

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



OCTOBER at a glance

NO Sewing World Gathering this month due to Thanksgiving and upcoming BAGS, BABIES & BEYOND.

October 18 - First Day of BB&B

October 19 - Day two of BB&B

October 20 - BIG sigh of relief and joy.

October 27 - Let's Party!

OCTOBER GATHERINGS

NO SEWING WORLD GATHERING

Our regular day falls on Thanksgiving Monday and we will be heavy into preparations for BB&B so there will be no second Monday meeting this month.

LET'S PARTY

OCTOBER 27 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Leslie Buckle's, 3028 Utah Drive NW. Please RSVP Leslie at lesliejbuckle@gmail.com. We will celebrate the creativity of our handcrafters, the dedication of our volunteers and the sale results. Bring a small goodie - solid or liquid - to share.



NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

Volunteer sign up is on line

The online sign up forms are available at this [LINK](#). Signing up is as easy as 1, 2, 3.

There are four time slots over the course of the sale.

1. Decide when you want to help at the sale.
2. Click on that date and time to be directed to the forms.
3. Fill in the form - name, email and where you want to work - and submit.

If your form was received, you will see a confirmation message. If you want to work more than one time slot go back to the [REGISTER](#) page and fill in another form.

By October 9 you will get an email with information about when and where you will be needed and specific instructions.

We also need a few volunteers with roomy vehicles to transport the props to and from the sale. You will see those sign up links under the EXTRA! EXTRA! banner.

We are almost ready!

Product is in and what a sale this will be. In every category, there is wonderful variety and fabulous workmanship. Pricing committees are in place and dates are set to complete this last big task in preparation for the sale.

We look forward to the fun and appreciate your participation. First half a million here we come!



A well deserved rest and maybe a treat

When the sale is over it is a good time to kick back a bit and perhaps to learn a few new tricks. There are a number of great on-line resources for knitters and crocheters where we can hone our old skills and pick up a few new stitches.

For the sewing and quilting members, the second part of this list includes sites which hold appeal to both knitters and the sewing crafters.



RAVELRY

We have talked about Ravelry in the past but it is such a great resource for everything knitting - patterns, both free and inexpensive, feedback on

patterns by those who have already given them a try, new and/or unique project ideas, yarn info and well, just name it and if it is about knitting or crochet, you will find it on Ravelry.

Create a user id and password and sign on.



VERY PINK

If you need a tutorial or video or a kick start for a new idea, check out this site and companion blog by a master. Staci is primarily a knitter so her crochet techniques are focused on crochet for

knitters. Never hurts to stretch a bit. Staci also has a Ravelry presence.



DROPS

You will find more than 60,000 - yes, you read that right, 60,000 - patterns on this site. Many are designed for their own yarns but substitutions are easy.

Instructions come in a dozen languages. Their yarn is

available for sale on the site.

Or how about **KNITTY**, online Knitters magazine?

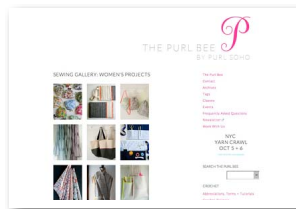
And **PATTERNFISH**, a source of over 14,000 (YIKES!) patterns.

Oh, and check out **TWIST COLLECTIVE**.

There are many more but these a few of my favourites.



Sites that may appeal to knitters and sewers.



PURL BEE

Don't let the name fool you. Purl Bee is a wonderful, multi-craft, open-access site. No id or password and no sign in. All patterns and instructions are free.

There is a great, easy-to-use index of projects sorted into crochet, knit, sew, embroider, weave and craft. Or use their search function.

No need to say that there is something for everyone here. I have made several project from this resource or seen something that inspired me to try something new.



CRAFTSY

This is a learning site which provides online, on-demand, work-along classes and workshops and also carries individual patterns. All are reasonably priced and often offered at sale prices.

Classes and workshops run the gamut from basic through advanced skills. Most have a class-only pattern included with step-by-step work along through the project.

Instructors are experts in their field and you feel you know them by the end of the sessions. Ask questions throughout the class or workshop and post photos of finished projects. The difference between a class and a workshop? In a class the instructor is almost live to answer questions. In a workshop, participants help each other along the way. Either way there is lots of interaction if you want it.

You have to sign up and you can opt in or out of their email. I opt in so as not miss any new stuff. Craftsy also has an iPad platform so anything you sign up for on your computer can be watched on your iPad. I know lots of you have one!



NANCY'S NOTIONS

Nancy Zieman has been around as an educator for more than 30 years. Her site has videos, patterns and resources for sewers of all stripes. You may have guessed that she also sells notions. Try it!