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Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, Dec. 14, 6:45 PM, McAlister Square

President's Place

Thank you, Michele Kesler, for teaching us how to make basic I-Cord. What an interesting way to embellish our knitting, make handles for purses, and top off hats!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to the ladies who decorated the Guild Christmas tree: Marilyn Blackwell, Terry Gentry, Nancy Humphreys, Judy O'Neal, Esther Roe, and JoAnn Stevens. Please go to the Hyatt to see our tree. Thanks again, ladies!

The Taylors Library (Burdette Branch) will now have a monthly knitting meeting beginning on December 5th and will normally be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The meeting will be listed in the library's' bi-monthly publication, The Access, as well as on our website.

We will have some experienced knitters on hand to help with new stitches and techniques. Please feel free to bring in any project you would like to work on.

Registration will be required for these meetings. You can register by calling the Taylors Library at 864-268-5955. Nancy Groff



December Program

Nancy Nielsen will be teaching the basics of lace knitting, such as reading a pattern, explaining stitch techniques and correcting mistakes. Everyone will make a flower. There is no homework, but you will need to bring fingering or sport weight scrap yarn and size 4, 5 or 6 needles. (bring at least 2 needle sizes larger than the yarn normally calls for).

January program: January will be our annual holiday party. We will also have show and tell during the meal. Nancy McFarlane

Welcome!

We are happy to have had these two visitors at our November meeting:

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Lainy Haule on the unexpected loss of her mother.

Good To Know

You know you are addicted to knitting when you spend more time planning what projects to take with you on vacation than you do deciding what clothes to take.

If you are ever at Myrtle Beach, here are two yarn shops that come highly recommended: Knit 'n' Purl and Knitting Up a Storm. If you find any other great shops when traveling, please let us know so we can publish the name of the shop.

Another shopping opportunity:

The Quilting and Needle Art Extravaganza
January 29-30, 2010 from 9-5pm
Statesville Civic Center, Statesville NC

38 shops from Charlotte, Mooresville, Winston Salem and the surrounding area will have booths there. Supplies for all needle arts will be available. There will be demonstrations and door prizes. For More information, go to www.quiltersgallery.net

STITCHES SOUTH—Atlanta
April 23-26, 2009

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! There are still vacancies in classes that often fill immediately at Stitches East. If you have never been to a Stitches event, then here is your chance! Stitches South offers a multitude of classes taught by nationally known instructors. It also offers several special events, contests, banquets and, of course, a huge market. Stitches gives you another venue through which 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. This is a first time event in our area, so take advantage of the opportunity!



Knit Caps for low birth weight babies

" = inch(es)
CO = cast on
k or K = knit
k2tog = knit 2 stitches together
mm = millimeter(s)
oz = ounce(s)
p or P = purl
rem = remaining
rep = repeat
st(s) = stitch(es)

Knit Sport Weight Cap

Size: 10" circumference

Materials

Sport weight yarn, 3/4 oz
5mm/Size 8 knitting needles (or size required for gauge)
4mm/Size 6 knitting needles
Yarn needle to sew seam

Gauge 20sts = 4" with larger needles in Stockinette Stitch

Instructions

Cuff With smaller needles, CO 48 sts. Work in K1,P1 ribbing for 1 1/2".

Crown Change to larger needles.

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 5" from CO edge, ending with a wrong-side row.

Shape Top

Row 1: *K2tog,K2; rep from * across: 36 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: *K2tog, K2; rep from * across: 27 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: *K2tog, K1; rep from * across: 18 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K2tog across: 9 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long end. Thread yarn into yarn needle and draw through rem sts on needle.

Draw up tightly and fasten off securely. Sew seam. Turn up cuff.

Knit Medium-Weight (Worsted) Cap

Size: 10" circumference

Materials

Medium-weight yarn (worsted), 3/4 oz
5mm/Size 10 knitting needles (or size required for gauge)
4mm/Size 8 knitting needles
Yarn needle to sew seam

Gauge 16 sts = 4" with larger needle in Stockinette Stitch

Instructions

Cuff With smaller needles, CO 44 sts. Work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1 1/2".

Body Change to larger needles and knit until piece measures 5" from CO edge.

Crown

Change to larger needle.

Row 1 (right side): Knit.

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 5" from CO edge, ending with a wrong-side row. Shape Top

Row 1: *K2tog, K2; rep from * around: 33 sts.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: *K2tog, K1; rep from * around: 22 sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5: K2tog, *K2, K2tog; rep from * around:16 sts.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K2tog around: 8 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long end.

Thread yarn into yarn needle and draw through rem sts on needle. Draw up tightly and fasten off securely.

Sew seam.

Turn

Patterns from http://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/Jul06_kit.html



The Knit Inn is coming!

Registration opened on November 15!

Make your plans now to attend our KnitInn on February 5-7, 2010, at the Drury Inn on Woodruff Road. We have classes and fun events planned for the entire weekend.

Download your registration form, and mail it in with your payment asap. Please read everything carefully, and fill in all required info. Some classes have a nominal fee to cover furnished materials, and some have homework that **MUST** be done before the class, so read carefully.

There is a class for everyone, and this is a great opportunity for you to learn a new technique or skill and to meet other knitters. See you there!



Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

Thanks to the Loomers, we collected:

- 12 Adult hats
- 85 Kids hats
- 1 Hat and Scarf Set
- 10 Preemie Hats

From the Knitters, we collected:

- 1 Preemie cap
- 6 Adult hats plus 8 courtesy of Dorothy K.
- 4 Fetal Demise Pouches
- 1 Special Yarn Shawl
- 1 Kids Hat
- 1 Washcloth
- 1 Shawl

and 37 Adult hats from the Christ Church Knitters

And a number of items were collected for the St. Francis Festival of Trees Decorated Tree.

Thank you!
Carol and Robin

NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER: We are now accepting dues for the 2010 memberships. Forms will be available at the next meeting. Completed forms and payment should be given to Deborah Douglas before or after the meeting (please not during the program). Membership is \$20, cash or check. Please remember, checks are not to include Knit Inn payments.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
October Balance Forward			\$3849.35
Dues from new members	80.00		
FLAK refund		10.00	
Newsletter		129.66	
November Ending Balance			\$3789.69



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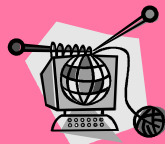


If you have information you'd like to place in the January newsletter, please call or email it to me by December 24th.

Thanks!

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Knitting On the Web



Those who attended our November Guild meeting saw Brenda Hall model a beautiful shawl that she knitted, the Revontuli Shawl. Revontuli means Northern Lights in Finnish. Brenda kindly sent the website that has the free pattern: <http://muro.vuodatus.net/blog/881297>. Click on Printable PDF with charts (just below the picture) and download or print the pattern.

How about an early New Year's resolution?

"Whether you've been crocheting or knitting for two weeks or twenty years, you can join the **Craft Yarn Council of America** in its new campaign—**EACH ONE TEACH TWO**. If you teach two people, and each of them teaches two more people, and those all teach two more—well pretty soon everybody will be sharing your love of this fun and rewarding skill."

<http://www.craftyarncouncil.com/knitguide.html>

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!

