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*President's Place*

Please step up to the plate and volunteer to be an officer. The Guild cannot run without an active, dedicated board and we need you. Marilyn Blackwell is working very hard to fill all the spots on the board, so please help her out. We already have ideas for 3 programs next year so this will help the VP for Programs. Thank you.

Many thanks to Nancy McFarlane for leading our program in September. We all learned from the questions and discussions about yarn, its characteristics, and the possibilities for various projects to be knit with it. Thank you to all who participated in the program. It would not have been a success without you.

Nancy Groff



Upcoming Events:

- Guild Meeting, October 12, 6:45 PM, McAlister Square
- Oct. 16 Stssh Bash, 9-1, BiGranni's
- Oct. 16 Knit Inn, St. Mary's, 10-3
- SAFF Oct. 22-24, Fletcher, NC

*October Program*

Terry will demonstrate how to make beautiful shawl pins from small pieces of wire. She also has a surprise so be sure and be there.

*November Program*

Carole Murdoch will introduce us to Shadow Knitting. We will announce materials needed or any homework before the Nov. meeting.

Nancy McFarlane

Welcome!

We welcome these new members

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We were happy to have Nina Jordan visit our September meeting.



## Good To Know

### The Southeastern Animal Fiber Fair is Here

Friday, October 22nd - (9am - 6pm)  
 Saturday, October 23rd - (9am - 6pm)  
 Sunday, October 24th - (9am - 4pm)

SAFF is held at the Western NC Agriculture Center in Fletcher, NC, across Hwy 280 from the Asheville Regional Airport. (Exit 40 off I-26).

Admission will be \$3/person. Youth under 13 yrs. old are free.

There are competitions to watch as well as live animals to observe and demonstrations to attend. Of course, there is also a market with a variety of vendors - fleece, yarn, soaps, and crafts. Once again, this is a wonderful educational opportunity right in your back yard. Take advantage of this fun, family-friendly event. Check it out at [www.saffsite.org](http://www.saffsite.org).



### WHO DOESN'T LOVE A DISCOUNT?!

One of our members, Pat Lorenz of Bird Mountain Creations, is offering a 20% discount for members of the SC Knitting Guild on purchases at her booth 13B in the Sales Arena at SAFF.

Bird Mountain Creations is one of 45 vendors in the Sales Arena. Pat and Lou Lorenz handcraft one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces (including scarf pins) using gemstones, pearls, and other natural elements along with traditional silversmith techniques.

Be sure to mention your membership to receive your discount.



### WEBSITE INFORMATION

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



### LIBRARY NEWS

This month's program will be making shawl pins, so I will bring books and leaflets with shawl and wrap patterns. Remember to let me know if there are patterns you want me to bring to the meeting.

It is time to start thinking about holiday gifts - no need to buy patterns when we have lots to choose from.

Terry Gentry [tmgentry@charter.net](mailto:tmgentry@charter.net) 242-5641



### Knitting In The News

She could have sat and felt sorry for herself. Instead she continues to knit and crochet blankets for missionaries to distribute around the world. Why is that so remarkable? In August, Nancy lost most of her belongings, including her yarn and supplies, when the apartment complex where she lived burned.

Thanks to the generosity of many who heard of her loss, over 100 skeins of yarn were donated to her. Just one day after she moved into her new home, there she was in her recliner, crocheting a blanket. So far she's made about 700 blankets for children in seven countries because "The Lord gave me this job of crocheting blankets for babies and children," says Nancy.



You might do a double take if you went into Wonder Knit in Columbus, Ohio, when a certain knitting group is meeting—it's composed of men! Juan, who had the idea of starting the group, says he gets sideways glances and odd comments when he shops for supplies.

But consider that knitting used to be men's domain. Arab merchants are believed to have started the practice and helped spread it to Europe, while Brits of both genders were known to knit squares during World War II that soldiers fashioned into blankets and scarves.

Knitting among men is becoming popular with guy only groups popping up in cities like Los Angeles and Washington, DC. There are even knitting books aimed at guys.



### 2010 SC Knitting Guild Officers

2010 Guild 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

**Handy for Halloween Handouts:**

This super-cute Halloween bag is the perfect thing to collect treats in . It's very easy to knit up and decorate with your own Jack-o'-lantern face, then felt and cut a slit for the handles.

If you prefer a fall accessory that doesn't scream seasonal, knit the same bag without the stitching, or make it in stripes of orange and brown or your other favorite fall colors.

**Materials:**

- two skeins [Lion Wool](#) by Lion Brand in Pumpkin, or about 240 yards of your favorite medium weight wool
- a small amount of medium weight wool in black
- one set size 10.5 US circular needles, with a 16-inch cable
- scissors
- yarn needle
- supplies for felting

**Gauge**

15 stitches per 4 inches (3.75 stitches per inch) in Stockinette Stitch. Gauge is not critical.

**Size**

Felted bag is 11 inches wide and 11 inches tall.

**Instructions:**

1. Cast on 17 stitches.
2. Knit in Stockinette Stitch until piece measures 12 inches.
3. [Pick up and knit](#) one stitch for every other row on the long sides of the piece you just knit, and one stitch for every stitch on the short end.
4. Work in Stockinette Stitch in the round for 15 inches.
5. Bind off and weave in ends.

Using black yarn and [duplicate stitch](#), stitch a Jack-o'-lantern face on one side of the bag (or both if you like). Mine was done without a pattern and can be seen in more detail in the second picture above. Start your face about five inches down from the top of the bag if you want to cut slits for handles.

**1 Finishing the Halloween Bag:**

1. [Felt](#) by machine or [by hand](#) until piece is solid. In my machine it took 10 minutes.
  2. Shape the bag if necessary by putting a towel inside. Allow to dry.
- Make handles by cutting a slit a few inches wide one inch down from the top on both sides of the bag, or add purchased handles.

Sarah E. White



# Charity Corner

Carol & Robin Paul

Last month we collected these items:

- 8 Women's Hats plus 10 courtesy of Clista from Dorothy K.
- 63 Loomed Women's Hats Toiletries
- 1 Scarf 2 Shawls
- 14 Kid's Hats 1 Kid's Sweater
- 1 Pair Slippers 4 Lap robes
- 1 Market bag 3 kidstoy
- 1 Ronald McDonald Blankie

Thank you...of your kindness, remember that the holidays are coming, the needs of our area are ever increasing, and please set aside some time each week for charity projects, from hats for the wee littlest to lap robes and shawls for the Hospice patients...all are appreciated. And, for some socializing with your knitting, looming, crocheting or other crafting, please join us Saturday, October 16th at St. Mary's Church in downtown Greenville, W. Washington Street, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for charity knitting. Patterns and yarn will be available as well as help with projects. Please RSVP so we will be sure to have plenty of munchies on hand...Carol Paul at [coco-man@aol.com](mailto:coco-man@aol.com) or 864.282.0982 Thank You!

Thank you!  
Carol and Robin



## TREASURER'S REPORT

Item	Deposit	Debit	Balance
August Balance Forward			\$1,984.94
Dues from new members	20.00		
Copies and supplies		44.57	
September Ending Balance			\$1,960.37



*Ideas/ articles for the newsletter?*

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

*Address or Email Changes?*

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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 November 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:

[www.petitepurls.com](http://www.petitepurls.com) is a new website recommended by Terry Gentry.. It features specializes in baby and children's knitting patterns. We are looking for clothing for babies, toddlers and older children (girls, boys and unisex, in a nice variety of sizes (up to size 8 or 10), functional accessories (blankets, hats, mittens, socks, you name it!) and whimsical accessories (toys, other fun accessories). Our style is fresh, functional and fashion-forward. They accept submissions from individuals.

**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!

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