# HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



## OCTOBER GATHERINGS

NO SEWING WORLD MEETING IN OCTOBER DUE TO THANKSGIVING AND BB&B PREPARATION.

See you at the sale.

#### OCTOBER 26

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Sharon Kimmel's, 114 Confederation Villas NW. Gate code is 01818. As parking is limited, please consider car pooling.

Please RSVP at shay5236@icloud.com

### OCTOBER at a glance

**October 1** - On line registration opens for BB&B volunteers.

October 4 & 5 - Calgary Farmers' Market blitz.

**October 17** - Day one of BB&B.

**October 18 -** Day two of BB&B.

October 26 - It's a party!



Stephen and Lewis are ready for BB&B. Are YOU?

## NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

#### BB&B VOLUNTEER SIGN UP - OCTOBER 1

There are four volunteer time slots over the course of the sale. Signing up is as easy as 1, 2, 3 once you go to the online sign up forms at this <u>LINK</u>.

- 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 <u>REGISTER</u> page and fill in another form.

By October 12 you will get an email with details 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 BB&B DRIVERS banner.

#### **CALGARY FARMERS' MARKET**

We will again be at the Calgary Farmers' Market on October 4 and 5 to hand out information about us and fliers for the sale If you are interested in helping out send a note to <a href="mailto:message@ujamaagrandmas.com">message@ujamaagrandmas.com</a>. It is great fun!



## READY FOR SOMETHING NEW? ENTRELAC



Some of the popular items in our inventory are those items knit in entrelac. It looks so complex but in reality is so easy. All you need to know is how to knit and purl. Entrelac is especially effective when you use long colour variegated yarn. The end product looks like each square was individually knit.

<u>HERE</u> is a great primer in print form which makes a four square scarf.

If you are a visual learner, try this video version:

#### http://youtu.be/B4GGXzurphk

The one thing about entrelac knitting that you may not love is all the turning that has to happen. Try teaching yourself to knit backwards to minimize this part. It is surprisingly easy.

Heads up though! It is addictive.

#### FAIR ISLE BARBER POLE COWL

This project is for advanced beginners or intermediate knitters or the intrepid beginner.



This is a good first fair isle project because the carried yarns will be hidden inside the cowl so small blips will not show. Use a natural animal fibre as these are most forgiving of tension issues.

Both video and written pattern **HERE**.



#### **PUPPETS**

We sometimes get a few hand puppets for the sale and they always sell very well. There are few in the current inventory.

This summer, my grandson James and I made Jimmy perhaps an alter ego. It was surprisingly easy and great fun. I made a few alterations to give Jimmy a full body. We bought his clothes at Value Village and his eyes are felted. My husband made him an arm stick so he can wave and gesture.

Jimmy went with us everywhere and garnered waves from passing motorists and smiles from every store clerk. Because Jimmy had pockets, he also doubled as a a wallet.

We may try a puppet workshop in the new year but meantime here are a few resources to try on your own.

We used <u>these video tutorials</u> and added a few of our own variations. There is another great source <u>HERE</u>.



Patty Cucman

#### **RESOURCES**

There are many great ideas and resources on the <u>PATTERNS</u> page of the web site. Browse through the past issues of the Monthly for ideas, patterns and links. Check out the UJAMAA GRANDMAS exclusive patterns both from our Members and outside designers.

Cruise a few of our favourite sites such as:

**CRAFTSY** 

**PURL BEE** 

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