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Upcoming Events:

- THE 4th Annual KNIT-INN
The Courtyard by Marriott
Orchard Park Drive
February 2-4, 2007
- Membership Renewal
January-March 2007
- February Guild Meeting
Junior League Building
Feb. 12, 6:45 pm
- Knitting on the Beach 2007
Knit Inn hosted by The
Coastal Cultured Pearls
Folly Beach, SC
February 23-25, 2007
- Southeast Fiber Forum
Nashville, Tennessee
March 23-25, 2007

President's Place

The Knit Inn committee is really excited about the upcoming Knit Inn weekend; the response to pre-registration has been better than we expected. Several of the participants who have registered live outside of Greenville.

Here are some organizational details that will help to make your weekend more enjoyable. Registration will be just inside the door, probably on your left. The lunch and any class fees can be paid for there. Easels with large paper tablets will advise of any schedule or room changes. Messages and communications, as well as the names of winners of the door prizes can also be found there.

The lobby including the breakfast area is available for knitting and socializing. On Saturday, the vendors will be setting their yarns and products in the lobby.

As you enter the lobby, hotel registration will be on your right. The Courtyard has made both of its meeting rooms available to us. Starting down the right hallway is the smaller of the two rooms, configured as a boardroom. A sign at the doorway will list the classes planned in that room.

Going down the left hallway, you will find the larger room. Classes as well as the auction will be held in this room. Just across the hall is suite 158. The hospitality area will be in the living room part of the suite. As of now (subject to change), the yarn for the auction will be available for preview in the bedroom.

Lunch on Saturday will be set up on the counter of the breakfast area. You can purchase a "ticket" for lunch at the registration desk.

Please check the insert for the schedule of events.

I hope you all are able to come and enjoy the Knit Inn weekend.
Lainy

February Meeting

For our monthly meeting we thought we would discuss the idea of offering classes to the guild membership. Since we all agreed that it would only be proper to give up our spots to out of town guests at the Knit Inn if space becomes limited, we can decide which classes we may want to re-offer.

Also, Lucy has a little surprise in the works...stop her at the Knit Inn and ask her about it and she'll let you in on the plan!

And don't forget our Domestic Divas! What handy-dandy, time-saving trick could they have in store for us this month?? You'll have to be at the meeting to find out!

All this and a round table discussion and analysis of our 4th Annual Knit Inn!

Hope to see you there!



Welcome!

We had one guest at our January Meeting:
Stephanie Metcalf

We are pleased to welcome two new members to the South Carolina Knitting Guild:

Kate Barrett
Patricia Palastro

Welcome Ladies! We're excited that you have decided to join us and look forward to getting to know you!

VALENTINE HAT

By: Sue Esser



Materials: Lion Brand Wool-Ease in two colors (MC & CC)

Needles: Size 7 Circular (16") and double points

Gauge: 5 st/inch

Note: To make it larger - go up a needle size or 2

Cast on: 88 sts with Main Color, and join. Knit 7 rows. Then change to k1, p1 for 2 rows. Knit even for 13 rows.

Pattern: Then choose a heart (see pattern) or other fair isle pattern - and work about 7 rows.

Now go back to MC and knit 13 more rows.

1st Decrease Row: k2, *k4, k2tog* repeat around, ending k2.

Work a Braid:

Row 1: k1 with MC, k1 with CC, and repeat around.

Row 2: Bring both yarns to front of work, and purl each stitch. First with MC, then with CC, lifting the 2nd color from under the 1st. Repeat around, always bringing the yarn up under the one you just completed.

Row 3: Now continue changing colors each purl stitch, but bring the yarn over the top of the one you just finished.

Row 4: Place yarn in back for the rest of your hat.

Now, with MC only, knit 2 rounds, then change to your double point needles.

Double Points:

Round 1: *k3, k2tog* repeat around ending k2, k2tog.

Rounds 2 & 3: Knit even.

Round 4: *k2, k2tog* end k1, k2tog.

Rounds 5 & 6: Knit even.

Round 7: *k1, k2tog* around

Round 8: k2tog (15 sts remain)

Round 9: Knit even.

Round 10: k2tog all around, cut your yarn and thread into a sew-up needle and draw stitches up tightly and fasten on the inside.

Heart Pattern:

	X	X		X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X		X		X	X
	X	X		X	X	
		X	X	X		
			X			

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Domestic Divas

At our January meeting, Lucy Strausbaugh and Pat Burns introduced us to a new program segment called Domestic Divas. They have vowed to wow us each month with a snappy trick or new gadget that will make life easier and perhaps buy us a little more time knitting! Last month's item was the Cordless Swivel Sweeper®. Our lovely Pat Burns was gracious enough to bring in her own personal model to demonstrate it's amazing 360° movement, 4 rotating brush heads, easy to empty tray, and rechargeable battery. You can find it at stores like Bed, Bath, & Beyond® or right on the web at:

www.asseenontv.com/prod-pages/



Knit Happens:

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

BAM-BAM Girls: Join the Girls 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!

Club Med: Join these knitters at their new location, Port City Java on Mills Avenue, on the second and last Thursday of the month. Bring a chair.

VALENTINE HEART SOCKS PATTERN

By:
Sharon "Soxie"
Philbrick

www.soxie.com



MATERIALS:

Wool-Ease [MC] #097 Ivory Sprinkles. Small amount of color [B] #103 Strawberry Heather. Set of 4, Size #5 dpns. Stitch holder.

GAUGE: Approx. 5.5 sts per inch.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Difficult. Experience with Two-color Stranding or Duplicate Stitch is required.

SIZE OF SOX: Small Adult

IMPORTANT NOTES: *Be sure to measure your foot before casting on. You must have enough stitches to allow for the two-color stranding, which does not have the stretchiness you need to get the sock over your foot. I knit mine loose enough to fit over my heel. This causes the cuff-leg area to slouch a bit, and that's the look and feel I love. The hearts pop out right at the ankles, and look so cute!!*

If you prefer a tight-fitting cuff-leg area, you can knit the sock omitting the hearts. Then add the hearts after the sock is finished using the DUPLICATE STITCH method.

PATTERN

Cast on 40 stitches [or enough sts to allow for the Hearts 8-stitch repeat so the sock fits over your foot]. Divide stitches evenly over 3 dpns and Knit 8 rounds.

NEXT RND: Purl one round.

NEXT RND: Work K2, P2 ribbing for 6 rounds.

NEXT RND: Purl one round.

NEXT RND: Knit 4 rounds.

BEGIN HEART PATTERN: (worked over an 8-stitch repeat)

K 2, add color [B] and work the next 6 rnds following Heart Chart A. Cut color [B] and continue with [MC]

NEXT RND: Knit 4 rounds.

NEXT RND: Purl one round.

NEXT RND: Work K2, P2 ribbing for 6 rounds.

NEXT RND: Purl one round.

NEXT RND: Knit in St st for 1 inch [or desired length to heel]

HEEL:

Slip the last 10 sts just worked onto a free needle; knit the next 10 sts onto same needle. These

20 stitches will be worked as the heel flap. Slip rem 20 sts onto stitch holder to be worked later

as Instep sts. Turn.

ROW 1: (wrong side) Purl across. Turn.

ROW 2: Knit across. Turn.

ROW 3: Purl across. Turn.

ADD HEART:

K7, add [B] and K2; with [MC] K2tog; with [B] K2; with [MC] K7 to end of row.

NEXT 5 ROWS: Work in one heart following Chart A.

NEXT ROW: [RS] Cut color [B]. With [MC] Knit all stitches.

NEXT ROW: Purl across.

NEXT ROW: Work 4 rows (or as many rows as needed for desired length of heel) in St st.

TURN HEEL:

SPECIAL NOTE: *Ahhhhh, we now come to the area which seems to be causing trouble, so a small word of explanation might be of help here. LOL*

I have a rather unusual method of turning my heels because I have a very short wide heel. Therefore I turn my heels to accommodate my squat little heels, and have written the pattern accordingly. Please feel free to use your favorite heel turning method if you desire a longer, more narrow heel.

ROW 1: K 13, SI 1, K1, pssso, K1. Turn, leaving 3 sts unworked.
 ROW 2: P9, P2tog, P1, Turn, leaving 3 sts unworked.
 ROW 3: K9, SI 1, K1, pssso, K1. Turn, leaving 2 sts unworked.
 ROW 4: P9, P2tog, P1. Turn, leaving 2 sts unworked.
 ROW 5: K9, SI 1, K1, pssso, K1. Turn, leaving 1 st unworked.
 ROW 6: P9, P2tog, P1. Turn, leaving 1 st unworked.
 ROW 7: K9, SI 1, K1, pssso, K1, Turn.
 ROW 8: P9, P2tog, P1. [11 heel sts remain]

GUSSET:

With right side of heel facing, and first free needle, pick up 12 sts along side of heel flap. On 2nd free needle, knit the 20 instep sts from stitch holder. With 3rd free needle, pick up 12 sts along other side of heel flap. Knit first 6 sts of heel flap onto same needle. Slip rem 5 sts onto first needle. Stitches are now distributed 17, 20, 18. (55 sts)

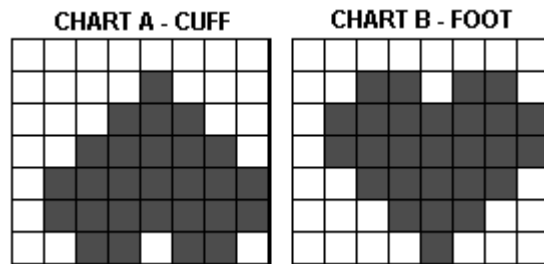
RND 1: Knit one round even.
 RND 2: On first needle, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog. On 2nd needle, K20. On 3rd needle, SSK, knit rem sts.
 Repeat these two rnds until original 40 sts rem.
 Continue knitting even until foot is desired length allowing 3-1/4" for heart design area and toes.

BEGIN HEART DESIGN AREA:

NEXT RND: Purl one round.
 NEXT 2 RNDs: Knit around.
 K3, Add [B] work 6 rounds following Heart Chart B. Cut [B] and work 2 rounds even with [MC]
 NEXT RND: Purl one round.

TOES:

RND 1: K2tog, K1 at end of needle #1; at beg of needle #2, K1, SSK, work to last 3 sts of same needle, K2tog, K1; at beginning of needle #3, SSK.
 RND 2: Knit one round even.
 Repeat these 2 rounds until 8 sts remain, ending with needle #1. Divide stitches onto 2 needles and graft together.



Socks Designed and Pattern written by Sharon "Soxie" Philbrick - 1999

Pattern corrected and re-written January - 2001

Every effort was made to insure accuracy of these instructions, including helpful tips. If, however, an error is discovered, or if you have any problem at all with my pattern, please email me and bring it to my attention. I'll do whatever I can to help out. soxie@harborside.com

The 4th Annual Knit Inn**February 2-4, 2007**

Come join the girls...they'll keep you in stitches!!



Good To Know

Membership Renewal The new year is right around the corner...and that means it's time to renew your membership. Dues are just \$15 and will be collected from January through March. You can renew at monthly guild meetings or send name, address, phone number & email address along with your payment to Amy Ashton, 108 Bumble Circle, Mauldin, SC 29662.

The Needletree's 4th Annual Knit Inn Spree

The Needletree has graciously invited all Knit Inn participants to check out the nice selection of yarns and special offers that they are holding just for this event! Come shop and nibble on light refreshments from 6pm—8 pm on Saturday, Feb. 3rd (and yes, there will be shrimp!).

~~**Baskets of Yarn Winter Retreat**~~ The second annual Baskets of Yarn Winter Retreat will be held March 1-4, 2007 at the Broyhill Inn in Boone, NC. Registration fee includes: Overnight accommodations at the Broyhill Inn, classes of your choice, materials for each class (yarn, patterns and instructions), all meals, yoga, massage and a special gift package! For more information, visit the website: <http://www.basketsofyarn.com/winterretreat.html> or call: 1-877-BSKTYRN.

~~**Southeast Fiber Forum**~~ The Southeast Fiber Forum Association will be hosting its annual forum. The Fiber Forum is a conference offering educational workshops and seminars to fiber artists throughout the Southeastern Region of the United States. It will be held March 23-25, 2007 at the Montgomery Bell State Park, right outside of Nashville, TN. For more information, visit the website: <http://main.nc.us/sffa/>

Argyle Scarf Class Join Lucy Strausbaugh at The Needletree as she teaches you the beauty of argyle knitting. Two sessions available: Daytime classes Tuesdays 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 from 2pm-4pm and Evening classes Thursdays 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 from 6pm-8pm. Cost: \$30 plus supplies. Space is limited so contact The Needletree to reserve your place 864-235-6060.

Knitting on the Beach 2007 Hosted by the Coastal Cultured Pearls, the Charleston Chapter of the IKGA, this knit inn will be held the weekend of Feb. 23-25 at the Holiday Inn at Folly Beach. Classes will be offered all day Saturday. For more information on registration or about the hotel group rate, log on to: <http://charlestonknittingguild.wordpress.com/>



Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month

From Guild Members:

- 9 preemie/kids hats
- 5 adult hats
- 1 laprobe

From BAM-BAM Girls (some Guild, some not):

- 50 preemie hats
- 12 kids hats
- 20 adult hats
- 8 laprobes
- 1 washcloth
- 1 pr mittens

Message from Carol:

Ladies, let us please remember that the purpose of the Guild is charity and not get so busy in our own lives and families that we have no time for others!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
January Balance Forward			\$ 753.11
Newsletter & Stamps		\$ 76.44	\$ 676.67
Party Soda		\$ 7.19	\$ 669.48
St. James Episcopal Church	\$ 25.00		\$ 694.48
Check from 2/06 not cashed			
Dues for 2007	\$ 510.00		\$1,204.48
January Balance Forward			\$1,204.48



108 Bumble Circle

Address or Email Changes??

Please Contact Amy Ashton

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Email: amysue72@aol.com

Address Service Requested

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 March Newsletter, please call, email, or snail mail it to me by Feb. 20th.

Thanks, Amy

On the Road Again

Have you ever been out of town and need a yarn fix? We're here to help. Each month we'll try to spotlight knitting shops around the Southeast that you can hit up when you're in need. Have a favorite? Send it in!

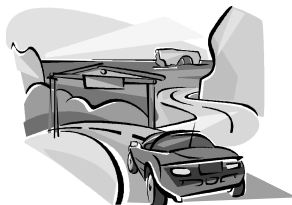
in case you're on your way to Knitting at the Beach 2007...

South Carolina:

Knit

87 Wentworth Street
Charleston, 29401 (843) 937-8500

Knit, more than a verb, a place where you'll find luxurious supplies, lessons, and community. Knit opened in downtown Charleston in 2004. In a short time, it has become the local knitting and creative hotspot. With a wide variety of yarns and supplies, they also offer classes, private lessons, and group therapy knitting sessions! Be sure to stop in if you're in town...or visit them on their website: www.knitk.com



It's A Stitch

3226 Maybank Highway
Suite B-1
John's Island, 29455 (843) 557-0401

A shop that specializes in both needle point and yarn, located on John's Island. They carry a large inventory, including yarns by: Fiesta, Collette, ArtYarn, Cotton Classic, Tartelette, Tilli Thomas, and more! They offer classes and private lessons for both knitting and needlepoint. Visit them at their website: www.itsastitch.net

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