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Upcoming Events:

- November Guild Meeting:
Nov. 13, 6:45pm
- Knitting Cruise
Port Canaveral
Nov. 11-18
- Annual Christmas Party &
December Guild Meeting
Dec. 11, 6:45 pm
- THE KNIT-INN
Comfort Inn on Orchard
Park Drive
February 2—4, 2007
- Membership Renewal
January—March 2007

*November Meeting***Guest Speaker:**

Our meeting in November will begin with a short talk by Renee Middleton from Safe Harbor Women's Retreat.

**Program:**

Our activity this month will be to make an I-Cord necklace. Everyone is asked to bring a set of double pointed needles...size #6 or up, some novelty yarns (2 or 3 colors, types, whatever), a fancy button (optional), and your imagination...so you can create a neat easy necklace!

Annual Knit-Inn

The details are still being worked out, but save the dates...February 2, 3, & 4! We'll be back at the Comfort Inn on Orchard Park Drive. Our Knit-Inn committee is working hard to ensure that this is our best year yet... they will be sure to send out information as soon as possible. Stay tuned!

President's Place

I sat down to put together a few thoughts for my first "President's Place" in the November newsletter. The guild has had some difficult times in 2006. It is now time to put that behind us and look forward to 2007. But what kinds of words of wisdom could I find to set a positive tone for the coming year? Then while thumbing through the "Patterns for Charity Knitting", I found the answer in the prologue.

The prologue of the "Patterns for Charity Knitting" begins: "The first meeting of the South Carolina Knitting Guild was held in May 1991. We set simple, straightforward goals for ourselves: provide a happy and pleasant atmosphere where we furthered our knowledge among all our members, and help for our local community with our knitted items. ..."

Maybe this year should be a time to look back at the "... simple, straightforward goals...". First and foremost, knitting and the time guild members spend together should be pleasant, fun, educational and stress free. Knitters as a group are some of the nicest and most caring of people. Since I joined the guild in 1997, the level of care and concern, for the most part, that members have for one another is very impressive. Maybe it's also time to take a fresh look the charity knitting done by the guild. We have to determine how the guild can help the most needy people with the resources that we have.

All of us on the board are excited about the upcoming year and its activities. We hope you will be as well.

Lainy Haule

Blanket with Hearts & Flowers

By: Lainy Haule

Yarn: 5 skeins of Sirdar Breeze (cotton & acrylic blend)
100 g. (about 288 yds/skein)

Patterns: Heart was 11 sts & 12 rows
Flower was 9 sts & 14 rows

With #5 needle, cas on 111 sts invisibly. Begin working in stockinette st and set up blocks with markers. Knit 2 sts (left side border), PM (place marker), knit 15 sts, PM. Continue putting a marker every 15 sts across until there are 3 sts left, PM knit 3 sts (right side border).

There will be 7 sections of 15 sts. Work a total of 6 rows of stockinette for bottom border while setting up your markers. Begin with the heart pattern. Center the 11 sts of the heart in the first, third, fifth and seventh blocks. Work the 12 rows of the heart patterns. Then knit 1 row and purl 1 row.

On the next row begin the flower pattern. Center the 9 sts of the flower in the second, fourth, and sixth blocks. Work the 14 rows of the flower pattern. Then knit 1 row, purl 1 row. Continue in this way until you have 5 repeats of the hearts and flowers. Work 1 final heart pattern. Finish the center with a total of 6 rows of stockinette st.

For the border: knit 1 row across top, the last st will become the "corner st". Pick up 121 sts along the left side of the blanket. Put the invisibly cast on sts onto a needle. The first st you knit on the bottom will be a corner st. Knit 109 sts; the last st you knit will be a corner st. Then pick up 121 sts along the right side of blanket. As you begin the border, place markers on either side of the corner st. Make the 1st marker a different color.

Work 3 rounds of stock, then 2 ridges of garter st. Place a yarn over after the last st of each side and before the first st of each side on every other row. This will make a triangle at each corner. Work another 3 rounds of stock st continuing the yarn overs at the corners every other round.

You will have an additional 10 sts on each side of the blanket.

For the top and bottom, Knit 2 sts, work the repeat 14 times and the final 3 sts of the pattern, knit 2 sts. Continue with the remaining rows as shown on the graph.

For the sides: Knit 4 sts, work the repeat 15 times and the final 3 sts of the pattern, knit 4 sts. Continue with the remaining rows as shown on the graph.

For the corners: When there are 13 sts in each corner (not including the yarnovers of that row), begin the heart pattern in the center of the 13 sts. At the end of the corner heart pattern, continue in stock st.

For the sides & tops: After the last round of pattern, work 3 rounds of stock st, then 2 ridges of garter st. Continue the yarnovers every other round.

To bind off using the purl method: Just after the 1st marker, purl 2 sts together. Move the sts you have on the right needle back to the left needle. Purl the next 2 sts together. Continue in this fashion around the blanket.

Optional: sc around for 1 round.

HARVEST PUNCH

At our October meeting, we served many delicious treats and a harvest punch. Several Guild members requested the recipe, so I thought I would put it in the newsletter for everyone.

Ingredients:

1- 128 oz. Jug of Cranberry Cocktail Juice

1- 48 oz. Can of Pineapple Juice

1- 48 oz. Can of Orange Juice

2- 2 liter bottles of Ginger Ale

Several sticks of cinnamon

Dash of Cinnamon > or Dash of Apple Pie Spices

Dash of Nutmeg

In a large pot (or cauldron if you have one handy), heat the juices and spices together on low or simmer for at least 1 hour. Allow to cool. Add Ginger Ale right before you serve. Enjoy!

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.

Good To Know

Knitting Cruise

The Knitting Cruise leaves from Port Canaveral at 4pm on Saturday, Nov. 11th. After visiting Nassau, St. Thomas, & St. Marten, the ship returns to Port Canaveral on early Saturday morning, Nov. 18th. You can bring a friend, a spouse, or lots of friends! The cost is determined by the accommodations each person chooses. Contact Tammy Sharpes at our local AAA 240-3010 ext. 96446 or email her at: tssharpes@mailaaa.com

Update on St. Mary's Knit Inn

On October 21, we had a wonderful day knitting together at our mini knit-inn at St. Mary's. We would like to thank Terri Geck from *Coats & Clark* for another very generous yarn donation!

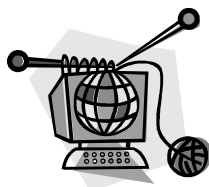
A Special Thank You

A great thank you to Carol Murdock & McCarter Presbyterian Church...at the end of their recent sale, Carol gathered the knit goods and brought them to us for charity distribution. We received 7 lap robes, 9 scarves, 1 child's hat & sweater, 4 toys, 3 adult hats, and 3 spa kits! Thank you!

Annual Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas party is coming up...December 11th. We'll have all sorts of delicious foods and drinks. Remember to bring a gift for the exchange...no more than \$10 please! Also, it's been suggested that a hat for charity be your "entry fee". While it's not required, it would make Christmas a little warmer for a child or adult in need!

Members Only!



The guild website now includes two **Members Only** sections: *Ewe's News* and *Patterns*.

To access these pages, go to www.scknittingguild.com. You'll find a registration box on the bottom right corner of the home page. Click on register. Fill in the information requested and hit send. It will then be sent to Stephanie and she will send you out an email to let you know you can log in. Once you have created a log in and a password, you can enjoy the news and patterns!



Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month from the BAM-BAM group and the Guild members:

- 37 Children's Hats
- 19 Adult Hats
- 3 Ball Caps
- 1 Tote Bag
- 6 Shawls
- 6 Lap Robes
- 2 Baby Blankets
- 1 Child's Sweater

Please, let us not forget the Boys Home. The hats were very much appreciated last year.

No matter the season, no matter the weather, we have year-round needs for hats of all sizes, shapes, and materials. Every single hat, from one to fit a lemon (extreme preemie) to one sized to for a homeless person, is distributed... and yet the need grows. Take a few minutes each day...hats are quick and easy!

Thank you for your lovely and necessary work!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
Oct. Balance Forward			\$ 1,444.18
Deposit for Dues	\$ 15.00		\$ 1459.18
Reprint of Checks		\$ 16.00	\$ 1,443.18
Stamps for Newsletter		\$39.00	\$ 1404.18
Supplies		\$7.33	\$ 1396.85
Printing & Stamps		\$61.82	\$ 1335.03
Speaker gift		\$5.33	\$ 1329.70
Nov. Balance Forward			\$ 1,329.70

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Address Service Requested

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.SCKNITTINGGUILD.COM

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

NEWS EWES CAN USE!



*If you have information you'd like to place in the December Newsletter, please call, email, or snail mail it to me by Nov. 22nd .
Thanks, Amy*

On the Road Again

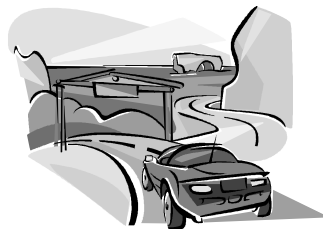
Have you ever been out of town and need a yarn fix? We're here to help. Each month we'll try to spotlight knitting shops around the Southeast that you can hit up when you're in need. Have a favorite? Send it in!

Georgia:

Main Street Yarns and Fibers
16 N. Main Street
Watkinsville (706) 769-5531

A wonderful yarn store with plenty of room to sit and knit or spin. The store carries a large selection of yarns, needles, accessories and Ashford spinning wheels. Plenty of friendly help.

Check out the website:
<http://www.mainstreetyarns.com/>



North Carolina:

Much Ado About Knitting
1317 Lewisville Clemmons Road
Lewisville (336) 778-1998

Warm, wonderful, and welcoming describes your experience. Fabulous yarns, accessories, books, patterns. Also some great funky stuff! Classes aplenty with super instructors. Social knitting group: Chicks with Sticks, Mon and Wed 6pm-8pm.

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