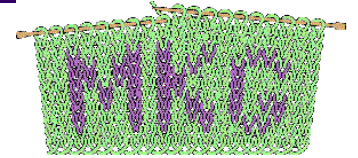


February 23, 2010

# Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



## Letter from Our President

Thank you to the outgoing officers! Angie, Hank and Laura did a wonderful job. And congratulations to the newly elected officers. See bios later in this newsletter. Thanks to Carol Watkins for this idea and the compilation. Thank you for allowing me to continue as president this year. We are a great group, and we'll have an exciting 2010.

As I was completing my bio I got to thinking about my knitting teacher. I learned to knit in 1963 from Mrs. Coble who owned the "Sit-N-Nit" shop in Richmond, IN. Last year I went searching for her. I found that a memorial fund was established in her name in 1995, to offer financial assistance to women studying to open a business in Wayne County (where Richmond is located). I sincerely regret that I had not contacted her before her death, to tell

her that she ignited a passion in me that is alive after 40-some years. Who taught you to knit? Have you told them what it means to you? Do it now!

Your officers met Feb. 16 for an organizational meeting. We'll cover some of these items at our February meeting. We'll be looking for members to participate in a number of activities this year. Our suggestions for 2010 goals include: Wildly successful Sally Melville workshops; increase visibility; grow membership; participation in various events such as fairs; improve our communications both internally and externally; establish liaisons to the LYS's and other groups such as the Spinning Guild; update our library. We'll talk about some of these at the February meeting.

The committee for the Sally Melville workshops has been established under the

leadership of Gail R. We'll have an update at the February meeting.

As always, please provide your ideas, suggestions or comments to [mkgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:mkgpresident@gmail.com). This is your group!

See you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Kathy

## Charity Endeavors

### Baby Blankets for Haiti

Here's a great way to give where it will be truly appreciated —



Christy Terhune has a friend who goes to Haiti twice a year to help run a clinic that's devoted to giving women a place to deliver their child (most do it without any medical assistance in their home

or on the streets!). Her friend is collecting any donations of baby blankets so she can take them to Haiti. Christy has a lot of flannel receiving blankets that she's going to send to her.

If there are any of our members in the Guild with older babies/toddlers or even grandchildren that may have blankets not in use, please think of donating these to this cause. And you can always knit a new one—even better. There was a great need before the earthquake, and that need has quadrupled now. Let's get involved in a big way.

### Crossroads Hospice Afghans

Crossroads Hospice has ask for more lap afghans. They have a large turnover of patients and a large need for afghans. If you could knit or crochet one and bring it to Hank of Yarn, I will be glad to take it to Bartlett.

Rita (continued on page 4)

## Our 2010 Officers

### President - Kathy Berkshire

Kathy lives in Mt Pleasant, MS though she's a Yankee at heart, having emigrated from Pittsburgh. Married to her high school sweetheart for over 36 years, she worked at IBM for almost as long. Hank persuaded her to help at Hank of Yarn in Southaven instead of retire where Kathy does things like bookkeeping, inventory, cleaning, cooking...wait, what is Hank doing? Oh yes, knitting and being the boss. Kathy also likes to cross-stitch and read and has been knitting for 46 years. Lace scarves and shawls are her passion, and her pride and joy was a Fair Isle sweater set she made for the 1965 4-H Fair, earning her a blue ribbon. After many wearings from family members, her brother had it repaired, cleaned, and gave it to her on her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### Vice President - Gail Ray

Gail is a native of Jackson, TN and now lives in Hernando. She is married and has two grown sons, who no longer receive her allegiance as that goes to Katlin, her 17-month old granddaughter. Her favorite activity (other than knitting, mind you) is reading recipes. I would say she is 'recipe obsessed' with 21 cookbooks, 3 recipe boxes, and an online recipe a day habit. She's been knitting since she was a teenager and knitted many things as a young mother. She is pleased as punch that her socks won 2<sup>nd</sup> place this past year at the Mid-South Fair after declaring often, "I will never knit socks." She loves knitting scarves, shawls, and wraps and finds it a relaxing hobby that keeps her entertained until her next Katlin visit.

### Secretary - Lisa Loftis

Lisa, originally from Bluff City, TN, lives in Cordova, TN with her partner, Maureen, who goes by the nickname, Jack. She spent 12 years working in corporate America and now, thankfully, works part-time at Kroger. This affords Lisa more time to indulge in her fiber arts passion, which has been brewing for six years now. She loves spinning, weaving, and fiber processing, in addition to knitting. Lisa's favorite finished piece is a colorful Noro stole. She is a process knitter and enjoys learning new and challenging techniques. Lisa loves lace knitting and makes many shawls and stoles with her talents.

### Treasurer - Christy Bixler Terhune

Christy, though born in Mississippi, has lived several places with her military family, primarily in Virginia before moving to Memphis in 2006. She has two precious boys: Samuel, 8 mos and Cole, 3. She also is a loving parent to her two spaniels, Izzie and Tony. Christy, who is a civil engineer by training, is enjoying staying home with the boys for now, but she makes time for Bible studies and nursery duty at her church. At the moment, she is desperately trying to wean herself off celebrity gossip TV. Christy is a ten-year knitting veteran. She loves socks, socks, and more socks, aran patterns, and all things textural. She has almost finished the Great

American Aran Afghan in cashmere, which she hopes will become a treasured family heirloom one day.



### Newsletter Editor - Ann Culpepper

Ann was born and raised in Wynne, Arkansas and currently lives in Cordova with her husband. She has two grown children and five grandchildren that she loves spending time with. She has been an Administrative Assistant for BDO Seidman Accounting in Memphis for 33 years and is steadily counting down the 'minutes' until retirement. Ann is accomplished at beading, needlepoint, and crochet, but her real love is knitting. Her sister taught her more than 45 years ago. She has many favorite knitted treasures, but the Elizabeth Zimmermann pi shawls and Ann's fair isle sweaters are her favorites. She loves knitting sweaters and felting bags, and her favorite style of knitting is lacework. Ann has enjoyed the camaraderie of the Guild and the opportunity to see what others have created.

### Charity Coordinator - Rita Watts

Rita lives in Southaven and is a widow with one grown daughter though she has had many children from the Memphis City School System where she was a teacher for 33 years. Rita has only been knitting about 18 months, but she was taught by the most excellent of teachers, our President, Kathy Berkshire. She was quite pleased this past year when the sweater she had knit for her sister won 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Mid-South Fair. Rita is enjoying retirement immensely, however, knitting the hours away at Hank of Yarn. She feels knitting exercises her brain and her favorite projects to knit are scarves and bags. When she's not knitting, Rita likes reading and talking on the phone, but I'll bet her phone conversations are about knitting.

### Librarian - Terrie Larson

Terrie Larson lives in Bartlett but was originally from Crystal Lake, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She is married with three grown children and is caregiver for her mother who lives with them. Terrie likes all things crafty, including crochet, needlepoint, painting, cross-stitch, pottery, drawing, sewing, and floral design. Now we know where to go for some great programs! Though she has only been knitting three years, she has knit 40 pairs of socks, her favorite knitted product. She also loves cables and anything textural in nature. Terrie is a Ravelry wizard, of sorts and loves searching its catacombs for patterns, stashes, and things to buy. She's very proud of her first sweater, Apple Tree Sweater, which is published on her Ravelry page under knitterrie.

Carol Watkins

## High Tea at Carol Watkins' House



Carol Watkins was so gracious in hosting a "High Tea" holiday party at her

home for the Guild on January 17th. As you can see from the pictures below, a fabulous time was had by all!

Carol served us every flavor of English teas known to man, and saying that there was a smorgasbord of delicacies for us to munch on is an understatement.

We had everything from traditional English cucumber sandwiches to carrot cake to popcorn salad. Truly divine.

In addition to our refreshments and a little bit of knitting time, we had a gift exchange, and we tried something a little different this year. Everyone brought in a \$10 gift certificate that each member received by a number drawing. There were certificates from Hank of Yarn to Sonic to Starbucks.

One wonderful surprise to us all was when Carol brought out a huge bag of her knitting goodies (due to her clearing out her supplies closet) that included patterns, large amounts of yarn, knitting bags, kits, etc. There was another drawing for these items, and everyone left a winner. Great party, Carol!



*Doing what we love!*

## Ravelry.com Personal Library

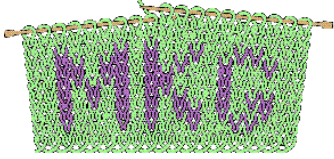
Some of our members who frequent Ravelry.com mentioned that, among so many wonderful resources and features, that we love so much, they keep up with all of their knitting books, booklets, magazines, patterns, etc. in the Library section of Ravelry.com.

Just click on "My Notebook" and scroll down to "Library." There is a search feature for an assortment of books - just click on the one you want and enter. If you don't see it there, click the "add book" button. Also, you can download pdf copies of your favorite patterns.

Let's get organized!!

*A #6 aluminum needle has been known to furnish an excellent emergency shearpin for an outboard motor.*

*~Elizabeth Zimmerman*



We're on the Web!

[www.memphisknittingguild.org](http://www.memphisknittingguild.org)

Our knitting program this month on February 23 will be a demonstration by Angie Rhodes in reading Japanese patterns and charts. She will have handouts for us – sounds interesting! We won't have to bring anything special for the demonstration.

## Purpose

The Memphis Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills.

The Memphis Knitting Guild is a Member of TKGA.

Please join us for our regular meetings the 4th Tuesday at the Poplar-White Station Library, 5094 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38117. Meetings begin with a meet and greet at 6:00 pm.

## Future Meetings

February 23

August 24

March 23

September 28

April 27

October 26

May 25

November 23

June 22

December 28

July—TBD

## Charity (continued from P.1)

### 9 x 9 Squares for Haiti

We have an opportunity to help Haiti. We have a plea for 9 x 9 squares. The squares will be joined together to make afghans for the people of Haiti. Please consider using any remnants that you might have left over from holiday gift making. The square size preferred is: 9 x 9 in any yarn type that is washable. You may bring your square(s) to Hank of Yarn—the shop is a designated drop-off point for this area. I thank you in advance. We will be mailing these squares to: Knitter Kove  
1817 N Union Blvd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

There is now a Ravelry group Hugs for Haiti.

Rita

## Save the Date

Saturday, October 9, 2010

### Sally Melville Workshop

Final details are still in the works, but this workshop will be fantastic and we will definitely learn a lot from a real pro – don't miss it! You can check out Sally and see some of her creations at [www.sallymelvilleknits.com](http://www.sallymelvilleknits.com).

If anyone would like to join the committee you can give Gail Ray a call (901-299-1652) or send her a note by email at ([gf.ray@hotmail.com](mailto:gf.ray@hotmail.com)).

## 2010 Events

Listed below are some events the Memphis Knitting Guild is interested in participating in throughout our new year. If you think you might be interested in organizing and coordinating any of these events, please contact [mkgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:mkgpresident@gmail.com). We need your help -lots of knitting experience is **not** a prerequisite! In addition, if you can think of any other events that you think would be fun for us, please let us know.

Stitch N Pitch (May)

Knit in Public Day (June)

Delta Fair (Fall)

Mid-South Fair (Fall)

# Patterns

Some of you have been asking about the “Knitted Helmet Liner” pattern. We’ve included the link below to access it. This pattern for helmet liners, also known as “wool pulleys” for soldiers was provided by Linda Swinford of Auburn, Illinois. It’s her way to “knit your bit for the troops.”

<http://knitting.about.com/od/hatpatterns/a/helmetliner.html>



Here’s another favorite—“**Fetching**.”

These fingerless gloves come pretty close to instant knitting gratification: buy your yarn on Friday after work, and by Sunday evening you can have a new pair of stylish handwarmers to enhance your Monday commute.

The cables hold the gloves nicely at your wrist and across your knuckles, and are excellent for keeping you warm yet unhindered while knitting, typing, or enjoying a coffee at an outdoor café. If you have never tried knitting cables before, this would be an excellent project to start with. The cable pattern is simple, and if you make a mistake and end up having to rip out some rows, it shouldn’t take you long to catch up.

You can access this pattern at <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/fetching>.



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## Carolyn Wellman

As you may know, one of our members, Carolyn Wellman, has been hospitalized since the end of January with pneumonia. She has been transferred to St. Francis on Park Avenue, and her room number is 1202. Let’s all let her know that we are thinking of her and send her our wishes for a speedy recovery. Get well soon, Carolyn!

*The only place where  
housework comes  
before needlework is  
in the dictionary.*

*~ Mary Kurtz*

## Become a fan!!

Join the Memphis Knitting Guild groups on Ravelry and Facebook.

To join the group on Ravelry:

Go to [www.ravelry.com](http://www.ravelry.com)

Click on “Groups” at top.

Type in “Memphis Knitting Guild” in search field.

Click on the “Memphis Knitting Guild” link.

Click “Join Group”.

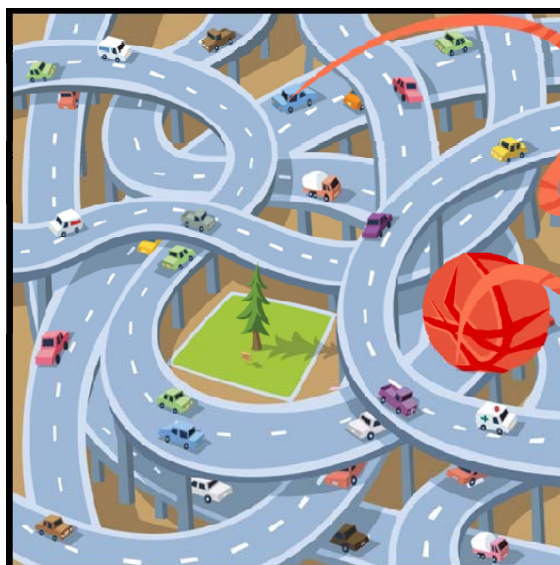
To join the group on Facebook:

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Type in “Memphis Knitting Group” in search field.

Click on the “Memphis Knitting Guild” link.

Click “Join”.



**“Stop! Emergency! My yarn!”**

# 2010 Summary Memphis Knitting Guild Library

We have two new books in our library already in 2010:

“It Itches “*by Franklin Habit*- a hilarious collection of cartoons, knitting related.

“Knit Together” *by Debbie Macomber*- a novel.

A special thank you to Sarah H. for the donations.

Do you have back issues of popular knitting magazines you are no longer using? Please think about donating them to the guild library for all your fellow knitting friends’ use.

Just a reminder : I always have the swift and winder available before meetings for your use. If you have yarn purchases that need winding, this is your opportunity to make a “cake” of your yarn. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource provided by your guild.

We want to give a special “thank you” to our membership for your generous donations. The Guild’s media resources are available to members to check out for a one-month period. The library is at the monthly meetings.

Do you have any suggestions on content you would like added to the Guild library? Please forward your requests to: [mkgpresident@gmail.com](mailto:mkgpresident@gmail.com).

Terrie

## Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings

### Videos (VHS):

Knitted Trims – For Woven, Pieced, Felted, Crocheted, and Knitted Projects *by Ginger Luters*

Knitting Workshop *by Elizabeth Zimmerman*:

- Part 1 – Beginnings, A Hat
- Part 2 – Two Sweaters
- Part 3 – Master Classes

Hand Knitted Lace *by Nancie Wiseman*

Knitty Gritty TV Shows (with printed materials):

- Video 1 – Episodes 101-211
- Video 2 – Episodes 212-213

### DVDs:

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Free Form Knitting *by Colleen Davis*

Knitty Gritty TV Shows:

Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213

### Books:

At Knit’s End *by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

Big Needle Knit Afghans *by Jeanne Stauffer*

Domino Knitting *by Vivian Hoxbro*

Hand Knits for the Home *by Caroline Birkett*

Heirloom Knits *by Judith McLeod-Odell*

“It Itches” *by Franklin Habit*- a hilarious collection of cartoons, knitting related

Knitting Circles Around Socks *by Antje Gillingham*

Knitting the New Classics *by Kristin Nickolas*

“Knit Together” *by Debbie Macomber*- a novel

Knit Two *by Kate Jacobs*

Knitting Beyond the Edge *by Nicky Epstein*

Knitting Without Tears *by Elizabeth Zimmerman*

Never Knit Your Man a Sweater Unless You’ve got the Ring *by Judith Durant*

Nursery Rhyme Knits *by Teresa Boyer*

Quick Knits *by Vogue Knitting*

The Friday Night Knitting Club *by Kate Jacobs* (this is the Guild’s 2nd copy)

Things I Learned from Knitting Whether I Wanted to or Not *by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee*

**Booklets & Handouts** (free to members):

Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)

Tricks of the Trade *by Carol Anderson*

Duplicate Stitch Handouts

2005 Newsletters

**Magazines:**

Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Samples Notebook



***Chants for Children on Learning to Knit***

*In through the front door,  
Once around the back.  
Peek through the window  
And off jumps Jack! (knit stitch)*

*Up through the hole,  
Around the tree,  
See you right back! (casting-on)*

