

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



JANUARY AT A GLANCE

- JANUARY 9** - Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World.
- JANUARY 17** - Tentative Bag-ettes Bag-Along.
- JANUARY 19** - Needle Felting Workshop.
- JANUARY 26** - Fourth Thursday Gathering at Foothills Lutheran Church



JANUARY GATHERINGS

JANUARY 9

10:00 AM to noon, Sewing World
136 71 Ave. SE in the upstairs
classroom.

If you wish, bring along a snack to share. Remember to park in the rear of the store. Please thank them for their support when you shop.

JANUARY 26

1:00 to 3:00 PM, Foothills Lutheran Church, 3104 34 Avenue NW, Calgary.

Parking is on the east side of the church. You can see the church from Charleswood Drive and Crowchild Trail NW.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome Donna Chambers and Cheryl Mills and to welcome back Sharon Kimmel to the committee for 2017. Alas, we bid farewell to a few who will be missed. Our hearty thanks to Joan Benedict and Janice Meeking for their splendid participation.

CHAIR & FABRIC: Dawn Bolger

SECRETARY: Donna Chambers

BB&B CHAIR & YARN : Janice McDonald

WORKSHOPS & DEMOS: Patty Cucman

ACCESSORIES: neck and shoulders - Glenda Sweetland,

heads & fingers, knees & toes - Sharon Kimmel

BOOK BAGS - Ellen Monaghan

CHILDREN - Mieke Van Dijk, Sandy Burgess, Susan Johnston

HOME DECOR - Barb Doll, Rose Besler, Donna Russell

JEWELRY - Karen McManus

PETS - Carol Spring

PURSES & BAGS- Leslie Buckle

AT LARGE: Cheryl Mills - Don't worry. We'll keep her busy.

TAGS

NAME THAT THING - It can be fun to get together with a friend to make up names for those dolls, hats, bracelets or slippers. We've heard customers at BB&B comment about a quirky name that added that little extra attraction.

WHO DUNNIT? - Please add your initials or pseudonym. It is helpful if questions arise about the item.

WHAT'S IN IT? - Content and care for wearables and Home Decor are valuable to the customer. For knits, include the yarn label if you have it.

DOES SIZE REALLY MATTER? - Well, sometimes, so when it does, please be sure to include that info.

HOW MUCH \$ - Don't worry about pricing. Pricing committees will take care of this just before the sale.

And finally, ATTACH IT (Gesundheit!) Use crochet cotton, thread it through the tag and loop it through the item. Or use a small safety pin through the string. Please, no straight pins; they stick the custodians and the customers or they fall out.



KNIT NOTES

THE KNITTING GUILD ASSOCIATION
Something new for our knitters to consider is a membership in this interesting resource. TKGA is a nonprofit organization dedicated specifically to knitting. As a member, you will have access to:

- Great technical information
- Cast On magazine, the educational journal for knitting,
- TKGA correspondence and Mini Courses
- Certification programs like the Master Hand Knitter and Master Machine Knitter Programs
- Monthly K2TOG newsletter.



Membership is \$25 US (approximately \$35 Cdn) per year and includes all these benefits. As a new member you immediately gain access to all previous editions of their great little magazine which is full of information and patterns like this vest pattern in the current issue. There are patterns and techniques for all levels of knitter.

NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS ELVES



Come learn to needle felt adorable Norwegian Christmas Elves, Angels or Woodland Elves. During this 3.5 hour, hands on felting class, each participant should be able to complete one elf. Additional material can be supplied to make more at home. Local sourcing of materials will be discussed and directions provided.

WHEN: Thursday, January 19th from 12:30 to 4:00 PM

WHRE: Carol Spring's House. Address will be supplied to registered participants.

MAXIMUM: Participants: 6

COST: \$15 per participant which covers supplies and tools for 2 elves.

[REGISTER HERE.](#)



SEW WHAT?

BAG-ETTES

We are forming a bag making group, The Bag-ettes, which will meet once a month to share supplies, ideas, patterns, tips and techniques. The search for a venue and a day that suits all 10 members is in the works.

In addition to our own resources, we have lined up a few outside supporters to help us along.



[Mrs. H](#), who featured UJAMAA GRANDMAS in her December blog as a month for giving, has offered us free access to her bag patterns on the condition that the pattern be used to make items for the sale. Her Convertible Bag pattern is under consideration for our first group project.

Janelle from [Emmaline Bags](#) will be selling us hardware at wholesale prices. A bulk order will get us started. If you are not familiar with this hardware, you are in for a treat. It is of very high quality and Janelle's generous offer has made it very affordable.



And of course we will be looking for suitable fabrics during the Fabric Sale. It promises to be great fun.

UPCOMING DEMOS

In February, Dawn will be giving a 10 minute demo on Microwave Bowls after the gatherings. Stay on for tips and kits. In March, Donna Russell will be giving her 10 minute gift bag demo after each gathering. Kits will be available. Both these products are very popular and sold out at the 2016 BB&B.

In May Dawn will once again give a demo but this time on car and crayon rolls. We never have enough of these items and our customers come looking for them.

Demo Day will be back on May 11. Watch for details and registration after the Fabric Sale.

And don't miss the FABRIC OPEN HOUSE on March 22. Get stocked up before the current stash gets recycled at the F&YS in April.

Check the web site [HANDCRAFTS](#) for all the dates and details.