

Knitting Groups

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make a lot of purses and hats." Auction buyers opt to keep the items or donate them to a women's shelter.

Other women were knitting scarves. "I have a 22 year old daughter who talked me into making eight of these for presents this Christmas; her friends love them," said Clackamas County Mediator Amy Cleary. She started knitting during her mother's serious illness and later found Northwest Wools. "A girlfriend of mine asked if I wanted to take a class. We decided to do the sampler scarf. I've gotten such a kick out of the way the men in my family have taken an interest in what I knit."

Meanwhile, the Hillsdale Library offers a treat for those ready to take up knitting or crochet. Once a month two experts offer free instruction and help. Called the No 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society, others show up to work on existing

projects and chat. Children and adults are encouraged to bring their own supplies and give knitting a try.

Both retired librarians, instructors Darlene Wheeler and Flora Persons sometimes knit under a sign in the main reading room to drum up interest. They often remember how they started the hobby they've enjoyed throughout the years. "I locked myself up for a weekend with a knitting book with pictures and came out with something that looked like knitting," Persons said. Now, she makes it easier for others to enjoy the craft.

Southwest Knitting Groups

Every Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Laughing Planet, 4405 SW Vermont St. To contact, go to www.ravelry.com, select groups, enter "SW PDX Stitch 'N' Bitch," and click Search.

Every Sunday, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,



Wendy Lee founded her Southwest Portland knitting group more than two years ago. (Post photo by Polina Olsen)

Northwest Wools, 3524 SW Troy St., 503.244.5024. Join the Knitwits meetup.

First Saturday of each month, 1 p.m.,

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One morning per month, Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503.988.5388. The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society sets up in the meeting room. Check the schedule at www.multcolib.org/events/knitting.html or pick up an events flyer at the library.

First and third Friday of each month, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles St., 503.823.3180. A room is available, and all crafts are welcome. Call to confirm.

First and third Wednesday each month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sip D'Vine, 7829 SW Capitol Hwy, 503.977.9463. Call to confirm.

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