

K I S S

Knitting in Service Society

KISS is a group of girls and women who knit to benefit those in need. It meets monthly to knit together and provide peer support. Some members knit at home during the month as they are able. See Boston Globe article:

http://www.boston.com/lifestyle/articles/2008/05/15/their_knitting_fulfills_a_passion_and_a_need/

We are working on **two types of projects** that can each range from easy to more advanced – your choice. They are:

- Scarves and hats for Boston's homeless through Common Cathedral – given as Christmas presents, to be turned in November 9, 2008. For info on their needs and a pattern, see <http://www.ecclesia-ministries.org/howto.html> . Dark colors work best as most congregants are male.
- Scarves, hats and slippers for Boston's poor and homeless women at the Women's Lunch Place – given monthly for birthday presents and also as winter holiday presents, to be turned in several times a year. For info on their needs, see <http://www.womenslunchplace.org/news/index.html#bday>
- **Donations of knitted goods** can be dropped off at the KISS poster/display basket in the entryway of FRS. Please feel free to go to the **FRS website** to access this document in electronic form so you can follow the links. Questions, call FRS at 978-369-5180.

RESOURCES:

- A great resource for patterns (knitting and crochet) and inspiration is the **Lion Brand website**: <http://cache.lionbrand.com/> This is a source for **over 1,000 patterns (most are free)** and lots of great info. You can sign up for their free e-newsletter; they even have a separate free subscription option for their fun kids' monthly e-newsletter.
- And finally, another resource if you ever get stuck. It has online videos: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- The group meets **Tuesday nights at 7:30 in Union Hall**, in the third floor conference room. Enter the building through back door on the right. Bring your own needles and yarn. And by all means, **feel free to invite friends**.
- Here is the schedule for 2008 - 2009. You might want to mark your calendar now:



June 10, 2008
Sept 16, 2008
Oct 21, 2008
Nov 18, 2008
Dec 16, 2008
Jan 20, 2009
Feb 23, 2009
Mar 17, 2009 *
Apr 28, 2009
May 19, 2009
June 16, 2009

* The March 2009 meeting, held at **Gleason Public Library**, features **The Stories of Knitting** by Knitting Out Loud publisher Kathy Goldner. "Stories teach us new things, show us who we are and bind us together," says

Kathy. This hour-long presentation, illustrated with photographs, knitted items and antiques from Kathy's collection, explores the world of knitting past and present through stories. For more about Kathy and Knitting Out Loud, check out www.knittinghelp.com. Bring your knitting and bring a friend for this special treat!