



6th Annual Camp Horseshoe Knitting Retreat

At YMCA Camp Horseshoe near St. George, WV

September 16-18, 2010

Nestled in the mountains of Tucker County, YMCA Camp Horseshoe offers a serene setting with picturesque views designed to provide an atmosphere of peace and tranquility. Enjoy wildlife simply by peering out the window. Take classes, bring your current project, take advantage of the time to catch up on unfinished projects, start a new project from kits which will be available for purchase, or simply sit back, relax and enjoy the company of others. Our motto is: ***Eat~Laugh~Knit***. We will be staying in a warm cabin with a warm bathhouse close by or in the new McManus Center with all the comforts of home. Let's concentrate on being totally spoiled!

Knitting classes ~ Basket Making ~ Chinese Skein Exchange ~ Door Prizes
Goody Bags ~ Mystery Knitting Project ~ Original-design T-Shirts
Raffle Drawing ~ Gallery Showing and Display ~ Massage Therapist
Knitting Kits, Accessories and Sale Items ~ Relaxation and Fellowship

General Information

Start to Finish

Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, September 16 and ends around 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Ongoing Gallery

We will have a gallery where you may display all those items that you have made, were made for you, are still working on, or are just plain interesting or unusual. This will give everyone the opportunity to fully experience all of your treasures. Consider adding a personal note or label so readers may get the full story about your item. Take time to attach a personal note with any interesting informationan unusual story....what materials were used....who made it.... what pattern was used.

Raffle

We will have a raffle again this year.....maybe you'll be the lucky winner!!! Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Marsha Lee takes charge of this event and provides much "persuasion" and laughter.

Massage Therapist

Mary has once again arranged for us to receive special attention and relaxation by providing us with our very own massage therapist. He will be available on Friday and appointments may be made that day and scheduled for your desired amount of time. Payment of \$15.00 for 20 minutes or \$1.00 per minute is to be made at the time of service.

T-Shirts

An originally designed, knitting themed T-shirt will be available again this year. Information concerning style, sizing, price, and ordering will be sent after your registration form has been received.

Other "Stuff"

There will be yarns, kits, needles, accessories, and even a few "Surprise Specials" so bring some extra cash or your checkbook [sorry, no plastic excepted].

Daily Agenda, Class Project Descriptions, and Evening Activities

Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon

September 16, 2010

1. Beginning Knitting

A kit will be available for purchase which will include practice yarn, your very own needles, yarn to make a scarf and yarn to make a small knitted change purse which you will later felt. [Felting is a way to shrink and "firm" the knitted fabric by using the washing machine. It makes the knitting look very even and uniform; making it is the perfect project for the beginning knitter]. You will be amazed at what you are able to make as your VERY FIRST PROJECT. **Kit price:** \$15.00. Payment for patterns and kits will be collected at class time.

2. Fan and Feather Shawl

The fan and feather pattern involves only a four row pattern repeat but it looks oh, so much more complicated than what it actually is. It looks very elegant when the Blue Heron hand dyed rayon yarn is used, warm and toasty when wool or alpaca is used and very functional when a cotton/bamboo yarn is used. **Pattern price:** \$4.00. Payment for patterns and kits will be collected at class time.



3. Cable Hat

Make this hat in one of three available sizes. Bulky weight yarn makes this hat a quick project. In addition to cable making, learn:

- ~how to count rows to determine the placement of the next cable round
- ~how to calculate evenly spaced increases in a round
- ~how to increase by knitting into the stitch in the round below
- ~how to avoid "the gap" when joining in the round

Pattern price: \$4.00. Payment for patterns and kits will be collected at class time.



Thursday afternoon 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Continuation of each morning class

Thursday evening- after dinner:

Mystery Knit ???????

Bring size 2 needles for this fun, group project. Yarn and Company will supply everything else.

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

September 17, 2010

1. Basket Making

Joni Neubert, an accomplished basket maker, will teach us how to make our own Egg Basket [one of my all-time favorite baskets]. This traditionally styled basket features a wooden handle with accents of colored reeding; or bring and use your own "funky" yarn to express your individual creativity. This basket is the perfect size to carry or to store your current knitting projects and yarn stash. **Kit price:** small \$35, large \$45.



2. Small Mitered Bag

This small mitered-looking bag is actually made using an entrelac technique and is recommended for the more experienced knitter who is comfortable using 5 double pointed needles and is skilled at stitch recognition. This is an opportunity to learn how to knit entrelac in the round as well as knitting backwards. This is a good practice for picking up stitches, doing wrap-and-turns and working the wrap and turned stitches later.... there's a lot going on in this small project. The bag can be made using a self striping yarn or control the color changes yourself by introducing a new color with each added section. **Pattern price:** no charge.



3. Cross Hatch Scarf

This interesting technique has the appearance of having been woven rather than knitted. It looks best using a variegated yarn and Manos del Uruguay is the PERFECT choice. **Pattern price:** no charge.



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Friday evening-after dinner

Chinese Skein Exchange

Bring along a gift-wrapped skein of yarn for this unusual and fun exchange. Make your skein something special---something that YOU would love to receive.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

September 18, 2010

1. Needle Felting

A special barbed needle allows unspun wool to be manipulated and formed into shapes or designs which can then be used to accent, embellish or decorate other items. It can also produce three dimensional objects to make ornaments, pins, key rings, etc. by using a "free hand" method, by forming shapes using a cookie cutter, or with the use of a stencil. Do you have a finished felted project [a pair of slippers, a purse, a hat] that you'd like to decorate?.....Bring it and let's make it BEE-YOU-TEA-FUL. **Kit Price:** \$9.00 [includes a square of denim, a pin back, 3 sizes of felting needles and a foam felting surface]. A pack of assorted colors of roving will also be available for \$9.00. Payment for patterns and kits will be collected at class time.



2. Basic Crochet

The use of simple crochet stitches can enhance the look of your knitted project as well as providing a quicker way of joining project pieces, flattening edges, or adjusting the style or size of a completed piece. No pattern or kit purchase required.

In addition to the scheduled classes on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday; several kit selections will also be available so that there will be a variety of knitting projects from which to choose.

A Registration Form (including Class Selection Check List) is available for download and printing at:

<http://www.hi-y.org/chprograms.html#knittingretreat>

Please download your Registration form (which includes your Class Selection Form) and then mail these **TWO** forms along with your required deposit to Camp Horseshoe [address below].

Price information is on the registration form and includes a choice of lodging or day visits, meals, all knitting classes, mystery knitting project, door prizes, goody bag, and gallery showing/display. After your registration is received you will be sent a list of what is needed for each selected class, what is needed for the evening events, a list of needed camp supplies as well as general information.

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