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# EWE'S NEWS

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## *President's Place*

What fun we all had at our Silent Auction and Salad/Dessert Supper! Wow, knitters can cook! Thanks to our hostesses - Sheila, Carol, and Trish - for setting up the dinner.

Just for the record: We apologize for any delay in getting your earnings to you. I believe it was obvious when those of us running the program had to bring in six extra tables that we had underestimated the number of people interested in selling knit-related items. We were pleasantly overwhelmed! At the August meeting, Deborah will have checks for those of you who sold items. The Guild's 10 per cent income was over \$40, and our expenses for the event were about \$27.

Many thanks to Carolyn for running the meeting while we tallied all of the bid sheets. A big thank you to Deborah for keeping track of the money and helping us figure out a system.

In addition to our program at the August meeting, we will have a brief presentation about Furman University's OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) program by Lucy Woodhouse. There will be information about teaching opportunities as well as classes for you.

Nancy Groff

## *August Meeting*

**THE AUGUST PROGRAM, "CROCHET: KNITTER'S LITTLE HELPER," WILL BE PRESENTED BY CAROL PAUL.**

**PLEASE BRING A KNITTED SQUARE OR RECTANGLE IN WORSTED WEIGHT YARN ON SIZE 7, 8, OR 9 NEEDLES, EXTRA WORSTED WEIGHT YARN, AND A SIZE F AND I CROCHET HOOK.**

**THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM IS RIP AND REDO. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.**

**NANCY MCFARLANE**

## Upcoming Events:

Guild Meeting,  
August 10, 6:45 PM,  
McAlister Square

## Welcome!

We are happy to welcome  
as new members the  
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## DO IT YOURSELF SOCK BLOCKERS

### Materials:

- a piece of plastic placemat or any thick-ish plastics sheet. The piece of placemat that I used measured 11.5" x 17" x 0.7mm thick, and was just enough for a pair of women's small size.
- A piece of cardboard (a cereal box will do the job)
- A pair of sharp kitchen scissors
- Some papers, a pencil and a ruler

### Step-by-step instructions:

1. With a pencil, draw out the desired shape of your sock blocker on a piece of paper. Cut and trace it on your cardboard.
2. Cut and try your cardboard blocker on a pair of socks. Make any adjustments and redo Step 1-2 if necessary.
3. Now layout both your cardboard and paper version on your placemat/plastic sheet, and secure the cardboard version to the your placemat/plastic sheet with a double-sided tape.
4. Cut along slowly and carefully with a pair of sharp kitchen scissors. Repeat.
5. Smooth out the edges of your blocker to avoid possible snags.



## MORE FUN READS

[Hanging by a Thread](#) by Monica Ferris (2003)

[Knitting Bones](#) by Monica Ferris (2008)

[A Deadly Yarn](#) by Maggie Sefton (2006)

[Fleece Navidad](#) by Maggie Sefton (2008)

[Dropped Dead Stitch](#) by Maggie Sefton (2009)

[Back on Blossom Street](#) by Debbie Macomber (2007)

[Crazy Aunt Purl's Drunk, Divorced and](#)

[Covered in Cat Hair](#) by Laurie Petty (2007)

[Things I Learned from Knitting \(whether I wanted to or not\)](#) by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee (2008)

Nancy Groff



## Knitting Brainpower Stitch by Stitch

*from Daily Breeze*

Melanie Pickens picks up a coaster-sized circle of deep purple yarn, inspecting it to see if it will lie flat against a table. "This is too lumpy," 9-year-old Melanie told her teacher, Roberta Konefal-Shaer, of the crocheted disc that will someday become a hat.

"What do you think I should do now? Do you think I should do a double stitch?"

At the Waldorf School, boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade scrutinize their knitting, crocheting and sewing projects like students elsewhere might examine computer programs or graphing calculators. The private school in Bloomfield, Penn. -- one in a network of more than 900 schools practicing Waldorf Education worldwide -- is founded partly on the principle that forms of handwork such as knitting, crocheting and sewing are critical to a child's intellectual and emotional development.

"They're training their fingertips to be more alive," said Konefal-Shaer, the school's handwork teacher. Every child in the school has two 45-minute handwork lessons per week. Kindergartners do projects such as sewing pouches for treasures found on nature walks. Fifth-graders spend much of the year knitting socks.

## Good To Know

### Thoughts from Northwood Farm Yarn Shop:

I have several Sit & Knits at the shop that the guild members might be interested in. Tuesdays from 10am to Noon or later, then again from 6pm to 8pm. It is not unusual for a few knitters to come at 10am and stay until 8pm. We have recently added Thursday mornings to our Sit & Knit schedule 10am to 1pm. Seems knitters just can't get enough. We usually always have freshly brewed coffee and fresh oven baked cookies.

It would be better if we used [www.northwoodfarmyarnshop.com](http://www.northwoodfarmyarnshop.com) for the web site address for the yarn shop. You can get there from the farm site but it seems people have been getting confused lately so I have been trying to use this longer address.

The shop hours have been changing over the summer so please call before driving out to see us.

Teri Gabric, owner  
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### FLAK

Michele and I will be available at 6 for any questions about the first installment of the Flak. The second installment will be handed out during the meeting.



### WHO said knitting was boring?

As the latest exhibition at the Alnwick Garden shows, just a pair of needles and some wool can create an array of astounding results.

Called Knitted Lives, it celebrates the skills of older women. Among the amazing items on display are watches, jewelry, clothing, a mirror and even an apple pie and cutlery.



## Charity Corner

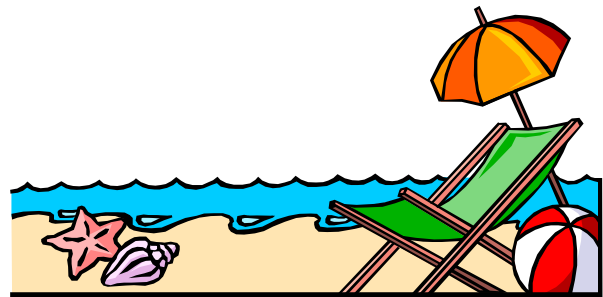
Carol & Robin Paul

From Guild members in July we received:

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| 5 Wheelchair bags for kids |                  |
| 72 Kid's hats              | 2 Kid's Blankets |
| 1 toy                      | 5 Premie Hats    |
| 7 Fetal Demise Pouches     |                  |
| 15 Adult Hats              | 3 Washcloths     |
| 1 adult sweater            | 1 headband       |
| 1 shawl                    | 4 lap robes      |

Thank you all for the hard work, and feel free to continue...the needs are ever increasing!

Carol and Robin



## TREASURER'S REPORT

OOPS!

Due to a computer crash, our report is temporarily unavailable. We hope to be back next month!



Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?

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News Ewes Can Use!

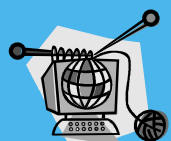


If you have information you'd like to place in the September newsletter, please call or email it to me by August 25th.

Thanks!

Carolyn Freshour

## Knitting On the Web



Looking for cute, new patterns or gifts? Check out some of these sites next time you need a project for kids or even a special item for yourself:

Www.ClassicEliteYarns.com has a free Summer Sox Cable Ribbon Socks pattern that teaches you the Magic Loop technique, short rows, and left and right slanting decreases with the Kitchener stitch for sewing together.



## Knit Happens:

**AC Moore:** Join Gail and the Girls at AC Moore any Thursday from 10 am - 2pm.

**BAM KnitWits:** Join the KnitWits every Wednesday at Books-A-Million on Laurens Road from 6:30pm-8pm (at least). Sit & Knit!

**Wednesday Evenings YO-C Group** meets at Java Jolt on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. each week. Come and join the fun. We knit and crochet, and everyone is welcome!