

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

- NO** Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World
- OCTOBER 27** - Fourth Thursday Gathering at the Legion.
- OCTOBER 1** - Final product drop off.



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Have you sneaked your PEEK?

OCTOBER GATHERINGS

NO SOUTH GATHERING IN OCTOBER DUE TO THANKSGIVING

OCTOBER 27

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Royal Canadian Legion, 606 38 Ave NE. The Legion provides this venue to us free. Please, no outside food or beverages as these are available from their snack bar. Consider a food bank donation as a thank you.

NEWS FROM HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE

BB&B 2016 - VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

One of the many great things about volunteering for BB&B is the chance to see all the wonderful products that have been incubating all year. They will all be there.

This year volunteer sign up will look familiar and it is easy. Go to [REGISTER](#) to sign up.

- Choose a day and time slot and click on the link
- Fill in your name and email and check where you want to work
- Click SUBMIT.

You will see a confirmation window and on October 11 you will get an email with all you need to know about your sign up. Please be patient and wait until the 11th as it takes a bit of moving and shifting to get it all right.

If you have a vehicle suitable for transporting our props please sign up for the time slot before or after the sale. This is a very important role.

LAST DAY FOR DROP OFF

Final drop off date:

Saturday October 1 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

South side drop off:

13124 Bonaventure Drive S.W. (Dawn Bolger)

North side drop off:

3028 Utah Drive NW (Leslie Buckle)

Items dropped off after this date may have to be held for next year's sale.

HANDCRAFTS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Interested in working on a supportive and creative team? Consider joining the Handcrafts Committee. The committee will be looking for new members to take on some current roles as those members move on to new roles. Can you chair meetings, take notes, count and store inventory? We'd love to have you join us. Reply to handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com.

 **KNIT NOTES**

 **SEW WHAT?**

WOOL GATHERING ANYONE?

If you have really lots and lots of time on your hands then consider Norway's Slow TV channel. Some of their featured titles include:

- National Firewood Evening
- National Firewood Morning
- National Firewood Night
- National Knitting Evening
- National Knitting Morning
- National Knitting Night
- Northern Passage
- Northern Railway
- Salmon Fishing
- The Telemark Canal
- Train Ride Bergen to Oslo

While National Firewood Evening holds no end of fascination, you can see that knitting is a big deal in Norway, appearing three times in the Slow TV lineup.

Perhaps the best of all is the National Knitting Evening. The stars of Norway's National Knitting Evening did not break a world speed record for completing a sweater, but they did set a viewing milestone for the phenomenon known as Slow TV. About 1.3 million people tuned in to watch four hours of knitting discussion, followed by 8.5 hours of "long, quiet sequences of knitting and spinning." Viewers watched an average of four hours of the program which ultimately went to 13 hours, four more than planned.

The broadcast starts with the shearing of the sheep, carding and spinning of the yarn and ultimately knitting the sweater. You can watch this, or all three knitting episodes, on Netflix. Who'd have thought?



Next month we hope they will feature Paint Drying for the artist in our membership and no fast drying acrylics allowed.

A LITTLE RESPITE, A LITTLE LEARNING

Time to take a breath before the sale frenzy starts and sit back and learn a wee bit about our favourite household invention - the Sewing Machine.

First a true, but light-hearted, animated short that tells the true story of Elias Howe's struggle to become a great inventor and his ultimate success after a night of strange dreams. It must have been his midnight snack.

You can watch this 2.5 minute video [HERE](https://youtu.be/8jwF4HWHo38):

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But we are not done yet and the best is yet to come. This video entitled The Secret Life of the Sewing Machine with Tim Hunkin is a real treat. It is clever, fun and informative. Tim starts out with some interesting early history then moves on to tell about Isaac Merritt Singer who, after studying a poorly working example, spent \$40 and 11 days to develop a practical sewing machine that used an up and down mechanism. The first Singer sewing machine was introduced for sale across the United States that same year and the company became the primary manufacturer and seller of sewing machines within two years. The story of Singer himself is another thing. You will have to watch to find out.

https://youtu.be/g_qLCdrbU78



And when you are all done with these activities, we'll see you at the sale.