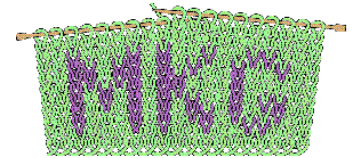


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter From Our President

The calendar shows Spring has arrived. It does not feel like Spring in Maryland! Yet the trees are budding and buttercups are out. Here I can still knit with wool and not have a hot flash!

We had a great March meeting and our "Granny Spiral" program brought out four new ladies who joined our Guild. The Memphis

Knitting Guild's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interests in knitting and learning new skills. I think we accomplished that. Thanks Cindi for your program.

This month will be fun as always, because we get to "Show & Tell" our projects that we have finished or are working on. It is a way we

can come away with new ideas for a new project.

See you Tuesday and keep clicking those needles!

Gail

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MKG Officers

- President - Gail Ray
- Vice President—Elissa Hargraves
- Treasurer - Jessica Walls
- Newsletter Editor - Ann Culpepper
- Charity Coordinator - Donnita Humphrey
- Librarian - Elise George

Charity Endeavors

Thanks to everyone who gave yarn to Sandy (the Crossroads volunteer). Crossroads needs lap throws, hats, and footies. Also, Sandy said the veterans would really enjoy red, white and blue items. I'm sure your items will be cherished by someone for many years.

Maybe think of using your yarn stash to donate to Crossroads too.

I am looking forward to collecting items for other facilities too.

We will also be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House as well. Also, Wings Cancer Foundation will be added for charity items.

Donnita



Free Pattern

Charity Slippers—Elissa Hargraves April 20, 2011

Yarn: Worsted Weight Gauge: 4.5 sts per inch in garter st Needle: @ size 7

Finished Dimensions: Small Medium Large Extra Large

Diameter 8" 8" 8 ½" 8 ½"

Length 9" 10" 11" 12"

Note: Changes for medium, large, and extra large are in parentheses

Cast on Leaving a 12" tail cast on 47 (47, 51, 51) stitches

Heel

Row 1: [RS] K4, P1, YO, K2 tog, [place marker if desired] K33 (33, 37, 37), [place marker if desired] K2 tog, YO, P1, K4

Row 2: [WS] Knit all stitches

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 4 ½ (4 ½, 5, 5) inches ending after a wrong side row.

Note: The purl stitches create a fold line for the cuff. The wrong side of heel folds to outside for the cuff. The YO's create an eyelet under the cuff to thread an I cord tie through.

Decrease rows: Bind off 4 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows removing markers if used. Stitches decreased to 39 (39, 43, 43).

Foot An odd number of sts is used to create a symmetrical ditch for the top seam

Row 1: [RS] Beginning and ending with a knit st, Work K1, P1 ribbing.

Row 2: [WS] Beginning and ending with a purl st, Work K1, P1 ribbing.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 4 (5, 5 ½, 6 ½) inches ending after a WS row.

Toe *Note: the right side of toe is in stockinet stitch.*

Row 1: [RS] K1, then K2 tog to end of row. Stitches decreased to 20 (20, 22, 22).

Row 2: [WS] Purl

Row 3: K2 tog across. Stitches decreased to 10 (10, 11, 11)

Row 4: Purl

Finishing

Cut yarn leaving a 12" tail. Using a yarn needle thread tail through remaining stitches removing them from needle. Pull stitches into a tight circle. Sew mattress seam up top of foot.

Using cast on tail sew heel seam. Make a 3 stitch I cord 18" long. Weave through eyelets at top of cuff.



Member Spotlight

Each month, we want to spotlight our new members by including a little bio and a photo of each. (Some of the answers may surprise you!) This is just a small way for us to get to know each other a little better. Of course, if you would prefer not to participate in the spotlight section, that's ok.

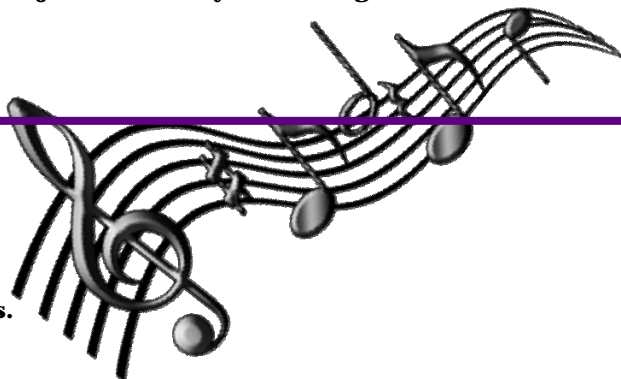
Rebecca

How long have you been knitting? **Two months.**

What do you love about knitting? **The feel of the yarn and the colors.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Playing the piano, art and making cakes.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I just had a baby 8 weeks ago and have two other children.**



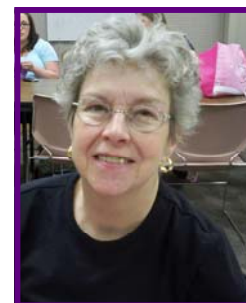
Nancy

How long have you been knitting? **Two years.**

What do you love about knitting? **Relaxing.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Painting.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I love to play duets on the piano.**



Pam

How long have you been knitting? **Two months.**

What do you love about knitting? **Relaxing.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Quilting and gardening.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I used to be a baton twirler.**





2011 Officers and Policies and Procedures of MKG

Purpose: The Memphis Knitting Guild's ("MKG") purpose is to provide education and communication to advance the quality of workmanship and creativity in knitting endeavors. MKG's goal is to provide knitters of all skill levels a forum for sharing their mutual interest in knitting and learning new skills. MKG is affiliated with The Knitting Guild Association ("TKGA").

Dues: Annual dues are \$12 for the calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

Management: MKG is managed by officers. Offices consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Coordinator, Library Coordinator, and Charity Coordinator.

Officer Duties:

President: The President will preside over all meetings of the membership, and will be an ex officio member of any committees established by the Guild.

Vice President: The Vice President coordinates programs for each meeting and presides over meetings not attended by the President.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for maintaining membership lists, external communications, and documentation of internal meeting notes and business items. Is responsible for sending monthly report of meeting to Newsletter Coordinator for monthly newsletter.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will receive and disburse all monies, and present a financial statement at each meeting, as well as a report of membership numbers.

Newsletter Coordinator: The Newsletter Coordinator is responsible for completing a monthly newsletter and publishing it on external communications channels.

Library Coordinator: The Library Coordinator will maintain MKG's collection of media.

Charity Coordinator: The Charity Coordinator will coordinate charity projects for the MKG and is responsible to collect and deliver the projects to the appointed charity of the month(s).

Financial: Officers will have the discretion of spending up to \$75 for MKG business without membership approval. Expenditures over \$75 require approval by the majority of meeting attendees if timing permits; otherwise by approval of the majority of the officers. The following officers will have the authority to sign checks: Treasurer, President, and Immediate Past President.

Election Process: A nominating committee will be established for the purpose of nominating officers. The nominating committee should be prepared to present its proposed slate of officers by the meeting prior to the meeting where the election will take place.

VP Report and March Meeting Highlights

Present for our meeting were 15 members and five guests, three of whom joined the Guild. Gail discussed various community events that the Guild may be interested in being a part of. We decided that we would not participate in the Stitch & Pitch this year. However, if you wish, you may contact Susan C. and participate with the Embroidery Guild. We will, however, participate in both the Delta and Mid-South Fairs.

The Worldwide Knit in Public Day (WWKIP) will be observed on Saturday, June 11, 2011. We will try to corner the region with knitters at Benjamin Hooks Library, Wolfchase Mall, Collierville Town Square, and a southwestern location TBD.

I asked for any program requests and Vicki E. suggested stash management. Elise, our Librarian, advised that the extensive list of library contents in the March newsletter would be placed on our webpage (www.memphisknittingguild.org) and only new items would be routinely listed in the newsletter.

Donnita H., our Charity Coordinator, introduced Sandy Wilson of Crossroads Hospice to the group. Crossroads would really appreciate knitted or crocheted hats, slippers, and lapghans or shoulder stoles. They have a significant number of veterans and would really appreciate anything with patriotic colors. Marcia M. donated an assortment of yarn for door prizes and several recipients passed the yarn on to Sandy Wilson to share with her established knitters.

March was National Crochet Month and Cindi L. presented a program on spiral granny crochet. It is a great stash buster!

Our April program will be Show & Tell. We haven't had one since fall so you should have plenty to share. Hopefully, there will be a couple of charity items to turn in.

Elissa

Nuttin' But Knittin'

One of our new members, Rebecca Holland, joined the Guild in last month's meeting. She's a new knitter and came as a guest of Katherine Wiggins. She has an interesting story of how she met Katherine. They both were at Michael's looking over all the yarn and started talking about knitting. Katherine introduced herself and told Rebecca about the Guild . . . and the rest is history!



This just goes to show you, when knitting and yarn is involved, it is so easy to make new friends. We all love our craft and enjoy talking about it—even to total strangers! It really is the common thread in us. So the next time you're drooling over your favorite yarn or knitting out in public, meet and greet! Knitting in restaurants has proven to always bring interested spectators over. We can all hand out our "Knitvitation" cards out getting new people to visit our Guild meetings. If you don't have any cards, just ask Gail or Elissa in our next meeting.

Knitting on TV

Deadwood - TV show, HBO (Timothy Olyphant, Ian McShane) The "Widow Garret" and her foster daughter are knitting in one scene when Ellsworth comes to fetch her.

Desperate Housewives (ABC Series) Episode: MIL of Eva Longoria's character knits madly as she suspects her DIL of dabbling in an affair while they are chatting. Eva's character looks frightened by MIL's frenzied knitting needles going back and forth.

The Dick Van Dyke Show (Dick Van Dyke, Mary Tyler Moore, Rose Marie, Morey Amsterdam, Richard Deacon) Episode: In "It Wouldn't Hurt Them to Give Us a Raise" Episode #105. Sally is seen knitting in the office. A few scenes later Rob (Dick Van Dyke) is so frustrated he tries to pick up the knitting needles and tries to knit.

Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman Knitting baby stuff.

Dragon Hunters (TV-series for kids, cartoon) Lian Shu, one of the dragon hunters knits socks in his free time and also talks about it once in awhile.

Eureka (TV-series on SciFi) The character Eugenia was knitting something green on two needles.

Friends (Monica knits and teaches Joey)

Frontier House (Kristen Brooks knits with double pointed needles) Thanks, Karen!

Futurama In various episodes of "Futurama," Bender, Zoidberg, and Mom knit.

Gilmore Girls TV series season 7 Episode 9: Knit, People, Knit!; (my absolute fave show) The whole town has a knitathon to raise money to repair some old bridge. Lorelai was wearing a shirt that said 'KNIT OR GO HOME!' If you've ever watched the show, the town is always doing some kind of crazy festival or fund raiser. Kristin G.(Memphis)

Golden Girls (Sophia crocheting and knitting)

Grey's Anatomy (main character, Meredith Grey) Going through major crisis in life, not dating anymore, always knitting on show in free time.

Grey's Anatomy (Ellen Pompeo (Meredith Grey), Katherine Heigl (Isobel "Izzie" Stevens) Both Meredith and Izzie are knitting sweaters in several scenes, including Meredith knitting (using the continental method with her left hand while knitting right handed) in a bar.

(. . .To be continued next month)



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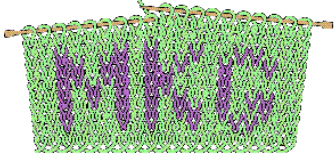
I have ordered three new items for our Library.

- 2009 Interweave Knits CD Collection
- Knitted Lace of Estonia with DVD
- The Knitters Companion DVD

We hope to increase usage of this resource this year. I will have most of the library at each meeting. Please look over the selections and pick one to check out and read over the month.

Elise

Purpose



We're on the Web!

www.memphisknittingguild.org

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.

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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.

April Program

Our entire meeting will cover Show-and-Tell, so bring all of your creations!! Also, we will take pictures and put them in our newsletter. We will hand out slips of paper for you to indicate the pattern used and also the yarn., etc.

Future Meetings

April 26

May 24

June 28

July 24 (potluck)

August 23

September 27

October 25

November 14
(Monday night)

December 11 (Winter
Tea at Elissa's
house)

While we're thinking about yarn . . . don't forget that you can wind all of your yarn at the Guild Meeting—just come a little early to get that done before the meeting starts.

