

HANDCRAFTS MONTHLY



Photo from Tanis Fibre Arts

SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

- SEPTEMBER 12** - Second Monday Gathering at Sewing World. Product drop off.
- SEPTEMBER 22** - Fourth Thursday Gathering at the Legion. Produce drop off. NOTE new time.
- SEPTEMBER 30**
OCTOBER 1 - Final product drop off.



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SEPTEMBER GATHERINGS

SEPTEMBER 12

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.

SEPTEMBER 22

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 - THINGS YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW

2016 Sale Dates:

Friday October 14 from 2:00 to 8:00 PM and
Saturday October 15 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Location is the same:

Marda Loop Communities Association Hall
3130 16 Street SW Calgary

Get the message out.

We rely on word of mouth so please print out a few copies of the posters, available on the web site - or come to a gathering to pick up some copies - and give them to everyone you meet!

Volunteer: Online registration will be up and running on October, 1 so be sure to watch the website!

Please note September gathering dates and times for drop off of your last few items.

Final drop off dates:

Friday September 30 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM and
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)

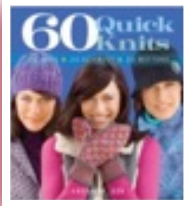
Items dropped off after these dates may have to be held for next year's sale.

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**

LAST MINUTE QUICK KNITS



Are you still wanting something fun a quick to knit for the sale? Check out [60 Quick Knits](#) on RAVELRY for everything quick from hats and cowls to fingerless mitts. Check the Calgary Public Library for this and other books of patterns for quick knits.

SOCK IT TO US

We know that our Sock Bar can handle some unique, hand-knit socks. If you need inspiration check out [this wonderful blog](#) entry called My Sock Drawer. Tanis Fibre Arts is a Canadian company that sells beautiful hand dyed yarns and has many patterns on their site. There are few free sock patterns and even more patterns for sale. But please ask permission to sell before you make any for the sale.

 **SEW WHAT?**

HOME DECOR

Barb Doll notes that there is lots of Home Decor inventory but if you are looking for a quick item to sew, think about tea cozies. These always sell well.

KITS

Now would be a great time to finish off any kits that you picked up at gatherings or a fabric open house. Kits are usually quick and easy and custodians know these items sell.

LUXURY FIBRES - YARN and YARDAGE

We know for certain that items made from luxury fibres can command a luxury price point and we know they will sell. When you use a luxury fibre, please include this information on the label so we can identify it.

For the last two sales a distinctive colored tag has been used to alert buyers to the special nature of these items. Our customers are beginning to learn to look for them.

SOME THINGS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

JEWELRY

Karen McManus, our Jewelry Custodian tells us that we can still accommodate products for the Jewelry Booth. There are about 200 items at the moment and about 150 of those are left from last year's sale. Last year there were over 500 items on offer at BB&B

ALL categories of jewelry and unique items - especially in vibrant colors - were good sellers last year.

So far there are very few earrings and we know that good quality, unique designs or colours sell well.

There are very few miscellaneous items such as purse dangles and charms, key rings, bookmarks and NO ceramic buttons though we suspect ceramic buttons are out there somewhere. These and the wooden buttons are good sellers.

In 2015, colourful knit or crocheted soft ladder necklaces sold very well if someone is interested in making some of these. There are none in the inventory.

If you can suggest a price for any item you produce, that would be helpful.

Karen has beads and buttons that she would be happy to share with anyone who wants to come to her house to get some for a project or two.

Contact Karen at mcmanusm@telus.net. Or call 403-258-1697. Her address is: 16 Woodbrook Close SW.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

There are a few silent auction quilts and any other items that you may feel are appropriate for this alternative sale techniques are welcomed.

In the past we have included unique, one-of-a-kind items like hand embroidered tote bags, hand made teddy bears and other creatures, beaded jewelry, felted wall art, wall quilts, larger quilts and other items that may otherwise be hard to price to their optimum value.

Silent auction bidding almost always results in top dollar. If you have a suitable item, contact the committee at handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com.

WREATH MAKING

Member Jane Katan has some weeping birch and ornamental grasses that are suitable for wreath making. Do you have a wreath making machine that Jane can use? If so, email handcrafts@ujamaagrandmas.com and we will entwine you with Jane.

A WEE SQUINT

At this time of year we know you look forward to SNEAK PEEK but this year, due to personal schedules, we will be offering not so much a peek as a squint. Each week or so, we will post a few photos of a featured product line. Find the link on the web site.