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February 2013

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Upcoming Workshops

The following are a list of workshops/classes which will be offered at the shop on Westbriar over the next couple of months. Please take a look at your schedules now and let Tricia Ennis know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. We are limiting the number of people we can allow into each workshop as they are proving to be very popular and more people are showing up than the space on Westbriar can accommodate. Reservations will be held on a first-come, first-served basis but we will hold the class again if the demand warrants it. All classes will start at 2 pm on Saturday and there is no charge to attend.

As the dates come closer, we will send out more information regarding what you should bring to a specific class.

February 9 - "Double Point Needle Socks"

February 23 - "Button Making" with Linda Hague

March 9 - "How to Read Charts" with Pam Greswolde and Marti Manson

March 23 - "Beginning Crochet" with Gail Patrick

April 6 - "How to Make an Entrelac Scarf" with Tricia Ennis

If you have an interest in seeing a specific workshop being offered or have a specific area you would like to teach others about, please let Tricia know at

Ennis1000@verizon.net

(804) 675-9015

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"One Stitch At a Time" From the Heart 2013 Retreat Update

Just a few details to keep everyone up-to-date as we continue to work on making our 2013 event come together. We currently know that the 2013 Retreat:

Will take place on Saturday August 24, 2013

At The Place in Innsbrook

From 10am until 4pm

Admittance price will be \$30

Currently, we have committed vendors for yarn, yarn accessories, and locally sourced and produced jams/jellies/chutneys

Will include a Fashion Show Extravaganza

As we continue to pin down more details, they will be published in the Newsletter so watch this space and mark your calendar now.

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8th Annual From the Heart Retreat and Fashion Show "One Stitch at a Time"

As you all know by now, our From the Heart Retreat this year will occur on Saturday August 24, 2013 at The Place in Innsbrook from 10am until 4pm so mark those calendars now if you haven't already. This year, the admittance price will be \$30 and registration will open on June 1st. As of this writing, we have vendors lined up for yarn, yarn accessories, locally sources jams/jellies/chutneys/soaps and Flint Hill Mini Farm has also agreed to come back so this Retreat looks like it will be FUN, FUN, FUN ☺

As you also know, we are planning a Fashion Show Extravaganza and, for that, we will potentially need a few people to model our members' beautiful creations. Please contact Tricia Ennis at ennis1000@verizon.net if you would like to help with this. Tricia will also be the contact to whom you should submit your creations so that we can get the patterns tested and if you have any questions. If you would like to be a 'pattern-tester' (this will involve knitting/crochet/sewing from patterns members submit to ensure they are easy to follow and error-free).

A quick recap of the rules...

You can create anything you wish provided it is something our From the Heart recipients can use

- 1. The yarn used must be 'everyday' yarn that other members can also obtain*
- 2. The pattern must not be copied from a magazine or book (copyright issues). Please note it is perfectly fine to modify a pattern to include another stitch, use the same stitch but make a hat or blanket instead of a scarf, etc. Bear in mind that 'there is (in essence) nothing new under the sun' but no direct copying is allowed*
- 3. You must be willing to share the pattern with other FtH members following the Retreat. All patterns will most likely be added to the From the Heart collection of patterns in the binders at the shop*
- 4. You must be willing to have your creation modeled at the Retreat (by yourself or somebody else - afghans can be hung over the arm, teddy bears can be carried by a child, etc.). The Board will help with finding models as we get closer to the date if that becomes necessary*
- 5. You must complete the sample to be modeled no later than May 1st, 2013. Pattern must be turned in with the sample as we need time to test the patterns*

One final note: Please let Tricia know by March 1st if you **plan** to submit a design. Patterns won't need to be submitted until May 1st but we want to be sure we have enough testers/models so we need a bit of time.

SO...

Contact Tricia Ennis (804)683-9015 or ennis1000@verizon.net if

You would like to volunteer to model

You would like to volunteer to test a pattern

You PLAN to submit a pattern (by March 1st)

With your final design (no later than May 1st)

You have questions

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Current Needs

We currently need baby blankets, drain tube bags, hat and scarf sets and solid color hats that we can match with scarves we already have. As always, please make whatever you enjoy as we can use anything you make.

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Request for Volunteers

We have had a request from Virshon Carrington who is a volunteer at the Main Library located at 101 E. Franklin St. in Richmond, VA. He will be teaching a knitting class to teens and young adults starting on February 23, 2013 from 1pm-3p. This would be an ongoing class and would meet on the 3rd or 4th Saturday every month (which Saturday would be decided by Virshon and communicated at the classes). In the first class, Virshon plans to focus on one or two types of casting on and the knit stitch and any volunteer is asked to supply an extra pair or two of size 7-10 straight needles and a skein of yarn to share. Please contact Lois Moore at 804-305-4971 or email loisfth@me.com if you think you can help.

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From the Heart is going "High Tech"

As most of you already know, From the Heart already has an online blog at www.fromtheheartstitchers.org where you can not only post any knitting/crochet related questions but also answers questions asked by other FTH members. You do have to register with your email address to use the blog but we have made certain our website is secure and, of course, we never use your email address for anything other than FTH emailing (e.g. the newsletter).

We also have a Facebook page and plan to soon have a Ravelry Group. Neither of these are really up and running yet but be on the lookout - From the Heart is about to join the Technological Age. We will keep you updated.

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Patterns, Patterns all around.....

Recently, in keeping with our desire to keep things manageable at the shop, we went through and sorted all the magazines which had been on the bookshelf. As a result, there are several magazines and patterns on the round table near the baby section which are currently looking for new homes. They have been organized into seasonal categories - ie. Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter and

are just waiting for you to look through them and fall in love with one or more. Take a look next time you are in the shop and take one home with you.

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Schedulers Urgently Needed

VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED TO HELP WITH SHOPKEEPING SCHEDULING.

From the Heart currently has 3 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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Stop by the Shop

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

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

Ed Brantly is the January winner of the Shopkeeping Prize award!

Thank you, Ed, for all your help. A beautiful bag of yarn is waiting for you at the shop on your next visit. We hope you will enjoy making a special something with it.

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Donation Inventory Numbers

Below are the inventory numbers for January as well as the previous totals.

Previous Totals

Mid 2001 - 2012	138,064
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2013 Totals

January	<u>1,800</u>
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Grand Total	139,864
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Inclement Weather Policy

It is the time of year when inclement weather that will be heading our way shortly, remember the shop policy. Any time school systems in our area are closed, so is the shop. Even if schools are not closed but you are uncertain of the street conditions in your area, STAY HOME! We'd rather keep the shop closed than risk putting any one of our members in danger. Stay home, stay safe and warm and just maybe you'll have time to finish some of those projects just waiting for your undivided attention.

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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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Marti Manson

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