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## From the Heart's Grateful Thread

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### **Letter from Lois**

It's all about the Yarn!

From where does it come?

When you visit our shop you can't help but notice our 'Yarn Hall'. The walls are lined with cubbies, (cubbies donated years ago by Got Yarn) most filled with beautiful yarn, normally sorted not only by fiber but color and brand. Our wool and wool blends are separated as best we can and indicated by a chunky, bright red stretch of yarn wrapped around the cubby edges. The novelty yarns have their own spot, far end, left side; though you will find the overflow of these bins and boxes in the furnace area. Cottons are near the storage room end of the hall, on your right. And all of those soft, sweet baby yarns you will find in the far back, in our nursery area.

But how do we collect our supply for our stitchers to use? Well, it comes from so many places! We sometimes are the recipients of overflow and discontinued collections from our friends at Coordinated Colors in Yorktown, VA. We also have been given closeout inventory from yarn shops that are no longer in existence.

Any lucky us! Some folks just can't walk past a display of sale yarn and may bring in a bag or two for creating smile producing projects by our members.

We have received boxes and bags of wonderful yarn from stitchers who just need to clean up and clear out their 'fiber' rooms. Of course, if they are like most of us, in reality they are only making space for more skeins of beautiful yarn....If it just happens to jump into their shopping cart somewhere when its least expected!

We, on occasion, are the benefactors of yarn left behind by the passing of Great Aunt Trudy or even Uncle Damon. We have been given bags of yarn by our neighbor thrift store, Thrift for Life. They know we will put it to good use!

We always keep an eye out for any yarn, even the leftovers, which might be looking for a purpose. We can help with that, for sure! Of the approximately 170,000 items you have helped create, very little has been stitched from yarn purchases by us. We have been truly fortunate to have such wonderful friends, neighbors and members who continue to keep our supply coming.

Now, why not come in to the shop, browse around for yarn for your next projects and while you are there....just sit and stitch a while... we love having company!

See you at the shop!

*Lois*

## **Current Needs**

We currently need solid colored scarves to put with hats, baby blankets and hats. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

## **Fredericksburg / King George Area Current Needs**

We currently need baby blankets, blankets of all sizes, shrugs and shawls, chemo hats, hats & scarves for children and adults. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

## **Fredericksburg Wegman's Group**

Please note the change in meeting dates for the day group - ONLY for December. We will be meeting on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday since the 4th Tuesday falls on Christmas Eve. In January we will return to our normal schedule.

## **Inclement Weather**

The colder weather is here and winter weather is on it's way. We want to be sure everyone knows that the shop will not open if the local schools are closed. We don't want any of you to be put in harm's way, especially with the urgent need for you to be creating things to keep people warm. Stay safe this winter and do not come to the shop when the weather is bad.

## **'Waste Not Workshop' Working with less than a full skein**

**Date:** Saturday 01/11/14

**Time:** 9:00 am - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** 5994 Plank Road, Fredericksburg - Ruritan Building

Learn how to use up your leftovers. We will have leftover yarn, patterns and help available. See how leftovers can make up into useful beautiful items. All items completed will be delivered to various groups in the community.

Bring a dish to share. Plates, cups and utensils will be provided. Coffee, hot tea and iced tea will be available. The building has a large kitchen available.. Various demonstrations will be given on topics such as how to read a pattern. If you are willing to demonstrate an item which can be made from leftovers, please contact Pam by the end of December.

Everyone is welcome so bring your friends and relatives. For more information or to volunteer to demonstrate, contact Pam at 540.972.3602 or [pegreswolde@comcast.net](mailto:pegreswolde@comcast.net) . We hope to see you there!

See attached directions for workshop.

## **Stop by the Shop**

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

Gail Patrick is the December scheduler. Contact her at [ragslan@aol.com](mailto:ragslan@aol.com), 804-598-2317 or 804-347-9747.

Congratulations to Ginny Wong who is the winner for the November shopkeeper prize. Ginny, there will be a nice bag of yarn at the shop for you to pick up for a special project.

## Coordinated Colors

Our friends at Coordinated Colors yarn shop are opening a new shop located on Main Street in Gloucester, VA. Their grand opening is December 15th. They have been a true supporter of From the Heart with many yarn donations.

## Donation Inventory Numbers

<b><u>Previous Total</u></b>	
<b>Mid 2002 - 2012</b>	<b>150,977</b>
<b><u>2013</u></b>	
Jan - Sept	19,440
October	<u>2,826</u>
<b>Year to date total</b>	<b>19,440</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>173,243</b>