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EWE'S NEWS

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Welcome!

We are happy to have as new members:

Georgeann Volino  
Libby Vaughn

and as a visitor at our January meeting:

Mary Jane Koch

President's Place

Many thanks to our hostesses for the well-organized party we had in January! What fun and great food!

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, please do so at the KnitInn or February meeting so you will continue to receive a copy of the Ewes News. Also be sure to complete the new membership form so we will have correct information for our Membership Directory.

I hope to see everyone at the KnitInn and then at the regular Guild meeting on Monday, February 9. Both will be fabulous events where we can get to know each other, make new friends, and learn new skills.

As our new business cards state, our meetings begin at 6:45 and some folks come earlier to knit and socialize. Many of us chat until 7pm. Our new meeting room is obviously larger than before which can make it difficult to hear the speaker. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

Knit on!

Nancy Groff

Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, February 9, McAlister Square, 6:45 pm
- KnitInn, Drury Inn, February 6-8

February Meeting

We will learn all about Ravelry.

- How to navigate the website.
- How to upload pictures to Flickr and then to Ravelry.
- How to search for patterns for a particular yarn.
- How to find a yarn to use for a particular pattern.

If you haven't done so already, go to [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com) and click on the link that says "request an invitation". At this time, there is about a five- day wait to get on.



A LOOK AHEAD TO MARCH

By Esther Roe

Since I tell people that I am young and have been knitting for over 60 years, learning at the age of 5 to keep out of trouble, it is easy to figure out my personality. And yes, I am still trying to keep out of trouble!

I keep at least 2 projects on the needles at one time. One a short-term charity project and another a complicated textured or color way adventure.

I would love to share some projects that can be finished in one day. The 5-hour baby sweater really only takes one afternoon to do. There are several hats that can be knitted that take only an hour. Wash cloths and towels to match are another quickie. And although I have not made any in a while, English cottage socks can only take one weekend to finish, to name a few.



## DID YOU KNOW...?

During the American Civil War many women, both from the north and south, knitted socks for their fighting men. There was a woman in South Carolina who knitted over 750 pairs of socks from cotton that she grew, carded and spun herself. It is said that she even 'knitted on the Sabbath.' Oh my!

Greenville was on a major railroad, so many of the wounded soldiers were sent here to recuperate at the "Soldier's Rest" which was located downtown in the middle of what is today Academy Street near the Little Theatre. The members of the Ladies Association in Aid of the Volunteers of the Confederate Army were expected to knit, sew, and cook for the soldiers who came through the area. When funds were depleted, benefits were held and supplies for the Soldier's Rest were purchased.

The minutes of this organization, published in 1937, provide an insight into

Greenville's history, as well as that of the lives of the ladies during the Civil War. In the minutes there are notations, such as, "There are 27 pairs of socks on hand."

Here is the last entry in the Society's minutes:

General Meeting, May 1<sup>st</sup> { 1865 }

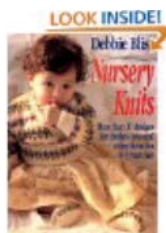
No meeting on account of the Yankee Raiders who stripped the "Rest" of every available article it contained, leaving the Society without the means of carrying on further operations."

J.A. Dickson

Sec'y Greenville Aid Association

This little history lesson is just a tidbit from the wonderful book, *No Idle Hands - The Social History of American Knitting* by Anne L. Macdonald. (Ballantine Press, 1988) It is an interesting read and definitely not boring!

Reviewed by Nancy Groff



*NURSERY KNITS* by Debbie Bliss has been in print since 1996. But it's popularity and the longevity of patterns are evidenced by the fact that Debbie Bliss has redone many of the designs in her current yarns and current publications. The designs cover ages from 3 months to 3 years and include onesies, Fair Isle, cables, texture and a combination of all.

There are blankets, booties, jackets, and sweaters as well as toys. While all of the designs originally called for Rowan yarns, the yarns are basic DK and fingering weight wools and cottons which are easily substituted with other yarns, including current Debbie Bliss yarns.

The book is currently selling for \$22.95 but we believe it is soon to go out of print because the publisher is offering it a huge discount. There are currently brand new copies available for \$8 at Fiction Addiction.

Reviewed by Nancy McFarlane

# Good To Know

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Hi! My name is Stephanie and I am a recruiter for a local company called Recruiting Solutions. We are currently searching for a Customer Service Representative with Knitting experience for a company here in Greenville. The position is temp to hire and pays \$12/hour. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM. Qualified person will have customer service experience (primarily over the telephone) and the knitting experience mentioned above.

In today's hard times, many folks are looking for work. I wanted to ask if you would share this information with your members who may be looking for a job! Please have them contact me at 404-2662 if they are interested.

Thank you so much for your time today!

Stephanie Baker



## Please Note:

All members of the SC Knitting Guild are asked to bring a 'finger food' to the February 2009 KnitInn for our snack area. The snack can be salty, sweet, fruit, veggie, 2-liter drinks or tea.

Please, do not bring foods that must be kept warm. The Guild will provide cups, plates and napkins. We want to have plenty of munchies for everyone to enjoy throughout the entire weekend.

See you there!

# Charity Corner



Carol & Robin Paul

Collected at the January Guild Meeting:

- |                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 13 Lap blankets | 4 Fetal Demise Pouches |
| 7 Adult hats    | 2 pr Preemie booties   |
| 2 Kids hats     | 8 Dishcloths           |
| 8 Preemie hats  | 1 Preemie blanket      |
| 3 Scarves       | Assorted toiletries    |
| 1 pr Mittens    |                        |

As always at this time of year, we have an especial need for warm winter wool hats for the homeless.

We have also begun organizing for the Spring pretty days and would like some really nice shawls, scarf/hat sets, lap robes and other items that your sister or mother might appreciate as she endures the challenges of cancer and its treatments.

Thank you all...and reserve on your calendars April 18th for our next Charity Knit In at St. Mary's Church downtown!



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
December Balance Forward			5147.29
Supplies, program handouts		157.20	4969.09
Deposit dues	540.00		5,509.09
Knit Inn Registrations	485.00		
January Ending Balance			5,994.09



*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*

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 February Newsletter, please call or email it to me by February 25.*

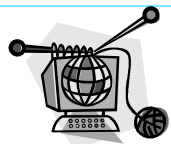
*Thanks!*

*Carolyn Freshour*

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### Knitting On the Web



### Looking for new ideas, patterns or gifts?

You can receive free e-newsletters from Coats and Clark, Keep in the Loop.

Go to [www.coatsandclark.com](http://www.coatsandclark.com) and under Free Newsletter click on Free Newsletter Sign Up. They offer free patterns, product highlights and a calendar of events.

**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!

**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!

**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!

**Brew and Ewe** downtown is going to have two open knitting days in February, Feb. 14 and Feb. 21, beginning at 10am. They invite all knitters to come and spend all or part of the day, sit, knit and meet new knitting friends.