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Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, Oct. 12, 6:45 PM, McAlister Square
- Charity Knit Inn, Nov. 7, 10-3, St. Mary's downtown

President's Place

Thank you, Nancy McFarlane, for leading our program on Rip or Redo. We appreciate everyone who took part in the program by bringing your examples demonstrating sizing problems and design dilemmas. Participation in programs makes them more successful for all. Many thanks!

Please, turn in your tips for the SC Knitting Guild Tip Book at/before the November 9th meeting. Remember, it does not have to be an earth shattering tip. It simply has to be something that you have found helpful in your knitting process - actually knitting, storage, sewing up, dyeing, washing, etc. Anything goes! Be sure to include your name on the hint so we can contact you if necessary. **There is a great prize for one lucky participant!**

Thank you Lainy and Esther for chairing the decoration of the Christmas tree for the St. Francis Festival of Trees. Our theme this year is "children," so get those needles clicking and make something for a child.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge 'thank you' to all who have agreed to teach a class(es) at the February 5-7, 2010 KnitInn. Mark your calendars now and watch for information both on the website (www.scknittingguild.com) and in our November newsletter.



October Program

October will be a pattern swap. How many of us ever knit a pattern more than once? Now is the time to swap a pattern you have already used for one that you would like to use in the future. Do you have lots of infant books but no more infants to knit for? Bring those in and swap them for children's patterns. Please try and stick to current or timeless patterns. If everyone brings something that is still stylish and current but that you no longer need, then we will have a super swap. We all have ancient patterns we no longer want, but the chances are no one else will want them either. As with any swap you should only bring something that you would have been pleased to receive if you didn't already own it. Bring any original knitting pattern, leaflet or book (no printer copies or xeroxed copies please) and swap for something else. We will swap patterns for patterns, leaflets for leaflets and books for books. Remember this is a swap so you must bring something to participate.

November Program - Michele will be giving a program on I-cord and it's many uses. More details about home work to follow..

Pattern Swap

Nancy McFarlane



Welcome!

We are happy to welcome these new members:

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Guild Tip Book

Put on your thinking caps! We would like to 'publish' a Guild Tip Book. At the September meeting we gave out index cards. We will collect the cards with your favorite tips at the October and November Guild meetings. Include anything you have read, been shown, or come up with on your own that you think has made your knitting easier or better. Many people have an 'aha' moment while doing something others have taken for granted for years, so nothing is too basic or simple to include.

We are not going to include names with the tips because several people may give the same tip, but please sign your name on the card so we can contact you if we have any questions. Please be sure to use your own words so we do not violate copyright laws.

Everyone who submits a tip will have her name entered in a drawing for a nice prize.

Good To Know

At the September meeting, Nancy McFarlane mentioned a scarf/afghan that was on display at the Stitches convention. You can see it and get the pattern here:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/PATTsweetspot.php>

Our Knitting Guild now has 96 members!

FLAK knit along will meet before the meeting for any questions, etc. Any questions can also be emailed at any time to

SCKnittingguildflak@yahoogroups.com

Nancy McFarlane

Knitting Guild to Decorate Christmas Tree

This is the Guild's year to decorate a tree for the annual Festival of Trees at the Hyatt. We'll be knitting items for tree decorations that are suitable to be donated to children when the tree comes down.

You could knit mittens, hats, scarves, socks, toys—let your imagination play! For free patterns, go to www.Knittingpatterncentral.com. Click on free patterns, and look under the "Toys" category. You'll find quick to knit items like an airplane, a teddy bear, pebble baby, rainbow babies, a Hello Kitty lookalike, and a world cup soccer ball.

Click on "Baby" "Boys Clothing" or "Girls Clothing" for patterns for blankets, booties, mittens, hats, socks

Here are some patterns for small ornaments that a child would enjoy playing with.

SANTA HAT

With white, cast on 28 sts. Work in K1, Pa rib for 4 rows.

Change to red and work in Stockinette st for 2 rows.

Next (dec) row (RS): *K5, K2tog; rep from * to end—24 sts. Purl one row.

Next (dec) row: K4, k2tog; rep from * to end—20 sts. Purl one row.

Continue to dec in this manner, with one less st before the k2tog, every RS row until 8 sts remain. Purl one row.

Next row: *K2tog; rep from * to end—4 sts. Rep last 2 rows twice more. Cut yarn and pull through last stitch.

Finishing: Sew seam. With white, make a 1 inch pompom and attach to top. Attach 2 jingle bells below pompom. Cut 7 inch ribbon and fix to top of ornament for a loop.

HARD CANDY

Work in colors or stripes as desired.

With size 8 needles, cast on 12 sts and work in Stockinette st for 4". Bind off.

Finishing: Sew sides tog, forming tube. Stuff center of tube with scraps of yarn. Working approximately 1" from each end, wrap tube with yarn and knot tightly.

Cut 7" ribbon and thread both ends through top of ornament. Tie in a bow on RS to make a loop.





Knitting News

Knitting to keep from eating

A new study shows that learning to knit can help people recovering from anorexia to calm the anxious thoughts they have about food and give them a sense of accomplishment. Experts suggest knitting and other crafts could be helpful to prevent comfort eating and to break other bad habits as well.



Knitted Greetings

As leaders gathered for the G-20 summit in Pittsburgh, some saw a [knit welcome](#) created by local crafters. A group from the Knit One yarn shop in Squirrel Hill worked up a banner that includes the names of the 19 member nations plus the European Union that attended the conference. The banner hung throughout the week in the Allegheny County Airport, which some dignitaries used as they traveled to the meeting. The knitters say the banner represents the cultural and personal links between people.



Surgery can't stop her!

Not even surgery could keep a North Carolina woman from her pastime, which she turned into a recuperation recreation. She donated 50 knitted premie hats, booties and blanket sets to the Pediatrics Department at Duke University Hospital in Durham that were made while she was recovering from an operation.

Faced with several weeks of limited physical activity after surgery, Kenyon discovered not only a creative solution but also a charitable one. After knitting approximately 180 hours to complete the project, Kenyon said she discovered "the benefits of blending the joy of knitting with the gift of giving and receiving."



Too old to knit?

Olive Wheeler is about to turn 106, but that's only part of her story. The other part is folded neatly in a little basket near her favorite easy chair: a half-finished security blanket hand-stitched by fingers slowed just a little by arthritis.

Wheeler has likely knit a few hundred of these blankets over the years – each one a gift for a sick child at Children's Hospital of Orange County, CA. She still pulls her yarn and needles out of that little basket while she watches "Wheel of Fortune," or in the quiet of the night when she can't sleep.



Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

From the loomers this month, we collected:

71 kid's hats 10 adult hats
2 premie hats

From other knitters we collected:

11 hats 1 fetal demise pouch
1 shawl 2 children's blankets
2 washcloths

Thank you!
Carol and Robin



TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
August Balance Forward			4,397.88
FLAK payment to designer		200.00	
Expenses gifts, mbr payout		408.53	
September Ending Balance			3,789.35



Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?

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Address or Email Changes?

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WWW.SCKNITTINGGUILD.COM

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

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:

Deborah Douglas recommends these websites :
www.yarnstandards.com, which explains and defines skill levels, tells how to measure body parts and gives sizing and standard body measurements.

Knit Picks website,
www.community.knitpicks.com/page/printables1-1, has download-able tags to print. One is gift tags with care instruction, one to remind you to use reusable bags and one made for/made by.

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!

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!

