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FIRST MEETING OF 2006

MINUTES — BY BETTY HANSEN
A short demo was shared by Judy Foldi of a join called "The Russian Spit Splice." It proved to be of interest to the group and the steps are as follow:

1. Make a loop at each end of yarn with one being threaded through the other.
2. Dampen yarn and join by rubbing between your palms until wool is felted by the friction and moisture.

(Personally, I love these old titles because they are so down-to-earth)

At 1:30 pm, the meeting was called to order by President Linda Watson,

with the first order of business being arrangements for labels with our meeting dates which may be affixed to magnets. Ginny volunteered to make the labels and Judy will supply the magnets, or members can recycle old magnets by affixing the labels. This will prove to be very handy in light of the staggered meeting dates.

Also, Judy will supply a Membership Card for each one of us so that we have them to display at yarn stores, etc.

Linda circulated a list with email addresses for members and we were asked to verify the accuracy of our own addresses and email.

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NEW WEBSITE AND DOMAIN NAME

Knitting Knutz now has it's own domain name knittingknutz.com so that's where you will find information that is current about the calendar, library, special events, etc. You will be able to send mail to any of the officers using their name:
name@knittingknutz.com.

This site is still under development and suggestions for content are welcome. We have some links to interesting sites on the WEB and some information

about local Yarn Shops.

Information about the library is there and you can request a loan of something by sending email to Cathy at cathydavies@knittingknutz.com and she will bring the item to the next meeting (or arrange another way to get it to you).

FIRST MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

Following this business, there was a discussion about the display by the Knitting Knutz at the Newark Library. Ann Boyd and Melora Davis agreed to collect the items at our next meeting on the 22nd of January. The display will begin January 26.

Thursday, March 19, at 12:30 we are going to have lunch at the Hunter's Den. That is to take a social break from knitting (?)

The proposed programs for the year are listed below. If any change occurs, you will be notified.

- February -- Charity Knitting
- March -- Corrections/Alterations by Cathy
- April -- Finishing Clinic by Ann Boyd and Sheryl Earley

- May -- Beaded knitting
- June -- Multiple cast-on techniques by Cathy
- July -- Christmas in July
- August -- Charity Knitting
- September-- 2-handed Fair Isle with color theories by Gini and Liz
- October -- Steeks (?)
- November -- Shadow Knitting by Gertrude Barringer?
- December -- Christmas Party

The only other order of business was to ask someone from the Garden of Yarn for a yarn presentation at the Medical Arts Building.

Joan Davis was drafted to handle this and, if successful, would substitute for a yarn crawl.

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See guild notebooks for complete listing

READ ANY GOOD BLOGS LATELY?

Many of you are aware of the many knitting BLOGS that are on line. My favorite is the one done by Stephanie Purl-McPhee. She is the author of *At Knits End* and *Yarn Harlot: the Secret Life of a Knitter*.

I also keep track of *The Panopticon* because he is one of the few male knitters and he sprinkles his writing with wonderful sketches.

For humor you can't beat *You knit What???* This pokes gentle and sometimes not so gentle fun at some knitting projects, designers and magazines. Nothing is sacred here.

Once you explore the world of BLOGS you can find yourself sucked into spending way too much time at the computer reading about other people's lives. It can be fun but I find that I have to limit myself to 5 blogs/day. Therefore, I

have a favorites list of 5 and if I find another that is more interesting, I delete one of the five and add that one.

So here are my five favorite BLOGS:

<http://www.yarnharlot.ca/blog/>

<http://the-panopticon.blogspot.com/>

<http://youknitwhat.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.grumperina.com/knitblog/>

http://www.etiquettehell.com/content/eh_main/gen/eh_index.shtml

The last one has nothing to do with knitting and I don't know how long it will be on my list. It's just fun to read a bit here and there.

So let me know if you've found any interesting BLOGS that you recommend and I'll put them on the list.



SPOTLIGHT ON TRACY SPINKA-DOMS

Tracy is a member who has single-handedly written and published our Newsletter for the past 3 years in an interesting and informative manner.

A saying in business is "If you want something done, give it to the busiest person", and this has certainly proven true with Tracy. Perhaps because of her quiet, unassuming nature, her competence has been taken for granted and not always appreciated.

Tracy is a molecular biologist and is married and participates in many outside activities with her husband, who is considered in current vernacular, a "hottie." (We are teasing Tracy).

Her love of textiles (knitting, weaving and spinning) seem to be approached in the same way as her profession, i.e., the properties of each individual product evaluated, analyzing how they interact with others and how they can be used to

the best advantage.

Tracy does demonstrations of spinning and weaving at the Greenbank Mill. She says that they have a Sheep to Shawl day (usually in May) that would be interesting for us.

Tracy owns the following spinning wheels: Charka wheel*, folds up to the size of a book; an Antique Great Wheel from the early 19th century; also Saxony-style wheels; Castle wheels, drop spindles and supported spindles.

She also has looms: Triangular frame loom, rigid heddle loom, inkle loom, 4-harness counter loom, 4-harness jack loom, 2-harness counter barn loom.

* *Ghandi introduced this to the people of India to work with cotton to make his people less dependent on England.*

"WE OWE MUCH THANKS TO
TRACY SPINKA-DOMS!"

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EXHIBIT AT NEWARK LIBRARY

- Ann Boyd

Knitting Knutz will be featured in one of the display cases at the Newark Public Library. The display, organized by Melora Davis and Anne Boyd, includes samples of the wonderful variety of knitting by our members: items collected so far are: a hat from Vivian Geissler, a baby set from Betty Hansen, a felted bag from Cathy Davies, a scarf and miniature socks by Judy Foldi, and Anne Boyd's Harry Potter children's sweater and scarves.

The purpose of the display is to publicize our group and attract new members, so it will include information on our meetings and a contact phone number.

Please plan to come by the Newark Library and admire the display during February and March!

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She said you may call her to talk about them any time she is home and if a small group (3 or 4) is interested she could have them over sometime in the future, keeping in mind she has six cats. What a talented young woman we are fortunate to have among us.

FOR PAST AND PERHAPS FUTURE
CONTRIBUTIONS, WE THANK YOU
TRACY SPINKA-DOMS

...AND HAVE A GREAT SABBATICAL
(FOR NOW, THAT IS)

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www.knittingknutz.com

ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

The Knitting Knutz meet to exchange ideas, learn new skills, make friends and most of all, KNIT!

Meetings are typically held on the first and third Sundays of each month.