

# EWES NEWS

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## Upcoming Events:

- The Needletree: Spring Sale Going on Now! Featuring Oodles of Grab Bags & novelty yarns!
- June Guild Meeting: *A Show of Talent* June 12, 6:45pm
- No-So Knit: Charity Knit-in Berea, KY June 17
- SAFF 2006: Asheville, NC Oct. 27-29

## *A Treasure Trove of Knitting Know-How*

Three years ago I accidentally learned to knit when I ever so mistakenly asked my friend Cindy to make me a scarf. I suppose I should have known better, you see, she's a teacher. Before I knew it, she had *me* knee deep in yarn, knitting, purling, and crocheting that very night. And of course, I was hooked (no pun intended).

In January of 2005, Cindy convinced me to attend a "Knit-In" in Greenville. Quite frankly, I was a little intimidated by expert knitters. But it was there that we met these fabulous women. This group of diverse and talented people that opened up their hearts and their knitting bags to total strangers. They offered up their know-how and their needles and we learned to knit flowers, miter squares, handfelt designs, finish edges, and make buttons! What else could we do but join the club...and so Cindy and I became Guild members!

Since then, I am constantly amazed at the wealth of knowledge that our mem-



bers have to offer. I haven't been to a meeting where I haven't walked away with a new tip, a new technique, or a new stitch (short rows, double pointed needles, felting, gauge, cables, and the list goes on).

Slowly but surely, I am getting to know most of the members, and as different as each and every one is, one thing remains the same: they welcome knitters new and old with open arms. I've learned not to be too intimidated to ask about a beautiful garment because the beauty of knitting only increases when it's secrets are shared. This guild is a treasure trove of knitting know-how,

## *Welcome!*

Please add our new member to your directory:

Judy Howard  
504 West Farley Avenue  
Laurens, SC 29360

Also attending the May meeting was a guest:

Eva Reeder

We hope Eva will consider joining us in the future.

## *June Meeting*

### *A Show of Talent*

It may be hard to believe, but many of us do more than just knit! Our upcoming meeting will spotlight everyone's various talents outside of the guild. Bring your arts & crafts to show off! If items are too big to show off, bring pictures to share! We want to see what you've been up to when you put your needles down!

We'll also have a follow-up to our mitered squares workshop. Be sure to check out

# MITERED SQUARE FLOWER BASKET

Last month's Mitered Squares Workshop was excellent! Sue Esser and Nancy Cox did a fabulous job! And Sue's booklet on mitered squares was so helpful!

In fact, many of you asked about the pattern for the flower basket. So, as a follow-up to last month's program, Sue and Nancy have written up the pattern and are going to take us through the process of putting together the basket. They will have copies of the pattern for us at the June meeting, but we are going to give you a quick overview right now..

Your assignment (*should you choose to accept it*) for the follow-up program is to create two separate mitered squares in the yarn you plan to use for the basket. They will show us how to connect them and pick up stitches, etc. You can find the pattern for the squares on the first page of the booklet. Or for the more adventurous, you can try putting it together at home.



1. Attach the top corner of "A" to bottom corner of "B".
2. Pick up along left side of "B" from top to bottom

## Knif Happens:

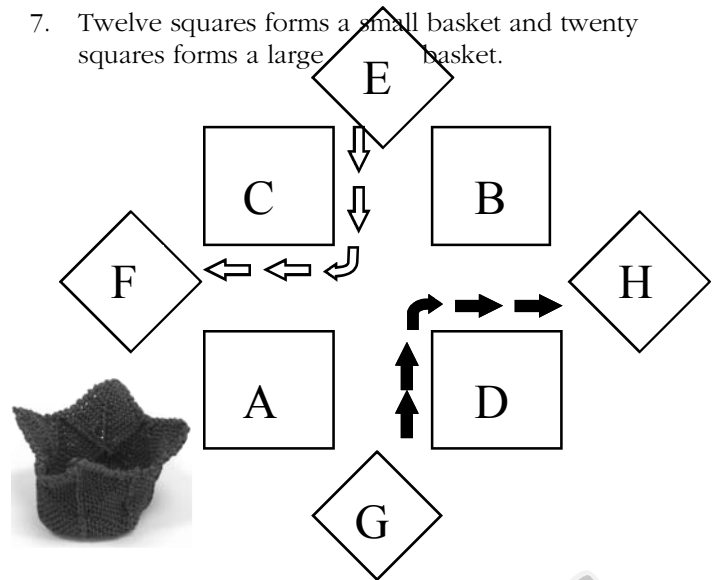
**AC Moore:** Join Lucy Strausbaugh any Thursday from 10am-2pm. Come for help, encouragement, or just for fun!

**BAM-BAM Girls:** Join the Girls every Wednesday at Books-A-Million on Laurens Road from 6:30pm-8pm (at least). Sit & Knit!

**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.

4. Pick up from corner of "B" and knit across top of "B" and "C", adding one stitch in the center. This is square "E" and will draw "B" and "C" upward to begin forming the basket.
5. Pick up from corner of "C" and knit across top of "A", adding one stitch in the center. This is square "F" and will draw "C" and "A" upward.
6. Continue in this manner around "A", "D", and "B".
7. Twelve squares forms a small basket and twenty squares forms a large basket.



## Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

- This past month's collection includes items donated at the meeting & from various knitting groups: 29 Hats, 10 Lap Robes, and a couple bags of toiletries!
- Please keep in mind that there is a great need for summer weight & colored hats and more.
- Patterns for lightweight chemo caps can be found at: <http://cache.lionbrand.com/content-knittingPatternIndex.html>
- Don't forget to turn in 10"x10" acrylic knitted squares for lap robes!
- Please contact Carol or Robin if you have any questions!

"I want to knit you a sweater. I want to write you a love letter. I want to make you feel better. I want to make you feel free." - Joni Mitchell

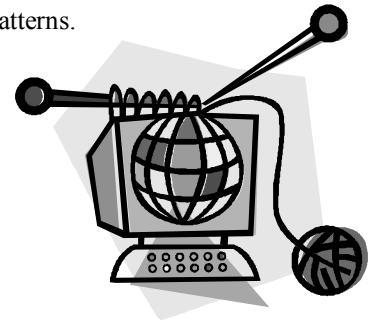
# Knitting on the Web by Nancy McFarlane

If you enjoy knitting lace, want some information in learning how to knit lace, or want to learn how to use charts check out the web sites below. The first *url* is for the lace symposium that was just held by the email group Knitting beyond the Hebrides.

The contests are all over but if you click on *schedule* on the left and then on the different articles such as *Types of Lace, Training Wheel project, Identifying Lace*, etc there are good articles and free lace patterns.

The article on *Shetland Lace*, by Elizabeth Lovick is especially informative with several free patterns.

- <http://www.knittingbeyondthehebrides.org/lace/>
- [http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring\\_in\\_lace\\_introduction\\_1.html](http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring_in_lace_introduction_1.html)
- [http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring\\_in\\_lace\\_part\\_ii.html](http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring_in_lace_part_ii.html)
- [http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring\\_in\\_lace\\_part\\_iii.html](http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/2006/03/majoring_in_lace_part_iii.html)
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- [http://www.atimetoknit.com/PDF\\_files/Feb2006\\_Unraveled.pdf](http://www.atimetoknit.com/PDF_files/Feb2006_Unraveled.pdf)
- [http://www.heirloom-knitting.co.uk/beginners\\_guide.html](http://www.heirloom-knitting.co.uk/beginners_guide.html)
- <http://tiajudy.com/lace.htm>
- <http://www.knittingbeyondthehebrides.org/lace/schedule.html>



## Good To Know

### The Needletree

Announcing the Big Spring Sale featuring oodles of Grab Bags and novelty yarns! On Sale Now! The Needletree will be closed Friday, June 9-Monday, June 19 for annual trade show buying spree/family beach trip.

### No-So Knit: Charity Knit-In

Saturday, June 17, 2006 Boone Tavern Hotel, Berea, KY Join other knitters for a fun-filled day of knitting. You can shop at the same time from **Knit& Purl** (Knoxville, TN) and **Bovidae Farm** (Mars Hill, NC). Call (859) 985-3700 to reserve a sleeping room. Contact Sue Esser (shesser@aol.com) if you can join the fun!

### 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 Bla-



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
January Balance Forward			\$ 992.43
Dues	\$ 686.17		\$ 1,678.60
Expenses		\$ 309.77	\$ 1,368.83
Junior League Facilities		\$ 100.00	\$ 1,268.83
February Balance Forward			\$ 1,268.83
Dues	\$ 459.00		\$ 1,727.83
Dues @ Knit Inn	\$1,782.13		\$ 3,509.96
Knit Inn Raffle Money	\$ 77.00		\$ 3,586.96
Knit Inn Auction Payments		\$ 847.50	\$ 2,739.46
Knit Inn Hotel Expense		\$ 100.00	\$ 2,639.46
St. James Episcopal Memorial		\$ 25.00	\$ 2,614.46
March Balance Forward			\$ 2,614.46
Dues	\$ 165.00		\$ 2,779.46
A.Modesitt Class Fees(\$30/ea)	\$ 360.00		\$ 3,139.46
A.Modesitt Class/ Presentation		\$ 380.00	\$ 2,759.46
A.Modesitt Printing		\$ 168.04	\$ 2,591.42
Newsletter & Directory		\$ 158.49	\$ 2,432.93
Knit Inn Hospitality Suite		\$ 110.20	\$ 2,322.73
Knit Inn Auction Payment		\$ 16.80	\$ 2,305.93
April Balance Forward			\$ 2,305.93
Dues	\$ 90.00		\$ 2,395.93
Expenses		\$ 156.89	\$ 2,239.04
Gage Class		\$ 22.05	\$ 2,216.99
May Balance Forward			\$ 2,216.99
Dues	\$ 15.00		\$ 2,231.99
Name Tags		\$ 33.59	\$ 2,198.40
Mitered Square Booklets		\$ 50.00	\$ 2,148.40
Speaker Gifts		\$ 31.98	\$ 2,116.42
June Balance Forward			\$ 2,116.42

## ON THE LOOKOUT



Many years ago, a circular shawl was donated to the Guild after being made as a group project, worked on by lots of us. It is a tweedy beige/tan, made of Bovidae yarn in an Elizabeth Zimmerman pattern. The object of the donation was for this warm and full-of-caring item to circulate among the membership as needed during periods of crisis like chemo, grief, divorce, whatever. Does anyone remember where it went? We'd like to get it back in play. If you know of its whereabouts, please let the Hostesses at the sign-in desk know. Thanks, Virginia

# SOUTH CAROLINA KNITTING GUILD

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## NEWS EWE'S CAN USE!



*If you have information you'd like to place in the July Newsletter, please call, email, or snail mail it to me by June 24th.  
Thanks, Amy*

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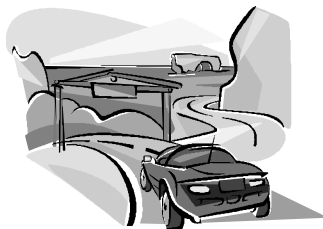
## On the Road Again

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!

North Carolina:

**Bovidae Farm, Mars Hill**  
(828) 689 9931

This is a must see! The owners, Rose & James Hogue sell their own yarn from their own sheep. They have a nice shop on the top of their mountain with a fabulous view of far and wide! They have a wide range of colors in worsted, sport, and bulky weight yarns. We're hoping to plan a field trip this sum-



Tennessee:

**Knit 'n Purl, Knoxville, TN**  
(865)690-9983

This shop has always been generous in supporting the NoSoKnits (charity knit-ins). The new location boasts over 1800 square feet. They have a large inventory of high fashion handknitting yarns and carry extensive supplies for knitting, spinning, needlepoint, tatting, crochet and weaving.

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