



EWE'S NEWS

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Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting,
November 8, 6:45
PM, McAlister Square

President's Place

Thank you, Nancy McFarlane, for conducting the October meeting. Also, thanks to Terry Gentry for a wonderful demonstration of making shawl pins. Thank you for teaching us this technique so we can design and make our own pins. Congratulations to Clista LeGrand and Rosemary Butler - the lucky winners of shawl pins made by Terry!

A huge 'thank you' to Celeste Banet for organizing the Stash Bash and to Lenore Emerson and Kim Mahaffey for helping. I know those members who sold yarn and other items from their stash were pleased as well as the many people who came to buy. There certainly were bargains to be had. Looking forward to another Stash Bash in the spring!

Nancy Groff

November Program

Carole Murdoch will be doing a program on Shadow Knitting. You will get a pattern for a small square that can be used as a coaster or decoration. You need to bring a dark and a light yarn - or a bright and lighter dull color. There needs to be an obvious contrast. Both yarns should be smooth and the same weight and composition. ie, both wool or both cotton. Bring needles the size that the yarn calls for.

December Program: We will have a needle sampling. Everyone bring several different types of needles (size, material, etc) for others to try. Please put each set in a separate baggie with your name, the needle size and the brand or what it is made of if you know on the outside of the bag. We will pass the bags around and let people try out different needles. Also, if you want to try out needles, you should bring different weights of yarn to use with the different needle sizes. If you have a particular problem yarn—one that seems too slippery, or grabs the needles or splits, etc.—bring it and see if you can find a needle that works better than your own.

Nancy McFarlane

Welcome!

We were glad to have these visitors at our October meeting:

Dianne McGee
Carol Sharron



Good To Know

2011 Guild Officers

Marilyn Blackwell has been diligently working for weeks to fill the slate of Guild officers for next year. In spite of her best efforts, we still need a Guild President!

According to Nancy, that position involves running the monthly Guild meetings, holding any needed board meetings (this year they were held by e-mail), staying aware of what's going on and being the filter for ideas.

Surely one of our members can do that job! Unless someone steps us, how can the Guild continue? Please consider what you can do and call Marilyn before Monday night.



Another knitting pattern for a Cast Sock can be found at

<http://www.lionbrand.com/patterns/kwe-toeSock.html?noImages=>

Thanks to Deborah Douglas for scouting out both cast sock patterns.



WEBSITE INFORMATION

When you go to our Guild website, www.scknittingguild.com, the login is knitter and the password is 2010member (no spaces and no capital letters).



2010 SC Knitting Guild Officers

Your officers are:

President - Nancy Groff

Vice President/Programs - Nancy McFarlane

Vice President/Special Projects - Michele Kesler

Treasurer - Deborah Douglas

Newsletter - Carolyn Freshour

Library - Terry Gentry

Charity - Robin and Carole Paul

Hostesses - Carol Murdock, Teri Gabric, and Judy Frazier

A DIFFERENT CAST ON

You know how the long-tail cast-on has a wrong side and a right side? There are purl bumps on one side and smoother looking stitches on the other side. The problem is that most patterns are written so that row 1, the row you do immediately after you cast on, is the right side of your fabric, leaving the purl bumps on the right side, and row 2 is the wrong side, leaving the nicer looking stitches from your cast-on on the back of the work. There's a version of the long-tail cast-on that results in a ribbed cast-on. And it's easy once you get the hang of it.

With Eunny Jung's method you cast on two stitches using the regular long-tail technique, and then cast on two stitches using the long-tail technique done backward, starting with the yarn that's wrapped around the back of your pointer finger instead of the yarn that's wrapped about your thumb.

You can watch a video of this method at www.knittingdaily.com.



Luxury has its price. For knitters, that price can be as high as \$300 per ball. That's the cost of just 28.5grams of Vicuna, the most expensive—and considered the most luxurious—fiber on earth.

It's softer, lighter and warmer than anything else on earth and at 16 to 18 microns, it's the finest fiber that can be spun. To put it another way, a human hair is 8 times thicker than the light, delicate vicuna fiber. It would be a heresy to dye such a delicate fiber, so any vicuna yarn or fabric will bear the natural tan color of the animal.

So rare is this fleece that in ancient times only royalty were permitted to wear it. In the 1970s, vicuna was on the United Nations Endangered species list when its entire population had dwindled to about 5,000 animals. Today, thanks to magnificent conservation efforts in South America, that number has grown to over 160,000 vicunas in Peru alone.

Today, the small camelids that are related to alpaca live happily on the grasslands and plains in the high Andes in Chile, Peru, Bolivia and Argentina. But they don't like to be confined, and they run very quickly, so harvesting the wool is difficult.

As if the small numbers of the animals weren't enough to make the fiber expensive, each animal produces just one pound wool each year -- and it can take 25 to 30 animals to produce one gentlemen's overcoat. That overcoat, by the way, would cost about \$20,000. It will likely be handed down from generation to generation and grow softer as time goes by. This isn't a fleeting fad. It's an investment for years to come.

STRIPED CAST SOCK

Lion Brand® Lion® Cashmere Blend

1 BALL OF YARN

SIZE 8 NEEDLES

GAUGE: 26 stitches = 4 inches [10 cm] in pattern stitch.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

SOCK

With A, cast on 54 stitches. Leave a 12-inch tail at the beginning. This is used to sew up the sock.

Rows 1 *K3, p3 rep from * to end of row

Rows 2-8 rep row 1

Row 9-18 Change to B, rep row 1

Rows 19-20 Change to A, rep row 1

Rows 21-24 Change to B, rep row 1

Rows 25-28 Change to A, rep row 1

Rows 29-30 Change to B, rep row 1

Rows 31-36 rep row 1

Row 37 ** k2tog, k1, p2tog, p1 rep from ** to end of row -- 36 sts

Row 38 rep row 37 -- 18 sts

Finishing

The toe area is finished with a 3-needle bind-off. If you don't want to try this, simply bind off the end and sew together.

3-needle bind-off:

Slip 9 stitches one needle, leaving 9 on the working needle. With right sides together, hold in one hand two needles with equal number of stitches on each:

With third needle, knit together one stitch from each needle:

*knit together one stitch from each needle, pass first stitch worked over second to bind off, repeat form * across to last stitch.

Cut working yarn and pull through last stitch to secure. Tie off. Turn the sock so the right sides are out.

Thread the large-eyed blunt needle with tail of yarn left at the beginning of the sock. Sew up the sides. If you did not do the three-needle bind-off, you will need to sew the toe as well.

Thread the large-eyed blunt needle with the black elastic thread. Turn the sock inside out. Starting at the top of the sock, tie off the end of the elastic thread and weave the elastic through the top part of the sock so that it is lying on the inside surface (pull it reasonably tight). Continue in a spiral until you have elastic through the entire top band of the sock. The cast is rough and the elastic surface that you are making ensures that the sock does not creep off. Tie off the elastic and turn the sock right-side out.



Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

Last month we collected these items:

5 blanket/lap robes

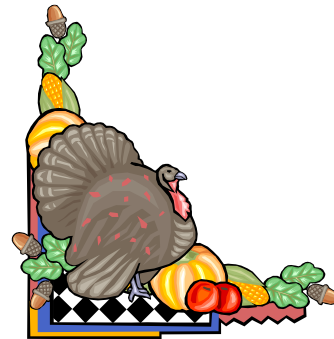
1 scarf

75 hats

Assorted toiletries

With cold weather coming, our clients' needs increase so please spend a little time to knit something for those less fortunate than we.

Thank you!
Carol and Robin



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
September Balance Forward			\$1,960.37
Knit Inn supplies		55.98	
October Ending Balance			\$1,904.39



Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?

Please contact Carolyn Freshour, 286-3978, usmgirl@gmail.com

Address or Email Changes?

Please contact Deborah Douglas

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Address Service Requested

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.SCKNITTINGGUILD.COM

NEWS EWES CAN USE!



If you have information you'd like to place in the December newsletter, please call or email it to me by November 24th.

Thanks!

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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.berroco.com has some great "how-to" videos on their website. On the home page of the website, in the upper right click on multimedia, then how-to videos to see the list of available topics.

Know of a great site?

Please share it!

Happy Thanksgiving

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!

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!

Thursdays 6-8 Greenville Knits at 4 different locations around Greenville each month. Check out the Greenville Knits! page on Ravelry for the locations.

Greer Knit-Spin-Weave-Crochet, every Tues. 6-8. Cafe Mundo in downtown Greer. Great food and good lighting. Contact Cindy Moore, bgcyclist@gmail.com, Tel 469-6550.