

Knitaholics Spectacular

Romford, Essex

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This was a busy show for machine and hand knitters, especially during the morning when visitors are able to browse stands from some of our favourite suppliers: Beryl Jarvis, Erica Thomson, Sue Castro, Karabee, and Clair Crowston to name a few. Although a comparatively small show a machine knitter could probably find whatever they needed – from cheap and cheerful yarn to expensive wool fibres; from help with a technical query to a replacement tool or useful accessory, plus a tempting array of unique patterns. There was plenty of inspiration!



Visitors came from all parts of Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. They arrived by minibus from Leicestershire and coach from other areas. The Guild stand was visited by people returning to machine knitting who had a few questions for us. Others who visited the stand were interested in the knitting techniques used in the items on display.

Andee Knits loaned us a Silver Reed LK150 mid gauge machine to play with which attracted interest. This machine works well with hand knit yarns including yarns with sequins spun in.

During the course of the day there were talks about their techniques and garments from Sue Castro and from Ann Baker of Karabee designs. A successful fashion show was compered by Clair Crowston. There was a good range of good quality and up to date garments being worn by real people. If something really too your fancy you could buy the pattern and the yarn before you left.

