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President's Place

Michele Kesler provided a wonderful program at the April meeting. She demonstrated several methods of bind-off or cast-off to suit a variety of needs.

Scattered among the techniques were hints of how and when to utilize them. Her hand-out was sufficiently detailed to fill in those pesky details you forgot.

We certainly appreciate her efforts and look forward to any future presentations she may do. So as you plan your spring and summer knitting, remember to incorporate these bind offs.

Lainy

May Meeting

Nancy Cox has so many program ideas bubbling inside her head that it's hard to choose just one!

So you'll just have to come to the May meeting and be surprised by the idea she lands on for our May program!

See you there!

Piedmont, anyone?

A new member of the Guild, Peggy Gilmer, lives in Piedmont and would love to come to our meetings, but has no means of getting here. Please contact Suzanne Ross if you can help.

Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, Junior League Building, May 12, 6:45 PM
- Knitters Connection, June 11-14, Columbus, OH
- Summer Knit & Crochet Show, Manchester, NH, July 25-27
- Knitting Cruise, Sept. 28-Oct. 5 on Royal Caribbean, contact Nancy Nielson



Welcome!

We were happy to have a visitor at our April meeting:

Nita Finley

Good To Know—Book Reviews



Itty – Bitty Hats

by **Susan B. Anderson** (spiral bound hardcover \$17.95)

I fell in love with this book the minute I saw it. Even though I had no babies to knit for at the time, I knew it had to become part of my library. Especially since knitting books are known to go out of print and become impossible to find at a later date.

All of the hats, 36 of them, are pretty basic as far as actual knitting goes, but the use of trims and decorations and color is what makes them truly unique. There are instructions for knitted flowers and rosebuds. One hat shows a wreath of flowers around the brim and another uses the same flowers, but in a bouquet on the top. Another favorite is upside-down daisy. A simple rolled brim hat with a huge daisy right on the top. The author says she wanted a hat which looked like someone had dropped a big flower face down on a baby's head. It does.

Another really unusual hat which I loved making is made from vertical stripes. Each color (good way to use up odds and ends) has a pattern stitch. The stripes get narrower at the top and all the ends are sewn together to close the hat and make a top knot of different colored strips.

There are hats from infants to toddlers and for girls and boys. The book has an internal spiral binding which allows it to lay flat.

Reviewed by Nancy McFarlane



Knitting New

Scarves by Lynne Barr (paperback \$21.95)

I don't even wear scarves very often but I had to own this book because of the many different techniques that were used. There are 27 of the most different scarves you will ever see. What better way to try a new technique than with something small like a scarf. And, they make wonderful gifts even if you don't wear them your self.

One of my favorites is a 3 dimensional scarf with triangular shaped flaps knitted at alternating angles. Looks great with variegated or self striping yarns. There are tilted blocks, short row stripes, black pearls (knitted spheres stuffed with fiberfill and connected to resemble a string of large pearls) and one called Linked Rib which appears totally impossible to achieve with continuous knitting.

Both books and many others are available at Fiction Addiction. Trade-ins are welcome and credit can be used for anything in the store including new knitting books.

Charity Knitting Pattern

Flexible Shrug

This pattern is practical with nearly any yarn.

Needles: Size 6, 11, 15

First cuff: Using #6 needles, cast on 42 sts and work in K2 P2 rib for 5-6 inches.

Next row: (increase) Using #11 needles, knit first st, then knit into front and back of next 40 sts. Knit last st = 82 sts.

Next row: On #11 needles, purl.

Switch to #15 needles.

On #15 needles:

Row 1: K4, *YO, P2tog, K1. Repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2: K4, *K1, YO, P2 tog, repeat from * to last 3 sts, K3.

Repeat these two rows until piece measures about 45 inches from the beginning. (You can add more inches for a larger shrug.)

Second cuff: (decrease) On #11 needles, K first st, decrease by K2tog across the row, K last st = 42 sts.

Purl next row.

Switch to #6 needles, work in K2, P2 for the same length as first cuff.

Bind off very, very loosely.

Finish off yarn ends and sew sides of cuffs, including about 6 inches above the cuffs.

Turn up cuffs.

Note: I use the #11 needles to make the transition to the #15 needles easier, but you can go directly from the #6 to the #15 after the increase and purl rows.

Another pattern suggestion:

Mock Cable

Row 1: (Right side) P2, *slip 1, K2, pssso, P2.

Row 2: K2, *P1, YO, P1, K2

Row 3: P2, * K3, P2

Row 4: K2, *, P3, K2

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Carol & Robin Paul

Thanks to your generous knitting, at the April meeting we received:

1 large blanket

4 shawls

1 child's sweater

5 lap robes

2 washcloths

4 baby hats

The recipients of our washcloths were so pleased that we now need lots more!

So please keep those needles flying.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
April Balance Forward			3,472.24
Deposit dues	40.00		3,512.24
April Ending Balance			3,512.24



Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?

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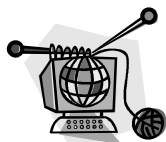


If you have information you'd like to place in the June Newsletter, please call or email it to me by May 26th.

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:

www.theknittingsite.com has free videos on how to knit, basic knitting techniques, a knitting forum where you can post ideas, ask questions, etc., a free knitting newsletter, knitting design graph paper, and free patterns.

www.maran.com has a knitting how-to book that you can look at page by page just by clicking on the page numbers.

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!

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!

Thursday Morning Knitters Join these girls at Coffee Station on South Buncombe Road in Greer on Thursday mornings, from 10-12. Bring a chair!

Farther afield:

The Needle and Canvas, Spartanburg, Thursdays at 10 AM.

Northwoods Farm Fiber & Yarn, Campobello, Tuesdays at 10 AM and Saturdays from 10-3.