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Just 11 weeks to wait! August 24, 2013 will be here before we know it! It's always such an exciting time...the planning, the waiting, the class preparations...the waiting, the gathering of supplies and THE WAITING! Then finally, the night before arrives. The worker bees pack their vehicles with all the boxes of supplies that been collected since last Retreat and head to The Place to set up display tables, make ready door prizes and other give-away items, and to set up those wonderfully awesome, individual table displays of hand stitches mini monsters that will be going home with members at the end of the day.

Finally, Saturday morning arrives. We all hustle out, rush (*SAFELY!*) to The Place to see all our stitcher friends and welcome and enjoy the company of many new friends. Of course we most always bring our current project in progress (pnp). Not that there will be a lot of down time for stitching but maybe we sometimes use our projects as security blankets? I know I'm always a little "off" without my stitching nearby.

Once we are at our Retreat the day just seems to fly. We pick our table, maybe find a beverage and begin to browse the displays and vendors. Seeing some of the ideas others have created, looking through the hat or scarf kits and choosing a few to take home, and checking out all those wonderful leftover choices! What can we make with those? Just maybe someone will bring with them a sample of just the perfect project idea to inspire us to greater heights with leftovers! And then there's the "dark yarn" project idea on the table - Beautiful! Yarn choices for these are endless.

Vendors...somehow I never seem to find time in the busy Retreat day to really check out the vendor tables. Well, this year will be different for me. I always arrive with a few \$\$ in my pocket but with all the visiting and mini class teaching never seem to have time to "shop". My radar will definitely be set on *VENDOR* this year.

Ahhhh...those mini classes! What a wonderful way to learn new techniques. Just look over the selections, bring along your hooks and needles and a little yarn and join right in. Our instructors are very knowledgeable and you just might take home a new passion!

Our very special treat to you this year will be our fashion show. Items created from new patterns written by some of our members, and all offered to you, will be worn and shown off...so much fun!

As our day winds down, we are so sorry to see it all end. We will have laughed (a lot!) learned, shopped, visited with old friends and met new ones. We will have reminisced and talked of members no longer with us and truly missed. And of course, we will have eaten way more than we should have.../ *always do...*

Can't wait! See you at the RETREAT!!

Lois

Current Needs

We currently need cotton hats and baby bereavement blankets. The bereavement blankets can be knitted or crocheted from any soft baby yarn such as Simply Soft. Please make the blankets in pink, blue or ivory. We need the blankets to be 16, 18 or 22 inch squares. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

Fredericksburg / King George Area Current Needs

We currently need cotton chemo hats, baby items (blankets, hats, layettes) and toys. We have had a request for more shrugs! The chemo patients have really loved the ones we gave them in May. You could also start to make hats and scarves for fall and turn them in now. This will help us build up a stock so we will be ahead of curve for fall. We are servicing many more groups this year so the requests will be greater. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

Schedulers Urgently Needed

VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED TO HELP WITH SHOPKEEPING SCHEDULING.

From the Heart currently has 4 ladies working on the shopkeeping scheduling. These ladies coordinate shopkeeping hours with our wonderful shopkeepers. With YOUR help, this would allow the scheduling rotation to be spread out more. It is NOT a difficult job, but it must be done. Won't you give it a try?!? Contact any one of the current schedulers for more information. Thank you for considering this opportunity with From the Heart.

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8th Annual From the Heart Retreat

Finally! After a very long wait the time has come to register for the 8th Annual From the Heart Retreat!

Beth Williamson has graciously agreed to handle the registrations for us. You can either mail her your registration - the information is on the registration form - or put it in an envelope and leave it at the shop in the Donations box. Your registration donation helps to assist and defray the costs of running the retreat.

Enclosed you will the Retreat flyer, Registration form and the directions to The Place. If you have any questions please contact any member of the Board.

Need for a Teacher 2013 From the Heart Retreat

We would really like to offer a mini-class at the Retreat on the art of making flower embellishments, knitting, crochet or both. If there is anybody who is proficient and willing to teach two ½ hour classes (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) on the day of the Retreat please contact Tricia Ennis (804) 683-9015 or ennis1000@verizon.net

Retreat Vendors

What do YOU want to get at the Retreat this year? Did you know you can 'preorder' some of your goodies this year?

A couple of our vendors have agreed that they will take 'pre-orders' for delivery at the Retreat and/or pay special attention to the items you would like to see available. Take a look at their websites and, although it is by no means urgent yet, get an idea of what you'd like. Over the next couple of months, these vendors will either take orders directly from you or a list will be maintained and passed on to them so that what you want will be available ☺. Don't forget to mention that they are for The From the Heart Retreat on Saturday, August 24th.

Nana's Home Mades will take orders from you and bring your order for you to pick up at the Retreat. www.nanashomemades.com.

The Williamsburg Chocolatier wants to do all she can to make sure your sweet cravings are satisfied. Let Tricia Ennis know at ennis1000@verizon.net know if you have a particular favorite (no peanuts please).

Flint Hill Mini Farm has provided us with an informational sheet which will be available at the shop. Contact Bernice Koelzer or Renate Boecke at berniceandmike2@gmail.com if there is something specific you would like and they will send you a list from which you may preorder.

Coordinated Colors Yarn Shoppe of Yorktown (www.coordinatedcolors.com) will be bringing knitting and crochet accessories to the Retreat. Look at their website and let Tricia Ennis or Lois Moore know what you'd like to see there. You can also drop a note in the Suggestion Box at the shop if you'd prefer.

As always, Pat Kirtland of Kirtland's Yarn Barn will have a wide selection of lovely yarns for you to choose from www.yarnbarn.com

This year, we will also have a lovely selection of cards (knitting, crocheting and From the Heart themed) supplied by TCM Creative Solutions. www.tcmcreativesolutions.com

Stop by the Shop

When is the last time you sat, stitched and enjoyed the camaraderie at the shop?

Ann Robbins is the June scheduler. Contact her at aerobbins@live.com or (804) 270-6247 or (804) 921-1174.

Congratulations to Gwen Glasser who is the winner for the May shopkeeper.

Gwen there will be a nice bag of yarn at the shop for you to pick up for a special project.

Addresses for Newsletter Articles or Information

Please remember to send newsletter articles or information you need inserted in the newsletter to both Pam Greswolde and Marti Manson. This should ensure that we do not miss information. Thanks!

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