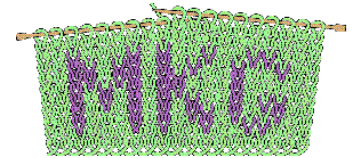


Purl's of Wisdom

a newsletter of the Memphis Knitting Guild



Letter from Our President

July fun! Last year's summer auction was great. And Lisa was wonderful about hosting it, and doing so again this year. We'll have a great time! What a fun way to resolve that question: "Why did I buy that?" and to get new stuff!

We'll do Show and Tell at the picnic, but won't have any other formal business.

Thanks to Gail for leading the June meeting on Bobbles – a great way to add interest to your knitted items.

Have you decided what you will enter at the fairs this year? Let's have a good

showing of our craft.

We have a group on Facebook: Memphis Knitting Guild. Please join!

If you have not signed up for the Sally Melville workshop, you had better do soon. We are about to need to start a waiting list.

See you Sunday, July 25th at Lisa's!

Kathy

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VP Report

Ladies, get your reservations in for the Sally Melville workshop ladies, 12 weeks till Sally will be here! Don't miss this exciting workshop.

Don't forget our picnic on July 25th at Lisa's house. And the auction!

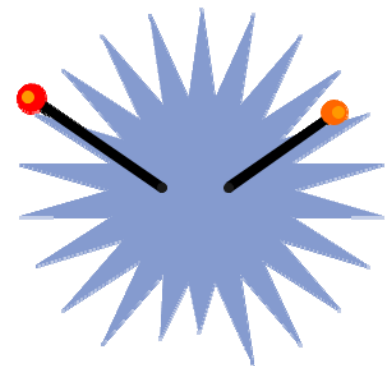
We are always looking for ideas for programs. Give me or Kathy a call.

We would like to send our love and condolences to Carol Wat-

kins in the lost of her sister.

Thanks

Gail



July Swap/Auction at MKG Picnic

We have a great opportunity for you to clear out some stash and bid for new items while enjoying a fun time. The MKG picnic is coming up on July 25th, 2010 at 1:00 Pm at Lisa's house.

We are going to have an Auction/Swap there. If you have items you would like us to auction, please bring a maximum of 5 lots (a lot would be for example enough yarn for a project). A few suggestions of items to sell might be: yarn, needles, books, magazines, patterns, accessories, bags, etc. It should be knitting or cro-

chet related of course. Try to bring current items that your fellow knitters may be interested in purchasing. To encourage bidding we ask that you set your item minimum at a reasonable price. Just like on Ebay you get more bids if you start at a lower price which generates interest and hopefully a bidding war.

Prepare before you arrive- items in separate baggies (a lot should be bagged together) labeled with description and beginning auction bid (the minimum you are willing to sell it for). The descrip-

tion should include the fiber content, yardage, brand, and other pertinent information. You can just mark this on the baggie with a permanent marker or insert a card in the bag.

When you arrive - bring your items to the auction clerk who will give you an assigned auction paddle to bid with and will mark the baggie with your assigned owner number. The item will then be placed on the auction table for all to peruse prior to the bidding. Hank is going to be our auctioneer again this year, she's clearly an expert! Hope everyone finds

treasures to bid on.

After auction - a tally will be prepared of what you have coming to you from sales of your items and what you have purchased at the auction. This will be settled up with payment either to you or from you depending on your balance. This is when you will receive your newly purchased treasures. This can be fun for all! A wonderful way to find a treasure at a great price and/or move some stash items you changed your plans for.

See you at the picnic!

Charity Endeavors

Squares were sent for blankets for the Haitian people.

Squares for blankets, scarves, hats, and baby powder were sent to South Dakota for the Native Americans.

Care bags were given to First Works in Memphis.

A shawl, neck warmer, and 2 blankets were given to House of Grace for abused women.

Yarn and needles have been given to a local church.

We have given hats to St. Jude families.

Preemie hats have gone to Baptist DeSota.

Squares and washcloths were given to Family Vet in Bartlett for animals that have been surrendered because of the economy (see photo with Amy's here).

If you have any new ideas for charity endeavors, just let us know.

Thank you in advance,

Rita



Squares being sent to the Dakota Native Americans

Member Spotlight

Each month, we want to spotlight a few of our 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.

Barbara Stine

How long have you been knitting? **My mother taught me how to knit when I was in the 2nd grade. Knitted off and on thru the years, resumed it again about 10 years ago.**

What do you love about knitting? **Creating, being "in the knitting zone," being with other friends who like to knit, picking out yarn for projects, going to yarn shops with friends! And I like to see what other people are knitting, it inspires me.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **My 3 dogs and 3 cats, my son, my friends, going to movies, knitting with friends, eating out, shopping for jewelry, purses, and YARN!**



Katheryn Van Cleef

How long have you been knitting? **47 years**

What do you love about knitting? **You are making something useful.**

Any other hobbies or passions? **Soccer—World Cup begins June 11!**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I love watching soccer!**



Carrie Blackwell

How long have you been knitting? **1-1/2 years**

What do you love about knitting? **I love creating new things and the freedom to make anything. I also love that my grandmother knitted and passed it down.**



Any other hobbies or passions? **I love growing herbs and vegetables, as well as baking and cooking.**

You may be surprised to know this about me . . . **I just graduated with my master's degree in elementary education. I have a bachelor's degree in French and have never been to France.**



Nuttin' But Knittin'

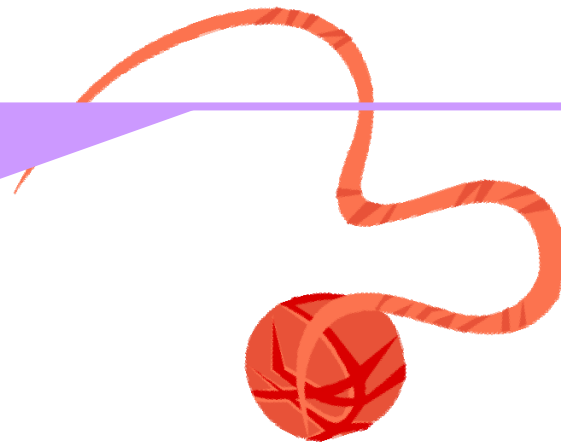
Not much money these days for buying yarn and patterns? No need to worry—here are a few ideas to keep you knitting—

If you have a knitted item around the house that's not being worn or used anymore, how about unraveling it and using the yarn for an incredible new item?! You can also dye it and get a brand new look. Just unravel and wind in a hank. Then lightly hand-wash and hang to dry on a clothes hanger.

You can also purchase knitted items in resale shops very inexpensively—\$2 to \$3. Some items are easier to unravel at the seams than others—watch for that.

If you have an abundant stash of yarn, you can make a fun multi-color, multi-weight patch afghan. You can mix two strands of different colors and weights for a really fun look!

Do you have a kazillion plastic grocery bags, Wal-Mart sacks, etc.? You can cut those into 2-inch strips and knit or crochet those into a really cool market bag or swim bag. You can alternate colors for a great look—and you wouldn't believe how strong the finished product is!



Knitting is relaxing and it has no age boundaries and no language barriers. Anybody can learn to do it."

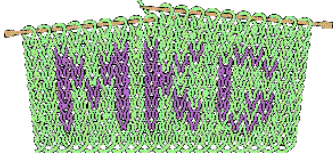
~ Kathy Zimmerman

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.



We're on the Web!

www.memphisknittingguild.org

July Program

Our July meeting will be at Lisa's house on Sunday, July 25. We will be having a pot luck lunch and will again be having our knitting auction (was so much fun last year!)

Future Meetings

July 25

October 26

August 24

November 23

September 28

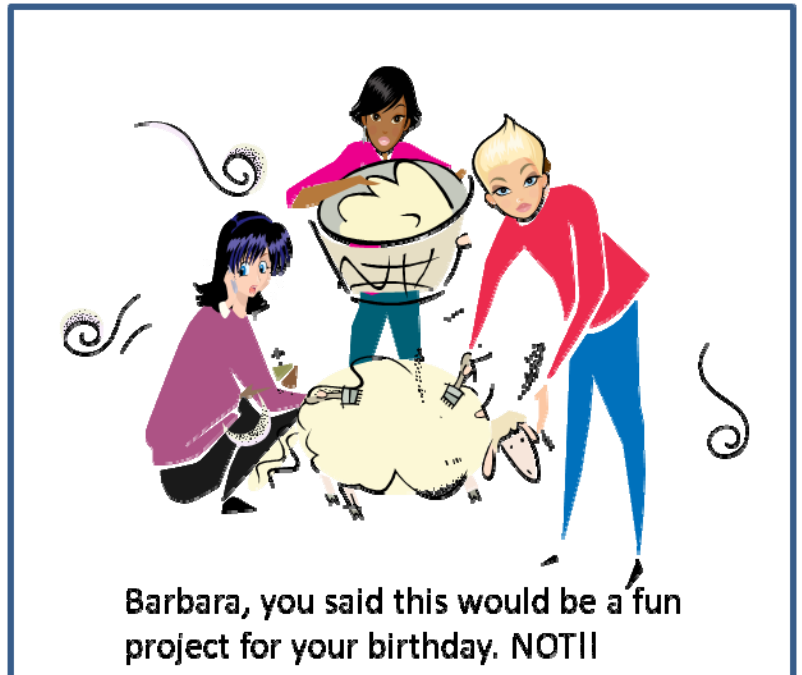
December 28

2010 Events

As was mentioned in our last MKG meeting, 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. 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.

Delta Fair (Fall)

Mid-South Fair (Fall)



Barbara, you said this would be a fun project for your birthday. NOT!!

2010 Memphis Knitting Guild Library

We have two new books added to our library that we acquired at our last meeting—Christmas Stockings and Stitch by Stitch.

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

Terrie

Memphis Knitting Guild Library Holdings as of 7-19-10

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

Free Form Knitting by Colleen Davis

Knitty Gritty TV Shows - Episodes 101-106,107-112,113,201-206,207-211,212-213

Learn to Knit by Knit This

Books

At Knit's End by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Big Needle Knit Afghans by Jeanne Stauffer

Book 1: The Knit Stitch by Sally Melville

Book 2: The Purl Stitch by Sally Melville

Book 3: Color by Sally Melville

Christmas Stockings by

Domino Knitting by Vivian Hoxbro

Drunk, Divorced and Covered in Cat Hair by Crazy Aunt Purl -Laurie Perry

Hand Knits for the Home By Caroline Birkett

Handknit Style II by Linden Ward and Beryl Hiatt

Heirloom Knits by Judith McLeod-Odell

Home Knits by Suss Cousin

It Itches by Franklin Habit

Knit Together by Debbie Macomber

Knit Two (a sequel to The Friday Night Knitting Club)by Kate Jacobs

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Knitting Beyond the Edge by Nicky Epstein

Knitting Circles around Socks by Antje Gillingham

Knitting the New Classics by Kristin Nickolas

Knitting Tips & Trade Secrets by The Taunton Press

Knitting Without Tears by Elizabeth Zimmerman

Knitwear Design Workshop by Shirley Paden

Mother Daughter Knits by Sally Melville

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

Stitch by Stitch
Styles by Sally Melville
The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs
The Friday Night Knitting Club by Kate Jacobs (this is the guilds 2nd copy)
The Yarn Girls' Guide to Knits for all Seasons by Julie Carles and Jordana Jacobs
Things I Learned from Knitting Weather I Wanted to or Not by Stephanie Pearl-McPhee

Booklets & Handouts (free to members)

2005 Newsletters
Caps and Scarf Patterns Handout (for Love Knitting)
Duplicate Stitch Handouts
Tricks of the Trade by Carol Anderson

Magazines

Cast On magazine May/June 2010
Workbasket select issues from 1964 to 1970

Knitting in the Movies

Calendar Girls - (Helen Mirren, Julie Walters, Jay Leno)
The Cannibal Women of the Avocado Jungle of Death (we kid you not!)
Captain Corelli's Mandolin (Nicholas Cage)
Carrington (men knitting)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Johnny Depp) Grandma Georgina crochets and there is a granny square afghan with the grandparents on the bed.
Chicago (Catherine Zeta Jones, Renee Zellweger)
Renee Zellweger (Roxie Hart) knits during her murder trial.
Chicken Run (2000, animated much like Wallace and Gromit)
Christmas Vacation
Cinema Paradiso The main characters mother is knitting while on the phone and or talking about her son to a friend. Her knitting style is not usually common.
City Lights (1931, Charlie Chaplin, skein winding)
Cousins (Ted Danson)
Dan in Real Life (Steve Carrell, Juliette Binoche, Dianne Weist) - One of Dan's daughters mentions that she doesn't want to go on an outing because her grandmother is going to teach her to knit.
Dancing at Lughnasa (1998, Meryl Streep, sock knitting)
Daughters of Darkness (1971 vampire flick, aka "La Rouge aux levres")
Dead End
The Deer Hunter (Meryl Streep, Robert DeNiro, Christopher Walken) Meryl's character knits a sweater for Walken's character.
Delicatessen A woman fashions a device so she can knit and unravel at the same time to assuage her boredom.
Demolition Man (1993, Sylvester Stallone knits!)
Diabolique (Simone Signoret)
Don't Say A Word (2001, Michael Douglas)
Alex & Emma starring Luke Wilson and Kate Hudson - Kate's character "Emma" knits on circulars.
Dragnet Girl (The Ozu movie) Both the older sister and gangerst's girl knit socks.

"Sabrina fair,
Listen where thou art sitting
Under the glassy, cool, translucent wave,
In twisted braids of lilies knitting
The loose train of thy amber-dropping hair."

John Milton



Our Creations

Below are some of the gorgeous creations and pattern info that were shown in our last meeting.



Hank's Bahia Tie Front Cardigan, Knit'n Style April 2010, Comfort yarn



Kristin's Monkey Socks by Cookie A in www.knitty.com, yarn used Yarnini Variegated Vintage. Also, Tiger Eye Lace Scarf, free pattern on Ravelry, yarn: Patons Kroy Sock in Clover Colors



Gail's Regal Pinafore, using Kraemer Yarn Sterling Silk & Silver in Plush Purple. Pattern in Knitters Magazine Summer 2010 (Gail's granddaughter Katlin modeling)



Telemark Pullover by Erika Flory, yarn is Soaked String Prance, color Nebula. Danielle Urschel (MKG member) dyed the yarn.

Carol's White Baby Bonnet, "Tiny Treasures", cotton yarn



Laura's Good to be a Girl pattern on Ravelry (see Laura for pattern info and notes)



Sarah's Striped cardigan, Knit Simple Spring/Summer 2007, yarn used Goodwill acrylic



Donnita's socks (knitted two at a time), pattern in "Knitting Circles Around Socks", yarn is Knit



Elissa's Medalion Lace Shawl, Evelyn Clark Knitting Lace Triangles, DK yarn used

Free Patterns



DROPS design: Pattern no Z-490

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Posh Purse
(Free on Ravelry)



Check Stitch Scarf WR1856
(Free on Ravelry)



We Call Them Pirates
(Free on Ravelry)