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President's Place

As was announced at our November meeting, your board has made some changes.

Nancy McFarlane has a program for our December 8 meeting, and we will have a New Year's party and short program at our January 12 meeting. Please read the details concerning these events in this newsletter.

Even though we are not having the party in December, we still need hats for the homeless and other charity items. Of course, Carol and Robin will be happy to accept these at any time, but we all know that the winter cold hits the homeless especially hard.

Our KnitInn 2009 is coming soon, so read the KnitInn information and register for the interesting classes available. There are also many activities that will be held during the weekend. This KnitInn is a great way to learn new skills through classes, meet new people at the mixers, and have a fun weekend at the same time. Hope to see everyone there!

Nancy Groff

December Meeting

Let's all be Bag Ladies for the December meeting.

Everyone bring their favorite knitting bag or bags. Also bring your gadget bags with all of the things you use for your daily knitting. It will be fun to see what everyone thinks is special about their knitting bags and to see how all sorts of gadgets might be used by knitters for things we never thought of.

There might even be a special prize for the most unusual knitting tool.



Our December party will now be a January party—Break Your New Year's Resolutions Early. So we'll start the New Year with a party at our January meeting.



Welcome!

We were happy to have as visitors at our November meeting:

Mary Jane Koch
Maria Como
Barbara Brandenburg
Joan Edwards



Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, December 8, McAlister Square, 6:45 pm
- KnitInn, Drury Inn, February 6-8



NOVEMBER MYSTERY PROJECT

If you were unable to be at the November meeting and want to complete your mystery project, here are the directions:

Work two stitches.

Bind off across the row until you have four stitches remaining at the other end of the swatch. (You will now have 2 sts - bind off - 4 sts)

Cut the yarn leaving a two foot tail. Pull the tail through the last stitch of the bind off to lock the stitches.

Pull your needle out of the stitches. WOW!
Now ravel the stitches on each end. Yes, drop the stitches ON PURPOSE! You are making fringe.

Sew the BO side to the Cast On side with the tail of yarn.

Take a double piece of yarn and sew a running stitch (in and out) around the edge with the longer fringe. When you are all the way around, pull tight and tie the yarn in a double bow.

Turn up the edge with the shorter fringe.
You have a hat!

Obviously, the number of CO stitches and length can be increased to make a larger hat.

Party Lace Scarf

At our November meeting, Terry showed us a beautiful scarf she had knit. Terry kindly shares this information about the pattern:

Here is the web site for the scarf that I had at Guild— www.thisisknit.ie. Click on free patterns; it is called the Party Lace Scarf. I did not put beads on mine.



Knit Inn 2009

Knit Inn Registration Fee The Knit Inn registration fee is \$5/person. This covers your admission to our Friday and Saturday night activities and admission to the vendor area on Saturday. You also must pay this fee in order to take a class. Please register early.

Knit Inn Class Fees The Knit Inn class fees are as follows: 1 ½ hour classes are \$5, and 3 hour classes are \$10. Please register early.

Boxed Lunch We will have a boxed lunch available on Saturday, Feb. 7 for \$10. You can order and prepay for the lunch with your registration fees. The deadline for ordering the lunch is Friday, Feb. 6 at 2pm. The menu is: Turkey and provolone on wheat; lettuce, tomato and condiments on the side; pickle, chips, cookie, and tea. There are many nearby restaurants if you choose not to order the boxed lunch.

Yarn Mixer/Pizza Party FREE for REGISTERED Knit Inn Participants

Bring a one gallon baggie filled with yarn that you no longer want/need, but would be something you would want to receive. Put your name on a card in the baggie. Bring the baggie to the café area at 6:30pm on Saturday and join in an activity with your fellow knitters. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

For more information, contact: Michele Kesler, keslerfam@charter.net, Phone 269-6742.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Virginia Ferreira on the death of her husband, Frank. Virginia wrote, "Frank was a talented jeweler, great trout fisherman, outdoorsman, prolific reader, master of whatever he became interested in, and a character. He was the smartest, most interesting person I ever met. He will be greatly missed."

Many of you know Virginia as the auctioneer extraordinaire at our infamous yarn auctions.



Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival

Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival is held annually the first weekend in May at the Howard County Fairgrounds just west of Baltimore. This festival is run by a non-profit group whose purpose is to educate the public about sheep and wool. There are classes, demonstrations, vendors and, of course, food. It can be hot, cold, rainy or perfect weather and the show goes on - all over the grounds. There are buildings full of hundreds of varieties of sheep, llama, alpacas, goats, and rabbits; vendors selling their yarn in buildings and tents, souvenir t-shirts, aprons, tote bags, etc. You can watch a sheep dog herding sheep, a llama going through an obstacle course and sheep shearing. It is a wonderful, family event for all.

www.sheepandwool.org

Stitches South—First time event

Stitches South in Atlanta, April 23-26, 2009

If you have never been to a Stitches event, then here is your chance! Stitches offers a multitude of classes taught by nationally known instructors, also several special events, contests, banquets and, of course, a huge market. Stitches gives you another venue to broaden your knowledge of knitting by taking classes. The market will overwhelm you - everything you ever wanted connected with knitting is available there - all in one room! You can go to www.knittinguniverse.com for details and registration materials.

Charity Pattern—Bev's Softest Cap

Materials: Size 13 knitting needles
2 oz of 4-ply soft worsted weight

[Stitch directions: *Twisted Garter St=Knit each stitch through the back loop across the row. Stockinette Stitch=Knit one row, Purl one row - continue]

- Cast on 46 sts (age 8-12). Use 52-55 sts for women's or men's hats.
- Work in *Twisted Garter St for 8 rows/4 ridges
- Switch to stockinette stitch for 30 rows. (34-37 rows for women's and men's).
- Finish: Cut a 15" tail of yarn. Thread onto sewing needle and then weave through each stitch. You can either leave the sts on the knitting needle to do that, or you can remove the sts carefully, then weave the sewing needle through each st. Pull tightly to form the top.
- Sew side seam.
- Add a pom-pom if you wish.

Charity Corner



Carol & Robin Paul

Charity Pattern—Powder Puff Knit Hat

Materials: 1 Skein worsted, 1 skein Fun Fur
Size 10 16" circular needles, size 10 double-points

- In worsted, on #10 circular, Cast on 72 sts, mark join.
- In any rib pattern (k1, p1) (k2, p2) (k3, p1) of your choice, knit to 1 1/2".
- Continuing with worsted, add Fun Fur and purl all sts for 6".
- Continuing in Fun Fur, purl decreases: P6, P2tog all around. P5, P2tog all around. P4, P2tog all around. P3, P2tog all around.
- Switch to double points. P2, P2tog all around. P1, P2 tog all around. P2tog—Cut yarn, use tail to loop together 9 remaining sts.
- Hat can be finished to leave choice of "right side" to the wearer.

After original band of worsted, knit if you prefer—I find that Fun Fur is easier to use in purl stitches.

Hint: put skeins on different sides of knitter to avoid tangling.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
October Balance Forward			2363.91
KnitInn supplies		10.16	2,353.75
Receipt books		8.46	2,345.29
Deposit	50.00		2,395.29
Service Fee		8.00	2,387.29
November Ending Balance			2,387.29



Ideas/articles for the newsletter?

*Please contact Carolyn Freshour, 286-3978,
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Address or Email Changes??

Please contact Pat Blackwood, 297-1734

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.SCKNITTINGGUILD.COM

<http://groups.google.com/group/scknittingguild>

NEWS EWES CAN USE!

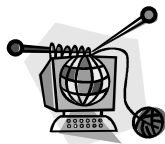


If you have information you'd like to place in the January Newsletter, please call or email it to me by December 31st.

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:

For really clear, simple instructions (with pictures) for all kinds of knitting stitches and techniques, go to: <http://techknitting.blogspot.com>.

Know of a great site?

Please share it!

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!

Cast-Offs: Join Trudy and the girls at the Yarn & Frame Peddler in Taylors. They meet on Saturdays from 10 am—12 pm. Plenty of Room, Plenty of Fun!

Thursday Morning Knitters Join these girls at Streetside, corner of East North and Old Spartanburg, Thursday mornings, from 10-12. Stay for a yummy lunch!