



## InterKnit Machine Knitters Guild June 2006 Newsletter

**Congratulations to the Program Committee  
And ALL the helping hands for a wonderful job on the  
Cathie & Frank Sanders Seminar!  
Bravo!**

### June and July:

Our **June** presentation will be by C. Scott entitled “What the numbers mean.” She will present a study of yarn twists and what makes the right yarn for a given project. This precedes our **July** event of the “Brown Bag Exchange”. Those who wish to partake should bring a bag of yarn of approx. ½ lb in weight. This yarn is to be made into something and brought for Show and Tell in September.

NOTE: Remember the field trip in August, in lieu of our regular meeting, will be to Lorna's Laces in Chicago.

Even after learning what the numbers mean I'm sure some of us will still have **mystery yarn**. So I'm including some fiber info (below) courtesy of the WMKG and an Internet source.

### **Bleach Test for Unknown Yarn Content**

To tell if the yarn is of animal, plant or synthetic origin simply pour a small amount of bleach into a bowl and place a length of the mystery yarn into the bleach. Then wait a few minutes:

A. If the bleach bubbles around the fiber it is an animal fiber (including silk) and will dissolve in less than an hour.

B. If the yarn starts to lose it's color you've got a plant fiber. It will become white but not dissolve.

C. If the yarn floats and remains unaffected it's an acrylic yarn and will not be changed.

If the yarn starts to bubble but does not disappear it maybe a wool-acrylic blend.

A link to “Fabric University” for an **extensive** burn test to identify fibers:

<http://www.fabriclink.com/Burntest.html#Identifying>

### ETC. . .

For those who missed it here's a link to Frank & Cathie's web site:

<http://www.northtipton.com/>

Here's a map link to String Theory (the yarn store Cathie just had to visit while visiting us)

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&searchtype=address&addtohistory=&country=US&location=X9410Z1t4jTuJx84hJzWEnjhE4DC2jR7IDaOGRreHrUiSW2s4u%2fVnQ4KLC8nUBU2yC%2b8meQHq21jy9F%2f12BV4V%2f1fOn%2btxpGYeQq%2b6eCIGnlqY2NSCfqoqail5ULozKTBCVjJByqsNWE%3d>

Hope to see you all Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m., College of DuPage,  
McAninch Arts Center, Room 250 in Glen Ellyn, IL.