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# EWE'S NEWS

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## President's Place

I want to thank each of you for a job well done!

Our 2009 KnitInn would not have been a success without the hard work of everyone involved in the planning and execution of the details both prior to and during the KI. We have great positive feedback and the few glitches have been noted and hopefully will be corrected next year.

How can you help next year? Give this some thought and let us know.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2010 KnitInn - February 5, 6 and 7! We have already spoken to Robert and reserved the Drury Inn and are making plans for next year.

Nancy

## March Meeting

Esther Roe will share with us some of her favorite quick knits. We will have patterns to hand out for several of her favorites.

April program: Terry Gentry will show us how to make the scarf she brought for show and tell. It requires four skeins of Noro silk garden or silk garden lite, or 4 skeins of Plymouth Boku, or any other yarn with long repeats of colors, or any variegated yarn and scraps of solids to match colors in variegation. The scarf uses intarsia techniques.

Nancy McFarlane

We learned that a former Guild member, Virginia Robin, died in January. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.



### Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, March 9, McAlister Square, 6:45 pm
- Yes Yarns Knit @ Night, March 20, 5:30 until . . . <http://www.yesyarn.com/>
- Stitches East, Atlanta, GA, April 23-26

## Welcome!



We are happy to have two new members:

Mary Jane Koch  
Rosemary Butler

We enjoyed having as visitors:

Melissa Franklin  
Linda Howe  
Kathy Keener



## Did You Know....?

At our last meeting Terri Geck mentioned one of our fiction library books that is centered around a knitting group. There are many references to knitting in fiction; the most famous would, of course, be Madame Defarge in Dickens' *Tale of Two Cities*. She is said to be always knitting "with steadfastness of fate." A few other books that mention knitting are:

*Art Work*, A.S. Byatt Knitting plays a major role.

*Death and the Oxford Box*, Veronica Smallwood Features knitting as one of the book's themes.

*Jacob's Room*, Virginia Woolf Full of knitting references.

*Plain Jane*, Joan Barfoot Main character is a knitter and book is full of knitting mentions, particularly sweaters she's knitting for a friend in prison.

*The Shipping News*, E. Annie Proulx Lots of knitting references.

*Small Ceremonies*, Carol Shields A mystery is created around a quantity of yarn found in a character's husband's desk drawer...since no one in the family knits.

*Carpool*, Mary Cahill One of the main characters knits, and another quilts; the book has numerous mentions of their projects. "The nice thing about knitting is, you can do it anywhere. And you can do it faster when you're away from your own phone."

*D is for Deadbeat*, Sue Grafton Knitting as an aid to learning patience and an eye for detail.

*Hasty Retreat*, Kate Gallison Knitting figures into the plot.

The Miss Marple series, Agatha Christie Lots of knitting by Miss Marple in this well-known series.

This list is from Wool Works Resources and is now maintained by Julie Ourom, with HTML by Emily Way.

### Some newer books are:

*Knitting, A Novel*, by Anne Bartlett

*Chicks with Sticks (It's a Purl Thing)*, by Elizabeth Lenhard

*Shop on Blossom Street*, Debbie Macomber series

*Knit One, Kill Two; Needled to Death*, Maggie Sefton Series

Character learns to knit and unravels the mystery

*The Knitting Circle*, Anne Hood. Knitting as healing therapy

*Died in the Wool*, Mary Kruger. Detective is yarn shop owner

*The Friday Night Knitting Club*, Kate Jacobs

(Here's the first part of a pattern, courtesy of Sue. For complete directions and more patterns, go to [www.klaam.com/sheknits](http://www.klaam.com/sheknits).)

### Pelerine Pointue by Susan H. Esser

*This small, circular, lacey cape with a pointed neckline begins at the neck and is worked down. The idea of a short cape or Pelerine, comes from history—our country & others. It could be described as a wide collar or cape, which many times were worn over a lady's dress at the end of her day. It added some style, plus warmth and made a simple dress more elegant. It is made in descending sections, beginning with the collar. I will be suggesting different lace patterns, but feel free to incorporate your own favorites (merely by adjusting the multiples of these lace patterns, by increasing or decreasing a few stitches in the 3 purled rounds, which serve as dividers).*

### Materials:

2 skeins of Bovidae Sport Wool

Size 8 needles - 16 inch to begin, and then a longer size 8 circular needle as your capelet grows

Size 10 1/2 or 11 needle to bind off.

**Total length:** your choice -- from 12 to 17 inches (MEASURED AFTER SERIOUS BLOCKING)

**Gauge** (also after blocking): 3.5 to 4 stitches per inch. At least 60 to 70 inches wide.

### Abbreviations:

K = knit

P = purl

Tbl = as in k2tbl, means knit together through back loop(s) – a decrease

Tog = as in k2tog - means together - a decrease

Yo = yarn over (bring the yarn to the front of your work) -- an increase

CAST ON 111 stitches, join in the round, and purl 1 round. Now work the following 4 rounds 3 times.

Round 1: K2, \*YO, k3, k3tbl, k3, yo, k3 - repeat from \* and end with k1

Round 2: Knit all stitches

Round 3: Knit all stitches

Round 4: Purl all stitches

On the next round, purl all stitches again, & do two things: increase 1 st (112 sts total) and place 8 markers around evenly spaced - every 14 stitches. Now work another purl round - 3 in all.

The next section will be all knit rounds.

1. Knit all stitches

2. Knit all stitches and increase before and after each marker (16 increases made)

3. Knit all stitches

4. Knit and repeat the increasing before and after each marker



5. Knit all stitches  
 6. Knit and repeat the increasing as above - total of 160 stitches on your needle. Now work the eyelet pattern, which follows, in each of the 8 sections.

(Remember, you may substitute your own preference in stitch design in each of the 4 lace sections—but keep to the same # of rounds and same # of stitches.)

Eyelet Lace (Section #1) *(This stitch was seen in Knitting Lace by Susanna E. Lewis)*

- Round 1: k10 , yo, k2tbl, k8
- Round 2: (and all even rounds): Knit
- Round 3: k8, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k7
- Round 5: k7, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k6
- Round 9: k6, yo, k2tbl, k6, yo, k2tbl, k4
- Round 11: k4, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, k2tbl, k3
- Round 13: k3, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k1, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, k2tbl, k2
- Round 15: k5, yo, k3tog, yo, k5, yo, k3tbl, yo, k4

Now resume knitting all rounds, and increasing 16 sts every other round until there are 26 stitches in each of the 8 sections (or 208 sts total).

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(Continued on the website.)



## Good To Know

In order for Guild members to access the Guild website, here is the new log in information:

User name: guildmember (This is all one word, do not skip a space.)

Password: 2009knitter (No spaces)

Someone left a little gold straw basket with snacks at the KnitInn. Nancy Humphreys will have it at the March meeting.

Anyone interested in purchasing the popular Nantucket Bag or any other bag shown at the Knit Inn please contact Margaret at Yes Yarn.

If you bring a show and tell item to our Guild meeting, please consider bringing information about the item, such as where you got the pattern, what yarn you used, how long it took, and any quirks about it that you wish you had known before you started .



Carol & Robin Paul

## Charity Corner

We received this month from you wonderful, generous knitters:

- 8 shawls
- 35 adult hats
- 22 preemie hats
- 1 preemie sweater
- 19 kids hats
- 4 kids blankets
- 6 fetal demise pouches
- 2 lap robes
- 3 scarves
- 3 preemie blankets
- 1 preemie christening set
- 2 kids sweaters
- 1 kids vest
- 1 Pretty Day hat & scarf set

*Thanks to all...and please, remember that the needs are endless. New patients are diagnosed, new babies are born, new challenges arise daily...and all we can do is be grateful we have a skill that we can utilize to help in someone's time of distress.*

## Keep on Knitting!

Knitting plays an important part in the lives of all of us. It provides both an outlet for creativity and a means of relaxation for the knitter and pride of ownership for the recipient.

At the KnitInn a gentleman told a group of knitters that his grandmother had knit many sweaters and blankets which he still owns. He then thanked the group for perpetuating the skill and love of knitting. A child told me that my shawl was "quite lovely." We never know what an influence we may have on others through our knitting. So, keep those needles clicking!

Nancy Groff



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
January Balance Forward			5,994.09
Knit Inn expenses		2,235.20	3,758.89
Deposit dues	560		4,318.89
Knit Inn income	680		4,998.89
Guild badges and cards		44..28	4,954.61
February Ending Balance			4,954.61



Ideas/articles for the newsletter?

Please contact Carolyn Freshour, 286-3978, [usmgirl@gmail.com](mailto:usmgirl@gmail.com)

Address or Email Changes??

Please contact Lainy Haule, 879-1451

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Address Service Requested



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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<http://groups.google.com/group/scknittingguild>

News Ewes Can Use!

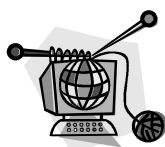


*If you have information you'd like to place in the April Newsletter, please call or email it to me by April 22nd.*

*Thanks!*

*Carolyn Freshour*

## 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:

Do you ever come to an instruction in a pattern that you don't quite understand?

And doesn't that always happen when it's either too late to call a friend for nobody's at home?!

You can find help at Knitting Daily, [www.knittingdaily.com](http://www.knittingdaily.com), which has great tutorials on lots of different stitches and "how to's" for many techniques.

**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.