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Upcoming Events:

- July Guild Meeting:  
*Christmas in July*  
July 10, 6:45pm
- Spartanburg Retreat:  
Big Lynn Lodge, Little  
Switzerland, NC  
Sept. 15-17
- SAFF 2006:  
Asheville, NC  
Oct. 27-29

## July Meeting

### *Christmas in July*

Please be sure to join us for our *Christmas in July* potluck dinner on Monday, July 10th, at 6:45 pm!



Since we are allowed to serve food at the Junior League building, it will be held at our regular meeting location. If your last name begins with the letters A-L, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with the letters M-Z, please bring a dessert.

Drinks and paper products will be provided for us by the Guild.

Please bring holiday related items for "Show & Tell". The holiday items do not necessarily have to be knitted. It would be great if you could also bring along copies of the patterns/craft directions to share with your fellow guild members.



## Welcome!

We had a return guest at our June meeting:

Eva Reeder

We are thrilled that Eva was able to visit us again and hope that she will con-

## *A Letter from the Board*

Dear Guild Members,

It is with some regret that your Board has asked Cynthia Knight to resign as President of the Guild. There were many factors that contributed to this request, including member concerns that were communicated to your Board, a lack of newsletter for successive months without either a request for assistance or a delegation of the task until months had passed, and an unfortunate response at our public meeting in May to a member question. There were other factors, but these were the prime issues. The Board tried, in private and in public, to support and encourage Cynthia as our President, admiring her love for the craft and her enthusiasm for bringing her skills to new members and to the youth of our community.

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Nielsen has accepted our request to fill-in as President until elections are held this fall. Nancy is a former President of the Guild, and has some great ideas for the rest of the year. We look forward to returning the Guild to its primary focuses: Charity, knitting, and fellowship. Nancy is especially grateful to Amy Ashton for agreeing to continue the newsletter, as she remembers it as one of the true challenges of the Presidency.

Signed: Robin Paul as Charity Coordinator/Board Member on behalf of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Knitting Guild

## BERRY BUBBLE WREATH ORNAMENT

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Berry Easy!!!!

**Materials:** Small amount sport weight yarn in green, small amount worsted weight in red for berries, 1 or 2 cotton balls. About 15" of 1/4" wide ribbon, red or color of choice. One pair US # 5 needles

**Gauge:** 6 sts. = 1".

**Size:** Approximately 3" in diameter

**Directions:**

Beg. At one end of wreath, with green sport weight yarn, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: K into front and back of first st., K into front, back and front of next st., K into front and back of last st., for 7 sts.

Row 2: P across.

Row 3: K into front and back of each st. across row, for 14 sts.

Row 4: P across.

Row 5, 6, and 7: K 1 row, P 1 row, K 1 row.

Row 8: \*P 2 tog.\* across row.

Row 9: K across.

Row 10: P 2 tog., P 3 tog., P 2 tog., for 3 sts.

Repeat rows 1 through 10, 5 times more (for 6 bubbles). Bind off. Sew seam lengthwise, stuffing each "bubble" with a bit of cotton ball. Continue sewing and stuffing to end. Shape wreath into a circle with seam on inside and sew ends together. With ribbon, sew a tiny bow to center bottom front of wreath. With remaining ribbon, sew a hanging loop at top back of wreath. Embroider "3" berries with worsted weight yarn on each "opposite bubble" side of center bottom bow. Great inexpensive ornaments and package trims! Can also be used as a lapel pin (omit top hanging loop).

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A very special thanks to Nancy McFarlane for having found the wreath ornament pattern at [www.frugalhaus.com](http://www.frugalhaus.com) and gaining permission for us to print it. Please be sure to check out the site as there are many other free holiday and all occasion patterns available. They also offer hard to find knitting & crochet books, needles, and accessories.

For those of you that do not have access to the internet, we will be sure to have several copies of some of the holiday patterns available at our *Christmas in July* meeting.

## Charity Corner



Carol & Robin Paul

This past month, we collected:

- 22 Lap Robes
- 23 Premie or Children's Caps
- 44 Chemo Caps
- 17 Squares for Lap Robes
- 1 Purse
- 1 Bag of Travel-Size Toiletries

A reminder:

As Mom heals from her surgery for 3 broken vertebrae, we are still in desperate need for summer chemo caps...although fall will be here before we know it!

Over the past few years, Mom has made well over half of all of the hats provided to Greenville Memorial Hospital's Cancer Information Center and Pretty Day, Cancer Centers of the Carolinas Eastside location, and Memorial's Childhood Cancer Center. We are deeply grateful to all of you who have stepped up your production and to those of you who have organized knitting bees to assist with the need at this time. We hope that all of you will consider this an opportunity to help those in whose shoes none of us wish to travel.

-Robin

## Knit Happens:

**AC Moore:** Join Lucy Strausbaugh any Thursday from 10am-2pm. Come for help, encouragement, or just for fun!

**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.

**Yarns Forever:** Sit & Stitch each Thursday from 6pm -8pm. No teacher, just a place to knit! 10 Middleton Way, Greer Call 989-0101 for directions.

# Good To Know

## The Needletree

We had a blast on our trade show spree and new stuff is already arriving...patterns, great new yarns, and new ideas! Stop by The Needletree and see what's new for Fall!

## Spartanburg Knitting Retreat

The 3rd Annual retreat will be held Sept. 15-17 (2 nights) at the Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC. Sign up now...it's filling up fast. Call 1-828-765-4257 for reservations. Be sure to tell them you are one of the knitters to receive a discount.

The retreat will kick off with dinner Friday night and a "get to know each other" time. Saturday morning we are taking a "field trip" to a large yarn shop in Burnsville, NC, where we will have lunch. Saturday afternoon there will be an entrelac and/or crochet classes offered, maybe more... then Saturday night fun and depart Sunday morning by 11a.m.

## SAFF 2006

The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair will be held Oct. 27-29 at the Western NC Ag Center, Asheville, NC. Be sure to check out the website to sign up for workshops! <http://www.saffsite.org/> or call Carolyn Blalock (828) 891-2810.

## Sock Wizard

Nancy McFarlane is currently helping test Sock Wizard (a program being developed for Apples/Macs). If you are comfortable with Apples/Macs and are interested in testing the software once it becomes available, please

"For me, handknitted socks are almost like lingerie. No one may know you're wearing them, but they make you feel special."  
-Melanie Falick, *Weekend Knitting*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
June Balance Forward			\$ 2,116.42
Labels for Newsletters		\$ 9.44	\$ 2,106.98
Printing of Newsletter		\$ 22.98	\$ 2,084.00
Stamps (110)		\$ 42.90	\$ 2,041.10
July Balance Forward			\$ 2,041.10

# Meet Our Members

## Susan Lochridge

Member since: 1992



Those of you who have been with the guild for several years may already know Susan, as she has served as our President from January 2004—November 2005. Originally from Harrisburg, PA, Susan has lived in South Carolina for the last 33 years. She stays busy by helping her husband, Ken, with bookkeeping, working in her garden, and of course, knitting. She has one son, Eddie, and two grandsons, Cole and Mason.

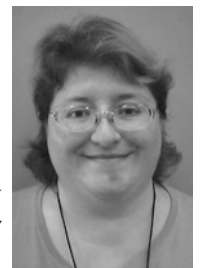
To say Susan "gardens" probably doesn't do her justice. She is actually a Master Gardener and an active member of the Native Plant Society. She has been working hard to increase the native population of plants in her own yard as well as working with various group projects.

Susan is well known in knitting circles for her "Little Knits". She has created entire wardrobes for Beanie Babies and dolls. She can whip up finger puppets, dinosaur mittens, and has been know to knit small toys. That's not to say she doesn't create larger garments. She has brought many beautiful and intricate sweaters to "Show & Tell" and I recently caught her knitting a charming lace blanket for one of her grandsons.

Susan's long term involvement and dedication to the guild has truly been a benefit to us all.

## Melodie Cross

Member since: 2006



Yet another Guild member from the great state of Pennsylvania, Melodie was born in Altoona. She made her way to the South 11 years ago, by way of Toccoa Falls. It was Greenville's big city amenities and lack of big city attitude that has kept her here in South Carolina.

Melodie has been working with Greenville Tech, tutoring students in biology, while working on her Associates of Science degree. This fall she will begin her Masters in Biological Sciences at Clemson University (Go Tigers!). After that she plans on shaping the youth of America, teaching middle school science.

A new knitter, Melodie only began knitting four months ago. While tutoring students at Books-A-Million, she came across the BAM-BAM girls and was instantly hooked (no pun intended). She was drawn to the fellowship and fun. Since then she has joined the Guild, become a weekly fixture at BAM-BAM, and has created many lovely items for our charity donations.

We look forward to many years of knitting and fellowship with Melodie.

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## NEWS EWE'S CAN USE!



*If you have information you'd like to place in the August Newsletter, please call, email, or snail mail it to me by Aug. 29th .  
Thanks, Amy*

## On the Road Again

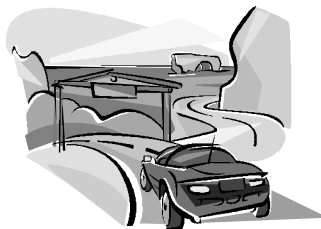
Have you ever been out of town and need a yarn fix? We're here to help. Each month we'll try to spotlight knitting shops around the Southeast that you can hit up when you're in need. Have a favorite? Send it in!

South Carolina:

### Hook n' Needle, Columbia

(803) 772-1335

Knitters & Needleworkers specializing in complete supplies for Knitting & Crocheting. Over 70 Brand Name Yarns. Imported, Fashion, Hand Dyed. Largest selection in the Carolinas. Needlepoint, Embroidery, Silk Metallic Over Dyed Rayon Threads, Special Orders Welcome, Classes Available. Usually open Thur.—Sat. You may want to call ahead before making the trip. Owner: Maureen Hightower



Georgia:

### Why Not Knit, Atlanta

(404) 240-5648

Situated in the upstairs portion of an old home in artsy Buckhead, this quaint and comfy shop offers knitters a wide variety of specialty yarns and supplies, including Blue Sky Alpaca and Manos del Uruguay. The shop is nicely decorated and well organized. It also has areas for you to sit and knit. Be sure to check it out on your next visit to Atlanta. Owner: Monica Champion

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