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# EWE'S NEWS

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## Upcoming Events:

- Knit Inn, Feb. 5-7, Drury Inn on Woodruff Road
- Guild meeting, Feb. 8, 6:45 PM, McAlister Auditorium
- Carolina Fiberfest, May 21-28, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh

## President's Place

Thank you Teri Gabric and Judy Frazier for a job well done in setting up our New Year's party. What great cooks we have in the SC Knitting Guild! Can't wait until July's party.

Nancy McFarlane, thank you for leading our Show and Tell. There were many different projects shown which made the program interesting and fun. We can be inspired to try new patterns and techniques by seeing the projects others have done, so keep those needles clicking.

**DUES ARE DUE!** Be sure to pay your 2010 dues (\$20) asap. Make your check payable to SC Knitting Guild and give it to our treasurer, Deborah Douglas. We will be making this year's membership directory soon and want YOUR name listed, so please pay your dues and complete the 2010 membership form.

Once again, we still need tips for our Tip Booklet. Please email your tip to me or write it on an index card and turn it in at the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Nancy Groff

## February Program

The program for the February meeting will be a discussion about yarn - different nomenclature for weight and how to determine what weight yarn you have. Nancy McFarlane

## SC Knitting Guild Officers

If you have any comments, suggestions, ideas, or want to volunteer, contact the appropriate officer listed below:

President - Nancy Groff  
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 Charity—Carole & Robin Paul  
 Hostesses—Carol Murdock, Teri Gabric, Judy Frazier

## Welcome!

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

Brenda McMinn, Fran DeHart, and Pat Spangler



## Good To Know

(First in a series of book reviews)

### How-To Books

***Knitter's Companion: Expanded and Updated***  
by Vicki Square Interweave press

Your favorite knitting guide just got a facelift! The new expanded *Knitter's Companion* features all the original best-loved, most-used techniques from *The Knitter's Companion* - that handy reference guide chock-full of techniques, illustrations, and definitions - but with a bevy of new features that any knitter will surely find indispensable.

You'll find the overview of stitches, gauges, joins, seams, borders, and buttonholes all freshened up with new color drawings that describe the detail of each technique, and new photographs that show the finished look.

Innovative methods have been added, too, including additional ways to cast on, bind off, and increase stitches. Also included is an expanded section on color knitting techniques, as well as some favorite details such as tassels, fringe, knitting with beads, and more. You'll find helpful tips sprinkled throughout to help you achieve the best results possible. The physical format of the book has been enhanced with a hardbound format with concealed wire-o for easy access to information, and the must-have needle gauge is still featured in the back.

All the information knitters enjoy is right at their fingertips with *The Knitter's Companion* - an indispensable addition to any knitter's bag of tricks.

### Technique Reference Books

***A to Z of Knitting, The Ultimate Guide for the Beginner to Advanced Knitter***  
by Sue Gardner

Whether you're a new knitter or just want to try new techniques, this is a must-have resource. With over 1,000 close-up photographs, there's no easier way to learn. Straightforward text and full-color photos walk you from beginner's basics through gorgeous Aran, Fair Isle, Entrelac, and Intarsia knitting. Also discover how to add an astounding array of embellishments with step-by-step instructions for embroidery, beading and much more.



## Charity Pattern – Carol Paul

### Glovelets

Set of 4 or 5 double point needles, size 5 for worsted, 6 for dk weight.

Cast on 40 sts.

P1, (K2, P2) until last 3 sts, K2, P1.

Repeat for 22 rows.

**Right thumb gusset:** P1, K2, P2, K2, P1, place marker, increase right (insert right needle under strand between the needles from back to front, knit strand), K1, increase left (insert right needle under strand between needles from front to back, knit strand from the back), place marker.

Resume pattern P1, (K2, P2) until 3 sts left, K2, P1.

Every other row, increase 1 st after the first marker and 1 st before the second marker.

Continue until you have 13 thumb stitches.

Place these on a holder.

**Left thumb gusset:** P1, (K2, P2) 7 times, P1, place marker, increase right, K1, increase left, place marker, P1, K2, P2, K2, P1.

Every other row, increase 1 st after the first marker and 1 st before the second marker.

Continue until you have 13 thumb sts.

Place these on a holder.

After thumb, do 12 more row in pattern, adding 1 st on right gusset between sts 8 and 9 or on left gusset between sts 30 and 31.

Bind off in pattern.

Pick up the 13 thumb sts and 3 along the hole at the top of the thumb. Work 3 rounds in stockinette, then 3 rows of \*K1, P1\* rib, bind off.

## Is This Goodbye?

We hope not, but this is the last Knitting Guild newsletter you'll receive unless you pay your dues by the February meeting.

### Knitting is Hip

Celebrity sightings of Russell Crowe, Julia Roberts and Madonna engrossed in knitting projects and a recent spate of movies and books such as "The Friday Night Knitting Club" have inspired a new generation to explore the craft. Touted as "the new yoga," knitting soothes jangled nerves and allows technology-saturated psyches to power down and relax. It's been called guilt-free sitting.

The earliest examples of knitted items date to 11th-century Egypt. The skill migrated to America during colonization. During World War II, Americans were encouraged to knit for the troops, and for several decades after the war, knitted items were popular in haute couture, as fashion benefitted from new designs and yarn colors.

By the 1980s interest had waned. Machine-knitted items were cheaper, and knitting was considered old-fashioned and passé. Why knitting, why now?

The reasons for the recent resurgence are numerous: rebellion against mass-production, a need to retreat from the frenzy of society, a creative outlet, a means of self-expression.

When you knit, you create something that can endure time, We are able to leave a bit of ourselves behind. ... Everyone loves a handknit gift. It's so personal, custom-made, and the receiver knows that it took time ... so it means a lot to the recipient.



### 10,000 and counting

Together-ness is the word for 86-year-olds Virginia and Graydon Wood. The couple, who just a few weeks ago celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, have actually been together even longer — since they were 14 years old.

"What we do, we do together," Virginia said. Together, the couple have knitted more than 10,000 baby caps and blankets and given them to local hospitals for their newborns. Virginia learned to knit when she was 8 or 9 years old. She lived on a farm and a woman in her neighborhood who had no children had bought some books and taught her and other children to knit.

Keeping up her knitting skills, as a young married woman Virginia would knit a sweater a month.

Graydon now knits with a knitting machine. When they, and others helping them, get about 72 baby caps made, Graydon packs them up and, together, Virginia and Graydon deliver them to the local hospitals.



## Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

Last month we collected these items:

- 6 adult hats
- 60 loomers' hats
- 18 hats for homeless
- 2 blankies
- 1 pair slippers
- 6 preemie hats
- 3 scarves
- 20 adult hats
- 4 lap robes
- 1 shawl
- 1 pair socks
- 12 hats for children
- 5 fatal demise pouches

Please remember of your kindness that we continue to need hats for the adult women (and men) at the Cancer Centers--anything from comfy sleepy hats to fancy "so what if I have no hair right now, I'm going out" hats, and with the extreme cold weather, we are trying to supply extras to Triune Mercy Center, so warm woolen items would be most appreciated for their homeless clients.

Thank you!  
Carol and Robin



### FLAK

We will meet at 6 to discuss problems and to answer any questions.



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
December Balance Forward			\$6,523.79
Dues from members	780.00		
Service Charge		7.50	
Knit Inn gifts		22.46	
Party Supplies		34.73	
January Ending Balance			\$7,239.10



*Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?*

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*Address or Email Changes?*

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### NEWS EWES CAN USE!

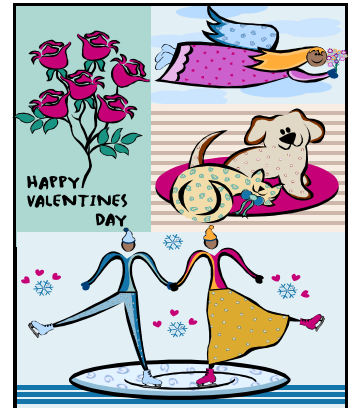
*If you have information you'd like to place in the March newsletter, please call or email it to me by February 25th.*

*Thanks!*

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You know you are addicted to knitting when . . .you're in a doctor's waiting room, your name is called, and you say, "Let me finish this row!"

## 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.knitchmagazine.com is a great source for news about new yarns, patterns, and ideas for knitting.

**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 - 2 pm.

**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 pm-8:30 pm each week. Come and join the fun. We knit and crochet, and everyone is welcome!

**Northwood Farms** Sit N Knit Tues 10-12 or later, 6-8 pm (some stay all day); Thurs 10-12 or later; 221 N Main St, Campobello, Tel. 864-468-4220