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President's Place

Lainy and all of the SCKG board members are to be commended for a job well done. Thank you for serving so faithfully the last two years! Many thanks to you who have agreed to serve on the board this year. We will be making many exciting plans for the coming months.

As your new board takes office, I want to review some points about the SCKG. According to our statement of purpose, we are first to spread the knowledge and joy of knitting through education. Our monthly meetings will include programs/activities that will offer a review of techniques and hints, solve knitting problems, and improve everyone's quality of knitting. Obviously, the February 2009 Knit Inn is a fantastic venue for expanding our knowledge and exposing the public to knitting.

Secondly, we are to share the results of our knitting with the public. We do this through our various charity projects and charity knitting events.

I also want to remind everyone that each one of us is a teacher. You have knowledge of knitting and can share it with others. When you learn a new skill/hint, volunteer to present it to the entire group. The board will be requesting your help throughout the year for various programs and projects, so get involved!

Nancy

MYSTERY PROJECT

In order to participate in the November Mystery Project program, you will need to prepare the following:

With a plain, light-colored, worsted weight yarn and the appropriate needles cast on 31 stitches using the LONG TAIL CAST ON (other cast on methods will not work).

Knit two rows, purl one row. Repeat these three rows until you have a swatch measuring 8 inches. Leave the swatch on the needles.

This pattern looks simple but can be tricky, so keep up with where you are.

You will also need to bring a yarn needle to the meeting.

Welcome!

We were happy to have two visitors at our October meeting:

EstherRoe

Lisa White

Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, McAlister Square, November 10, 6:45 pm
- St. Mary's Knit Inn, November 15, 10-4

KNIT INN NEWS

Schedule of Events for Knit Inn 2009

FRIDAY FEB. 6, 2009

- 1:00 - On Site registration opens
- 3:00 - 6:00 - Classes
- 8:00 - Show and Tell (description below)

SATURDAY FEB. 7, 2009

- 8:30 - On Site registration opens
- 9:00 - 12:00 - Learn to knit in café (description below)
- 9:00 - 12:00 - Knitting from the Heart in café (description below)
- 9:00 - 12:30 - Morning classes
- 10:00 - 4:00 - Vendors in ballroom A
- 12:30 - 2:00 - Box lunch for those who ordered (description below)
- 2:00 - 5:30 - Afternoon classes
- 2:00 - 5:00 - Learn to knit in café (description below)
- 2:00 - 5:00 - Knitting from the Heart in café (description below)
- 6:30 - Pizza party/Yarn Mixer (please tell us if you will attend) (description below)

SUNDAY FEB. 8, 2009

- 8:30 - Noon - Morning classes
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SHOW and TELL Friday, Feb. 6, 8pm In the Café

We will be knitting in the café area on Friday night. Please bring your finished, favorite, old, current, or need to be frogged' projects to SHOW and TELL. We will share ideas and have fun. There will be a few surprises, so be there!

KNITTING FROM THE HEART Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00

FREE for REGISTERED Knit Inn Participants

Charity patterns and ideas to share, plus samples to show and yarn to get you started on an item of your choice.

LEARN TO KNIT Saturday, Feb. 7, 9:00 - 12:00 and 2:00 - 5:00

Needles, yarn, and instructor available to teach you how to knit.

VENDORS (a.k.a. SHOPPING!) Saturday, Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Northwoods Fiber - yarn shop
- Sandy Roback - baskets
- Evelyn Robertson - shawl pins, buttons
- Lynn Cochran - quilted items, including bags
- YesYarn - yarn shop

BOXED LUNCH Saturday Feb. 7, 12:30 - 2:00

We will have a boxed lunch available on Saturday, Feb. 7 for \$10. You can order and prepay for the lunch with your registration fees. The deadline for ordering the lunch is Friday, Feb. 6 at 2pm. The menu is: Turkey and provolone on wheat; lettuce, tomato and condiments on the side; pickle, chips, cookie, and tea. There are many nearby restaurants if you choose not to order the boxed lunch.

YARN MIXER/PIZZA PARTY Saturday, Feb. 7, 6:30pm
FREE for REGISTERED Knit Inn Participants

*Please check the box on your registration form if you plan to participate.

Bring a one gallon baggie filled with yarn that you no longer want/need, but would be something you would want to receive. Put your name on a card in the baggie. Bring the baggie to the café area at 6:30pm on Saturday and join in an activity with your fellow knitters. Pizza and beverages will be provided.

Registration for Knit Inn 2009

Knit Inn Registration Fee The Knit Inn registration fee is \$5/person. This covers your admission to our Friday and Saturday night activities and admission to the vendor area on Saturday. You also must pay this fee in order to take a class. Please register early.

Knit Inn Class Fees The Knit Inn class fees are as follows: 1 ½ hour classes are \$5, and 3 hour classes are \$10. Please register early.

KNIT INN 2009 CLASS INFORMATION

Each knitter should bring the BASICS to class. This includes: pen, paper, scissors, sew up needle, tape measures, markers, stitch holders, and anything else used in your daily knitting. Check the class listing for other materials needed, materials fee (paid to the teacher), and/or homework. Homework should be completed ahead of time.

INTRODUCTION TO NEEDLE FELTING

Learn the basics of needle felting. With needle felting you can embellish your knitting, clothing, and household items. You will complete a small project during class.

Skill Level: None

Supplies Needed: Everything you need will be provided in the kit.

Materials Fee: \$15 for needle felting kit. (to be paid to the teacher)

Homework: None

CLOSURE

No, not the emotional type of closure, but the knitting kind! How do you close your hand-knits? Buttons? Zipper? Frogs? Nothing, so that you don't have to make decisions? This class will show you some of the "ins and outs" of closing your knitted garments and bags. We will discuss buttons and buttonholes in detail, putting in zippers, using I-cord, and even making our own knitted buttons.

Skill Level: Should know basic knitting techniques and have done increasing and decreasing

Supplies Needed: Bring yarn (DK to worsted) and appropriate needles.

Homework: Have a swatch in progress, 5" wide and 3" long – leave on needles.

KNIT TO FIT

Have you spent hours and hours knitting a sweater or top only to find the fit is just not right? Review how to measure yourself accurately. Then learn some tips about ease and working with different yarns. Also learn how to improve the fit/look of your knitted items with short rows.

Skill Level: Should have made at least one garment

Supplies Needed: Basics, a flexible tape measure, a well fitting commercial sweater or top to measure. Smooth worsted weight yarn and 2 sets of needles. #6 and/or #7

Materials Fee: None Homework: None

SCARF X 3

We will be knitting on 3 separate scarf patterns. They will include a twisted cable scarf, patchwork scarf and a chain scarf (done on double points). So several different techniques will be covered.

Skill Level: Comfortable with basic knit and purl stitches, and use of double points.

Supplies Needed: Basics, Assorted yarns that require size 6 – 8 needles. (DK – WW), cable needle, size 6-8 knitting needles and double points.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: None

CROCHET FOR KNITTERS

Learn to crochet basic stitches and edgings used by knitters.

Skill Level: None

Supplies Needed: Basics, Worsted weight yarn, size H hook

Materials Fee: None

Homework: Knit 3 4" square stockinette swatches from smooth worsted weight yarn.

FINGERLESS GLOVES WITH VARIATIONS

You will be learning how to knit several different styles of fingerless gloves with cabling and other stitch patterns. We will learn how to knit in the round on double points, cable cast on, increases and simple cables. We will practice doing thumb gussets.

Skill Level: Must be comfortable with knitting and purling.

Supplies Needed: Basics, 100 grams of yarn suitable for gloves or mittens (soft and smooth) in fingering or sport weight.

Set of double pointed needles (size 2 – 4 depending on yarn). Cable needle and scrap yarn of same weight – can be smooth cotton.

Homework: Have two swatches of about 24 sts and 1" in length on holders or on needles to practice thumb gussets.

BEADED KNITTING BASICS

Learn various techniques to incorporate beads into your knitting.

Skill Level: Advanced beginner. Must know how to knit, purl, cast on (long tail method) and cast off.

Supplies Needed: Basics, Light colored smooth worsted weight yarn, size 6 or 7 needles (straight or circular), pencil and paper.

Materials Fee: \$2.00

Homework: None

TWO HANDED, TWO COLOR KNITTING

You will learn how to knit stranded (Fair isle style) knitting using two colors of yarn and both hands by making a snowflake motif headband.

Skill Level: Knitters should be comfortable knitting in the round with circular needles.

Supplies Needed: Size 4 16" circular needle, 2 oz sport weight yarn for main color (MC), 1 oz contrasting yarn for snowflake.

Materials Fee: none

Homework: Cast on 110 sts in MC. Knit 8 rounds. Work turning row as follows: *yo, k2tog, repeat from * to end of rnd.

PERSONALIZE YOUR KNITTING

Learn to embellish and accessorize your knitting projects.

Skill Level: Any

Supplies Needed: Basics, worsted weight yarn, crochet hook US6 G/ 4mm

Materials Fee: \$2 (to be paid to the teacher)

Homework: Knit a 4"X4" stockinette stitch swatch in worsted weight yarn. Bring contrasting worsted weight yarn to class.

SOCK KNITTING 101

We will make a baby sock incorporating all of the techniques used in an adult sock. You will learn a heel flap, turning a heel, gusset, Kitchner stitch.

Skill Level: Must be comfortable working with double pointed needles.

Supplies Needed: Basics. Yarn for socks, sport weight or heavier; double points appropriate for yarn, stitch markers, yarn needle.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: Using the long tail cast on, LOOSELY, cast on 24 stitches. (using a needle two sizes larger works well). Divide sts evenly on 3 needles (8 sts each). Being careful not to twist the sts join and work in the round as follows: (K2, P2) around. Work in K2-P2 ribbing for 15 rounds. Work 3 rounds of stockinette stitch (knit every round). Note: you will not have time to finish a sock and learn all of the techniques if the homework is not done ahead of time.

FINISHING

Finishing details on a project will make or break its look, but most patterns give very few finishing details. This class will help you recognize that good finishing starts at the beginning of a project, not at the end of the knitting. We will learn how to plan the details before you start knitting along with several techniques to improve the look of your finishing, such as cast on /bind off methods, increasing, /decreasing, mattress stitching, picking up stitches and grafting.

Skill Level: Should know basic knitting techniques

Supplies Needed: Basics, bring two colors of the same size yarn (DK to worsted), appropriate needles, yarn needle, crochet hook.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: Bring the following swatches made from a smooth DK or WW yarn: 4 swatches of stockinette 4" by 4", all ready bound off. 2 swatches 4" wide and at least 3" long left on needles or on holders.

HOLEY KNITTING

Learn the basics of lace construction.

Skill Level: Advanced beginner. Should know how to knit, purl, decrease and yarn over.

Supplies Needed: Basics. Smooth light colored worsted weight yarn, size 8 needles, stitch markers, pencil and paper.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: None

DESIGN YOUR OWN STOLE

Learn about multiple methods to design and knit shawls.

Skill Level: Should be familiar with basics of knitting including decreasing and increasing.

Supplies Needed: Smooth yarns, sport to worsted weight, and appropriate size needles.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: None

BLOCKING

In this class you will learn various techniques for blocking finished garments.

Skill Level: Anyone who has completed a knitted item.

Supplies Needed: None

Materials Fee: None

Homework: None

GAUGE IS NOT A FOUR LETTER WORD

In the class we will cover how to accurately measure gauge and how to use that gauge to predict the finished size of your garment. We will see how yarn, needles and the individual knitter can all make a difference in gauge. We will learn how you can change your yarn but still get the correct gauge, or how to use the gauge you get to achieve the desired size.

Skill Level: Anyone

Supplies Needed: Worsted weight yarn and needles used for swatches.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: Using any smooth, light colored, worsted weight wool or wool blend yarn make 3 swatches. Use size 8 needle for one, size 6 for one and size 10 for one. For each swatch cast on 20 sts. (this is important if you want to see how to use the gauge-o-knit) Knit several inches in stockinette (2-4") Bind off each swatch and label them so you know what size needle you used for each.

*If you have time and want to compare wool to cotton to see how the fiber can affect gauge, do another swatch with worsted weight cotton casting on the same number of sts on the same needle used for the wool swatch.

STARTING AT THE BOTTOM—Toe Up Socks with the Magic Loop Method

We will be doing toe-up socks with the magic loop method. You will be learning Judy's magic cast on, Make 1 (M1) increase, short row heel, EZ sewn bind off.

Skill level: Basic understanding of magic loop, know how to knit and purl.

Supplies Needed: Basics, yarn for socks – sport weight or larger. 32 or 40” circular needle size appropriate for yarn.

Cable must be flexible, Boye will not work for this, Addi, Inox or Knitpicks will work). Stitch markers.

Materials Fee: None

Homework: Recommended if you have a chance, check out Youtube.com videos of “ Judy's magic cast on” there are two by Cat Bordhi.

REGISTRATION

On Page 7, you will find a registration form. This form includes Knit Inn registration, classes, the box lunch, and the Yarn Mixer/Pizza Party. Please print it and send the completed form and your check as soon as possible. Registration begins on November 17 and ends on January 17. There will be no refunds after January 3 except in classes with a waiting list. You MUST send your payment with your registration form.

Good To Know

When you are traveling and would like to visit a yarn shop or Knitting Guild here is a website that will give you the necessary information:

www.shopyarn.com The SC Knitting Guild is listed there, so maybe we will have visitors and increase our membership.

Knit Inn at St. Mary's Church, West Washington Avenue @ Academy Street, downtown Greenville

Saturday, November 15th, drop-in any-time from 10am to 4pm, lunch available..

We'll do charity knitting, provide informal knitting assistance - knitters, crocheters, loomers, and crafters of all kinds are welcome!

RSVP if possible (so we ensure plenty of munchies) to Carol Paul at 864.282.0982 or cocoman@aol.com.

Charity Corner



Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month from Guild Members:

- 1 Fuzzy capelet
- 11 lap robes and children's blankets
- 1 flexible shrug
- 1 lacey capelet
- 7 fetal demise pouches
- 15 adult hats
- 39 preemie hats
- 4 preemie blankets
- 4 washcloths
- 3 kid's hats

Happy Knitting!

KNIT INN 2009 REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Registration Fee \$ 5.00 _____

Boxed Lunch Saturday \$10.00 _____

Classes

Friday February 6

3:00 - 6:00: Needle felting \$10.00 _____
 3:00 - 6:00: Closure \$10.00 _____
 3:00 - 6:00: Knit to Fit \$10.00 _____
 4:30 - 6:00: Scarf X 3 \$ 5.00 _____

Sunday February 8

8:30 - 10:00: Design Your Own Shawl \$ 5.00 _____
 9:00 - 12:00: Blocking \$10.00 _____
 9:00 - 12:00 : Gauge is not a Four Letter Word \$10.00 _____
 10:30 - 12:00: Starting at the bottom \$ 5.00 _____

Saturday February 7

9:00 - 10:30: Crochet for Knitters \$5.00 _____
 9:00 - 10:30: Fingerless Gloves \$ 5.00 _____
 9:00 - 12:00: Beaded Knitting \$10.00 _____
 11:00 - 12: 30: Scarf X 3 \$ 5.00 _____
 11:00 - 12:30: Two Handed/Two Color Knitting \$5.00 _____
 2:00 - 3:30: Personalize Your Knitting \$5.00 _____
 2:30 - 5:30: Sock Knitting 101 \$10.00 _____
 2:30 - 5:30: Finishing \$10.00 _____
 4:00 - 5:30: "Holey" Knitting \$ 5.00 _____

Class Fees Total _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

I will attend the Pizza Party/Yarn Mixer Saturday night.

I will NOT attend the Pizza Party/Yarn Mixer Saturday night.

Please list alternative class choices in case original class(es) is full:



Ideas/articles for the newsletter?

*Please contact Carolyn Freshour, 286-3978,
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Address or Email Changes??

*Please contact Pat Blackwood, 297-1734
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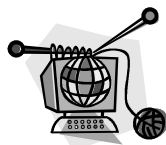
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NEWS EWES CAN USE!



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, a gift or even a special item for yourself:

Welcome to Knitting Daily!

Now you can interact with thousands of other fiber enthusiasts! Whether you knit, crochet, spin, or just love yarn, you'll find all sorts of great information....and make new friends, too!

Of course we still have our blog, and you can receive our email in your inbox! But now we have Forums so everyone can chat about your favorite techniques, yarn obsessions or other knitterly gossip! Go to www.knittingdaily.com.

Know of a great site?

Please share it!

If you have information you'd like to place in the November Newsletter, please call or email it to me by November 25th.

Thanks!

Carolyn Freshour

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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 Streetside, corner of East North and Old Spartanburg, Thursday mornings, from 10-12. Stay for a yummy lunch!