

Black Sheep Handspinners Guild Newsletter

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The Black Sheep meet from 11am-3pm on the second Saturday of the month, locations to be announced.

ROC DAY! THIS SATURDAY!

President's Message

Jim Johnson

ROC DAY IS HERE!

Remember, January 9, 2010, at the All Saints Church in Lansing. Please invite all your friends and family and be sure to sign up for a volunteer slot. Thanks very much.

We Need More Raffle Items! Please Bring One: Ellie May Will Be Collecting Them

All Saints Church

Route 34b

Lansing

Come early to get a parking spot.

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Simple Knitted Slippers

From Jane North, as promised at the last Guild meeting.

Yarn: worsted weight Needles: #4 dp Gauge: 5 sts./ IN.

These directions make a Med. To LG. Women's size. Change needle size as desired.

FOOT: Cast on 48 sts, evenly distributed, or 12-12-24. 24 sts. will be picked up and knitted for the heel later. (I think there is an alternative cast-on method, on a holder of some sort, that I haven't used but it might make it easier to pick up sts later.) All STS. are stockinette/straight stitch. Use a marker to show where half of total number of stitches lies: half for top of foot, half for bottom. You will need to know where to decrease.

- Knit 2 rows.
- Row 3: K all sts but DEC 1 st (K2 tog) at middle of instep and of bottom of foot. (K 2 tog at sts.# 12 and 13 from beg, and sts 36 and 37) = 46 sts. remain
- R. 4 –15 : Knit.
- R. 16: DEC as R.3 (sts.# 11 and 12, 35 and 36) = 44 sts.
- R. 17-28: Knit.
- R. 29: DEC as R. 16 (sts. #10 and 11 on each side) = 42 sts.
- R. 30- 38: Knit.
- R. 39 or desired length: Beg. DEC for toe: Dec 4 sts./ row . *(K3, SSK, k to within 5sts of marker, k 2 tog, k 3) x 2 = 38 sts.
- R. 40, 42, 44, 46: K all around
- R. 41, 43, 45 and 47: DEC 4 sts. each row at same places a R. 39. = 22 sts. remain.
- R. 48: K all.
- R. 49: K 3, bind off 4, k 6, bind off 4, k 3. Put 7 sts on holder; you will knit the other 7 sts. as Toe Band.

Now: TOE BAND on 7 sts: K rows 1,3,5, P rows 2 and 4. Leave on needle, put 7 sts on holder on 2nd needle, weave together. Then sew sides of band to 4 bound-off sts on ea. side.

HEEL: Pick up 24 sts. from beg of foot bottom, and add new 24 sts for foot opening – 48 sts. = 24 sts for heel, 24 sts for bottom of foot.

- R.1- 7: knit around.
- R. 8, 10, 12,14, 16: DEC 1 st each side of heel and ankle (5 times total); e.g. K 1, slip 1, PSSO, Knit across, at 3 sts from other side, K 2 tog, K1; repeat on other side. 4 sts dec each row.
- R. 9, 11, 13, 15, 17 : Knit all.
- R.18, 19, 20, 21: DEC as above EACH ROW (4 times total) = 12 sts. remain. Weave together, 6 + 6 sts.

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Pattern deduced from Liz Bronson's mother's slippers, 1999.

Editor's Notes

Marianne Pelletier

A note from Wayne: Clint Fudge is interested in giving away a large "Weaver's Friend" "Pat. 1897" loom as a 'parts loom' to a good home. He can e-mail some pictures if you would like to see it. It is missing some parts and is a bit rusty. He was asked to find a home for it rather than burn the wood. He could deliver it if 'close by'. If interested, send a message to Wayne Harbert at weh2@cornell.edu

Upcoming Events

Marianne thanks Knitter's Review for most of these listings.

The Ancient Maya & Present Day Textile Traditions with Dr. Gabrielle Vail

January 15-23, Chiapas, Mexico.

http://tiastephanietours.com/more_info/trip3.html

Second Annual Knitting Weekend

At the first annual knitting weekend, nobody got hurt.

January 22-24, Pawtucket, RI

<http://www.slatermill.org/event/146>

Pittsburgh Knit & Crochet Festival!

Come be our Valentine! We can't wait to have you join us Feb. 13-14, 2010, at the Four Points Sheraton North in Mars, PA. Registration can be found online at www.pghknitandcrochet.com.

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North Country Spinners

September 24-26, 2010 Yup, next year

Johnsonburg Presbyterian Center, Johnsonburg, NJ, Warren County.

Located in the northwestern corner of NJ. To locate please click **here**

<http://www.northcountyspinners.org/retreat.htm>

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Carol Schwartzott - Crayonbox Design - handknitted hats, bags, sweaters; hand dyed and handspun yarn - crayonboxdesigns.com

Bob Smith and Patrick Shepherd - Winderwood Farm - Ashford and Kromski wheels, looms and equipment; wool, silk, and exotic fiber, fused glass - on Etsy and eBay

Robin Nistock - Nistock Farms - raw and processed wool, sheepskins, felt sheets, dyed curls for felting/crafting, drop spindle kits - www.nistockfarms.com

Lisa Ann Merien - Spinner's Hill - spinning, felting, weaving, rug hooking, knitting supplies; hand dyed and carded fiber, fiber blends, dyed locks, silks, yarn, sheep and fiber animal pottery - www.spinnershill.com

Susan Sarabasha - Susan's Spinning Bunny - hand dyed fibers and yarn, patterns, kits, Jim's spindles and stools, needles - www.spinningbunny.com

Sharon Gombas - Felted scarves, hats, small rugs
Christine Johnson - Johanneshof Romneys - Registered Romney roving, fleeces, note cards, handcrafted buttons, combed top

Charlotte Sharkey - Caravan Fiber Farm - Shetland wool, angora, crocheted "stash" bags, handmade buttons, shawl pins and jewelry, small weavings, felting wool

Melissa Stahl - Melissa Jean Designs - porcelain buttons; corozzo, wood and shell buttons; original knitting patterns, kits and yarn - www.melissajeane.net

Karey Solomon - Graceful Arts Fiber Studio - handpainted yarns and rovings, Majacraft wheels - gracefulartsfiberstudio.com

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