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## MINUTES – FEB 05 MEETING

— BY BETTY HANSEN

Of the members present, 12 plan to go to our scheduled luncheon in March. Those who were not present should notify Linda Watson, our President, if they plan to come so that she can reserve the correct number of places at the Hunter's Den.

While Cathy Davies will not be at our next meeting, she will be at the March demo and has requested that we have a stockinette shape prepared slightly longer than wide, with a garter stitch border on all four sides. The yarn weight should be worsted or heavier, but not lighter. Also, bring knitting needles, scissors, contrast yarn and a large eyed sewing needle.

### CHARITY KNITTING - THE SHIPS PROJECT

There is an official website for this project: <http://www.theshipsproject.com/Home.htm>

The Ships Project was founded in October of 2001, when a female sailor on board the USS Bataan responded to an "Any Sailor" letter written by the project founder, Ellen Harpin. In that letter, Ellen mentioned her love for knitting, prompting the sailor to joke that maybe Ellen could send a pair of knit slippers to keep her feet warm as she slept, since her berthing was extremely cold. Since then, the project has grown far beyond that small beginning and has earned the respect and support of the military. The USS Bataan has long since returned home but we have continued to send packages to sailors and marines on dozens of ships deployed since then, as well as army and air force units on the ground.

More than 1,000 individuals, as well as dozens of church and civic groups have adopted this project and are making handcrafted items to be sent to our troops fighting against terrorism.

**As of May 2005 we have sent over 151,000 knitted, crocheted, or sewn items to the troops!!!** With troops still being deployed by the thousands to Iraq and Afghanistan, the need for what the troops have come to call our "Hugs from Home" is increasing daily. The military has asked us to continue this effort, even with the Department of Defense restriction on mail to the war region. We would love to have you join us!

#### Project Guidelines:

Any 'guy' colors are appropriate for the troops, especially: Blue, Green, Red, Brown, Gray, Tan, Black, Red/White/Blue combinations

Either solid colors or variegated yarns are appropriate. Stripes and other color patterns are also welcome! The darker colors and shades are needed for the troops on the ground, but brighter colors are suitable for the ships. Colors to avoid include: Pink, Lavender,

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*The Ship's Project serves all branches of the armed services!*

## THE SHIP'S PROJECT- CONTINUED

Pastels, White\*, Neon colors  
White is perfectly acceptable as an accent color, such as for patriotic themes, but not as the main color for items, for the simple reason that they do not stay white.

### YARN GUIDELINES:

4-Ply Worsted Weight Yarn in: Acrylic, Wool Blends, Wool\*

\* If your wool is not superwash, please attach a small label to your items, reading: "100% Wool. Hand wash in cold water only. Lay flat to dry"

Completed items should be sent to:  
The Ships Project  
c/o Ellen Harpin  
PO Box 564,  
Goldenrod, FL 32733-0564

### Patterns

Patterns approved for The Ships Project are available at:  
<http://www.theshipsproject.com>

Anyone who doesn't have access to the internet and would like to have patterns printed for the Ship's project, please call one of the officers to ask them to print out patterns for you

## READ ANY GOOD BLOGS LATELY?

I've been cruising again and came across some more interesting BLOGS.

Remember Joan Hammer of Pine Meadow News fame? She no longer does that newsletter but she is doing a BLOG at <http://joanknits.blogspot.com/>.

See Eunny Knit at <http://www.eunnyjang.com/knit/> is frequently very interesting. She does beautiful work and shares her designs.

The Yarn Harlot (Stephanie Pearl-McPhee) has issued a challenge and called it The Knitting Olympics. You must try to make something that is a challenge to you (you decide) and do it during the Olympics. She started it for herself but it has taken off like a rocket with people from all over the world joining in. There are more entrants in this Knitting Olympics than in the real thing at Torino. Go here <http://www.yarnharlot.ca/blog/olympics2006.html> to read about it. You can still register for it online. I haven't done so because I will be 'on the road again' during that time and will not be able to watch and knit. But check it out. It could be lots of fun. Also keep reading <http://www.yarnharlot.ca/blog/> to get updates on the Knitting Olympics.

### Online Knitting Magazines

Here are a few to check out:

<http://www.canadianliving.com> Lots of interesting stuff – click on Crafts

<http://www.bellaonline.com> again click on Crafts, then Knitting

<http://www.interweave.com/> a place to look at pictures from the magazine

<http://www.knitnet.com/> This is a subscription magazine but you can visit.

<http://www.knittingnow.com/> an online newsletter

<http://www.knittersreview.com/> a great place to find out what others think of yarns, etc.

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEwinter05/index.html> another subscription magazine, I subscribe to this one. You get a CD with patterns at the end of each year.

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## **EXHIBIT AT NEWARK LIBRARY**

Be sure to check out our exhibit case at the Newark Library. The ladies did an excellent job of setting up the display. Many thanks to Anne Boyd, Audrey Williams and Melora Davis for all their hard (and creative!) Work.

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## ***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.