membership.
- After the speeches, members will be provided time to complete their ballot and put it in the ballot box.
- The meeting will continue at that time with announcements, raffle, etc. while the ballots are being counted so that we may announce to you that evening who our new Secretary will be.



**Sunday, June 9, 2013**

11a.m. - 4p.m.

**High Park**

**Picnic Area #15**

**Bloor St. West & High Park Av.**

## Tired of knitting alone?

Come join Toronto-area knitters as they celebrate WORLD WIDE KNIT IN PUBLIC (WWKiP) day together!

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High Park, Toronto

Picnic Area #15

Bloor Street West and High Park Avenue

WWKiP is an annual international celebration of knitting and other fibre arts with almost 1000 separate events in countries around the globe.

Our Toronto Edition will offer an opportunity to knit together,

share skills and experiences in a beautiful public park setting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and make yourself at home in our knitting circle.

We have reserved a beautiful picnic area (#15) in High Park which has a large covered picnic shelter surrounded by gracious lawns. It is located within the park on Colborne Lodge Drive across from the swimming pool. Good TTC access and parking available.

Activities planned to showcase the social side of knitting. It's about sharing the experience of knitting, with knitters and non-knitters alike!

Better living through stitching together!

See [wwkiptoeedition.tumblr.com](http://wwkiptoeedition.tumblr.com) for details.

### 'Celebrating Our Own' Submissions

If you have been to a DKC meeting recently, you know that we have slides at the beginning of each meeting. Included in the slides is a section for Celebrating Our Own. If you have done something related to knitting, or know someone who has done something that we can celebrate, then please send an email to [secretary@downtownknitcollective.com](mailto:secretary@downtownknitcollective.com) with the details. Include a photo if you have one. We want to celebrate every month! Submissions must be received by the Sunday before each meeting.

# Knitter's Frolic 2013

**A big thank you** to our over 70 volunteers who contributed to a very successful 15th Knitter's Frolic. Our wonderful team on admissions, vendor support, line control, workshop registrations, hospitality, promotion, wool winding, raffle table, Relay For Life, setup and cleanup were all amazing. To each and every volunteer, thank you so very much!  
—Joan and Wendy



## Frolic Stats

Attendance: 1900  
Workshops: 15  
Workshop attendees: 123  
Raffle: 150 prizes donated,  
\$846 raised  
Relay for Life: \$1068 raised

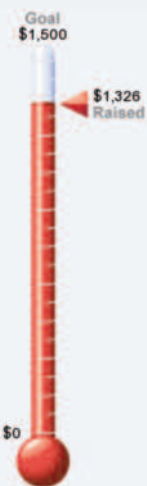
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**More Than Just a Yardage Sale**  
May 24-25 at the Textile Museum of Canada

Yarn, decorator fabric, notions, thread, ribbons, quilting supplies... you name it, this sale has it! Visit [textilemuseum.ca](http://textilemuseum.ca) for times and directions.

## Relay for Life 2013

On June 14, our DKC team will be knitting through the night by lamplight at Sunnybrook Park in support of Sunnybrook's Odette Cancer Centre.



The proceeds from our monthly raffles are donated to our chosen charities, including the Canadian Cancer Society and Sistering women's shelter. We have raised **\$1326** so far this year, with a goal of \$1500. We're so close to our goal!

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