

Antique Knitting Circular - The Newsletter of the New Sock Machine Society of America

#### Welcome from the President

by Fred Hauck

Greetings to sock knitting machine hobbyists,

As our first official newsletter goes to press, or should that be "online," it is my pleasure to say hello to those who enjoy the sock machine hobby. I have met many of you personally over the years, mostly because of the founding of CSMSA in 1999. Now, as we work together to build a new sock machine society, I find there are many that I haven't met. One of the principal purposes of the new society is to bring people together in mutual friendship as we move from infancy to maturity. With that goal in mind, I hope to meet many more sock machine hobbyists in the years ahead.

My desire to form a new sock machine society came into play soon after it was decided to end the CSMSA organization. There

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were just too many great memories of the CSMSA conferences to sit back and crank alone. In March of 2013, I hastily put together a proposal for founding a new society. The proposal was offered to as many sock machine owners as I could contact, and the effort was welcomed with an overwhelming lack of enthusiasm. However, by the kind support of people at the **CSM Eastern Conference** in Colonial Williamsburg, a quorum of members held the first meeting, elected officers, and adopted the Bylaws. The Board of Directors immediately went into action and launched a group on Ravelry where we could invite members and begin discussions about the future.

As of August 30, 2013, there were 85 members on our Roster. A survey of members provided guidance for the Board, and there will soon be a new name for the organization, amended Bylaws and further actions aimed at advancing the organization.



Having now told you what you already knew, I would like to insert a few things you may not have known. Had it not been for my Mother, Florence Way Hauck, who in 1923 bought a Gearhart knitting machine from the factory which was located 9 miles down the Susquehanna River from our home, I would not be here hunched over my computer typing comments to the members. It was not until 1976 that my mother remembered the machine was in storage in the granary. She gave me the machine and the operating manual, and I began the same process followed by thousands of other owners. Read the manual and learned to knit. Had it not been for my mother, I would not have joined CSMSA, taught my granddaughter how to knit, passed the machine down to her, nor would I be trying to lead this new society. I have already published a lot more about my sock machines, but there are links to that material for those who are interested.

Meanwhile, we are at the cross-roads of moving forward. Dues are very slow in being submitted. The Board must make decisions based on what we know for sure. A strong message was sent in the survey that members want well planned conferences. The inflow of dues will assure the Board that efforts to plan a conference will have receptive participants. There is a firm link between member support and what we can accomplish at this critical moment for the Society.

I hope members will take this opportunity to shape the society into what they want it to be. This can be accomplished only through member participation.

Good luck to us all. Making Socks with my Friends,

Fred Hauck, President, the Society

#### Knit Knots? Not!

by Kathy Roletter

As a hand-knitter, I have always abhorred knots in my work. I never, never tie yarn. I always work in new ends by splicing or knitting double for a few stitches, then weaving in the ends. I've never had a join fail me for not being tied into a knot. So naturally, when I began cranking socks on CSM's a few years ago, I carried this preference into my new hobby.

Every once in awhile, I discover a knot or flaw in a skein of yarn as I wind it onto a cone. Grrrr! Of course, it's never right near the beginning or the end...it's always smack dab in the middle where it's sure to become part of my socks! I've tried several strategies with less than satisfactory results.

One time, I re-tied the knot with long ends, thinking I'd just knit through that section and, when I was closing the toes later, I'd unpick the knot and weave in the ends. I quickly discovered the tedious drudgery of trying to unpick the ends of a knot buried in a knitted fabric of 9 stitches and 12 rows to the inch. Bleh! Must've taken an hour (and a fair amount of swearing).

Next time, I thought, "OK...no knots. I'll just cut the yarn and keep going. When I'm cranking, I'll be sure to keep my eye out for that cut end so that I can stop in time to grab the next piece

of yarn, then splice them together. Of course, I'll need to be vigilant because if I don't see that cut end coming, I'll just crank the sock right onto the floor...but that won't happen because I'll be careful." Right! A bruised foot from the weights cascading down onto my bare toes was the result of that experiment. Not to mention that I cranked the sock right off the machine in the middle of the foot. Jeez...

Alright, third attempt. I decided to re-tie the knot with nice long ends that would wave in the breeze and catch my attention before the knot reached the yarn carrier. When I knew I was nearing the probable location of that pesky knot, I'd slow my cranking till it appeared. Then I'd stop, untie the knot, splice the yarn and keep

going. Problem solved! Uh...no. The &\*\$%@#'in' knot sailed right past my supposedly alert eyes and buried itself into the knitted fabric once again. (More swearing.)

Wool? OK, I'll spit splice it while winding the cone. Nope, it didn't hold, and the sock hit the floor again. (At least the weights missed my toes that time. My reflexes were improving if not my CSM skills!) I even tried threading one cut end onto a tapestry needle and weaving it through the other cut end for several inches. That didn't hold either.

It became apparent that I needed the knot to hold the yarn together as I was cranking, but I also needed a warning signal, some kind of flag that let me know the knot was on its way in time to intercept it. Light bulb moment! Here's what I do now. It works just great.

When I come upon that knot or flaw in the yarn, I re-tie it into a not-too-tight square knot with 3" ends. Approximately 36" ahead of the knot, I tie on a contrasting color of waste yarn,



leaving 3" ends. Then I continue winding the cone. The knot and the waste yarn flag disappear into the wound-up cone.

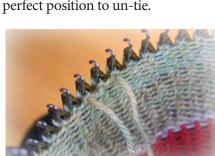
As I'm cranking, I glance

at my cone once in awhile. When I see that waste yarn flag showing, I slow down.



The flag approaches my yarn carrier,

and I know the knot is right behind it. I remove the waste yarn flag and crank very slowly until the knot is in the perfect position to un-tie.



I double the yarn for a few stitches and keep going.

Later, when closing the toes, I weave in the ends on the wrong side to tidy up the join.

No more swearing. No more bruised feet. No more half-finished socks falling off the machine.

Now if I can only figure out how to avoid having to close the toes!



## In Memory of Elsie McCarthy 1935-2013

by Fred Hauck

My first introduction to Elsie McCarthy was at the 1999 sock machine gathering in Freeport, Illinois. We were with a few of the attendees on Sunday morning, discussing what a wonderful time we had, and wondering if there would be more sock machine meetings in the future.

The concept of a sock machine society was suggested, and for the next dozen years the Circular Sock Machine Society of America hosted annual conferences for a lot of sock machine hobbyists.

Elsie was already known in her community as a prolific sock maker. She kept a record of every pair of socks and became a source of help and inspiration for hundreds of sock machine owners.

I contacted Elsie numerous times and always found her willing to help. Lea and I traveled two times to Laconia, NH, to attend CSMSA conferences, and Elsie invited us to stop for the night at her home. In concern for dealing honestly with customers, she had me restore two sock machines before agreeing to sell them. On other occasions she bought accessories from me to give to friends.

Here is the letter Elsie sent me when she found I was going to Woodstock, NH, to visit Murray Clark of Clarks Trading Post. It is a typical example of the care she showed her friends.

December 11, 2002

Fred- How can you go to N. Woodstock to see Murray Clark without stopping in Lyme? Do call. What a pleasure to see you- and there's a spare bed here, if you would like a break in your trip. It takes me about 8 hours to drive from Lyme to

Rochester, probably another couple hours from here to your eventual destination.

Waiting to hear from you. Elsie.

#### Elsie's Obituary

Lyme, N.H. — Elsie D. McCarthy died on Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at her home in Lyme. She was 78. She was born Jan. 9, 1935, in Rochester, N.Y., the daughter of Franklin and June (Hayford) Dickens. She graduated from the University of Rochester in 1957.

Elsie moved to Lyme in 1966. She raised three children there, and was active in town life; she was a substitute teacher in the Lyme School and later worked in the Lyme Town Library. She volunteered

for many years with the Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Lyme. Elsie loved flowers and animals and fireworks, and in recent years her main passion was knitting. She owned several circular sock knitting machines, devices invented in the 19th century to enable women to earn money by knitting socks at home. She was a member of the Circu-

lar Sock Machine Society of
America and had knitting
friends across the country with whom
she shared her knowledge. Elsie loved to
teach new knitters and never tired of talking
about knitting and other fiber arts. She knit
several hundred pairs of socks each year,

which she sold or gave away; she believed that no one should go through life with cold feet.

Elsie is survived by Larry, her husband of 53 years; two sons, Ian of Lyme and Paddy of Vershire, and a daughter, Christina of Canaan; and several cousins. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, at the Highland Cemetery in Lyme. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to VNA and Hospice of Vt. and N.H., or to the Pearl Dimick Fund (The Lyme Foundation, P.O. Box 292, Lyme, NH 03768). Arrangements are under the direction of Ricker Funeral Home of Lebanon.

#### Crankin' Cousins Attend CSM Eastern Conference

By Carol Gursslin

With nine hours of driving behind us, Cousin Sharon and I flopped down onto our super-comfy beds at the Williamsburg Woodlands. The Eastern Conference had officially begun, so we fought our weariness to set up our antique Legares. With the clock close to 9 pm, we entered the Cascades Conference Room, and there sat at least 20 knitters, smiling and chatting as their needles flew up and down. Suddenly we were wide awake!

The energy within that room was infectious—morning, noon and night. We could not get enough! From Thursday to Sunday we found inspiration from kindred spirits who shared their



knowledge in a heartbeat. Classes were inexpensive (from free to \$20) and taught by seasoned knitters Bonnie Smola, Jenny Deters, Roxanne Baechle, Laurie Brown, Kim Kulasa, Pete and Deb Oswald, and Linda Chatterton.



Jenny Deters

I learned many ways to knit a heel from Bonnie, and Jenny demonstrated how to create a flat piece of fabric. At home now, I can refresh my memory using Bonnie's DVD and Jenny's book. We both took Laurie's class as she knitted a ribbed sock using

her ribber. While the ribber has been our "undoing," we are not giving up, especially after Laurie's comforting words, "Do not sweat the small stuff."

We cranked and we chatted and we met so many friendly women and men in the loveliest of settings. Light poured through the floor-toceiling windows at this historic location where, outside, deer roamed amongst the huge bamboo plants. Yes, bamboo!!! A natural source of fiber!

And fiber there was, not only the many colorful skeins from our own stashes, but at vendor booths set up along an entire wall. I bought Opal yarn plus patterns, a handcrafted wooden measuring tool, and bright pink scrap yarn. And in our goody bags provided by the conference



organizers, we found two skeins of premium undyed 80/20 sock yarn from Wool2Dye4.

All attendees received custom made rugs to put under our work stations and a multi-day ticket to Colonial Williamsburg. Though the average temperature felt like 90 degrees, we nonetheless enjoyed two evenings at the historic grounds, shopping, dining and taking in the ambiance of days gone by. Overall, though, we spent 90% of our time socializing, learning, and making socks. In that order!

Cousin Sharon and I are now closer than ever to using our ribbers thanks to Pete Oswald, who adjusted them to our antique machines. Everywhere we turned, it seemed someone was helping another in some way: picking up a dropped stitch, learning on a new machine, creating an I-cord hair (continued on next page)

*Crankin' Cousins (continued from previous page)* scrunchy, replacing a lost screw, or oiling a dry machine. The camaraderie between beginners and veterans was friendly and fun, and Sharon and I knew we were among well-versed mentors.

And then, late on Saturday afternoon, much to our surprise, our other passion was addressed: Chocolate! Banquet tables laden with chocolate desserts beckoned as we gathered for a presentation by the organizers and a guest speaker. Vol-

unteers were recognized for their efforts, and awards were given. We rested our hands long enough to enjoy the stories of colonial weaver/historian, Max Hamrick, Jr., who is a longtime employee of Colonial Williamsburg. And the icing on the cake was this: I won two blue ribbons for my red and black, hand decorated, Mary Engelbreit inspired, crankin' stool!



After our last hot breakfast buffet on Sunday and goodbyes all around, we packed my Rav-4 for the drive back to Rochester, NY. (Actually, Sharon waited

for me in the wrong car, and we are still laughing about it!) We had already joined the new sock machine society (NSMSA), so we were feeling hopeful that this would not be our first and last annual conference. We felt so grateful to the conference committee—and especially to those who picked up the loose ends as the date approached. They made two crankin' cousins super happy. And super charged for what's to come. We both agreed that this was the nicest group of people and that our expectations were more than met. Our thanks and congratulations to the organizers on a successful conference.



From the Bangor (Maine) *Daily Whig and Courier* 17 May 1861



#### Make This YOUR Newsletter!

by Betty Cowin

Do you want our organization to have a better newsletter? Me, too! Now you have a chance to make this the newsletter of your dreams. Plans are already underway to rename the society and the newsletter. Hopefully by the time issue # 2 rolls out, we will have an attactive new logo in place of the monstrosity at the top of this issue.

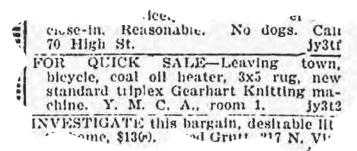
But a nice name and pretty logo only go so far. We need your ideas and your content! Do you have a technique you'd like to share? Stories about your experiences learning to use your machine? Organized a crank-in and can help others plan successful events? Want to interview a supplier of machines, yarn, tools...?

If writing's not your thing, we can still use your help. For example, we need someone to gather information about upcoming events.

I can write all day long about things that interest me (and if you've seen my blog, you know that's true). But if you want a truly interesting and informative newsletter, we need YOU to get involved. Please contact me at bcowin@earthlink.net.

#### **NSMSA** Board of Directors

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Found in the Reno Evening Gazette, July 3, 1925.

#### Call for Committee Members

We need members to volunteer for several standing committees as outlined in our by-laws. Here's your opportunity to help shape the organization as we grow. More detailed information about each committee is available in our by-laws, but this is it in a nutshell. Committees include:

**Finance**. This committee will work with our Treasurer, Marty Wieferich, to recommend an auditor for the society, be involved in the planning of the annual budget, and review all financial business. We are looking for three volunteers. Contact: mwieferi@cmsinter.net

**Rules**. We need two members to work with the board of directors in formulating policies and rules in accordance with the bylaws and to consider bylaw amendments suggested by club members. Contact: fredhauck@copper.net

**Publications**. This committee will work with our Secretary, Kathy Roletter, and will be responsible for the newsletter, website, calendar, and various publications of the society. Contact: kr2409@gmail.com

**Election**. This committee will work with our Vice President, Carol Gursslin, to conduct the annual election of officers. Contact: cgurssli@rochester.rr.com

**Awards**. This committee will also work with V.P. Carol Gursslin and will recommend and administer the various awards of the society. Contact: cgurssli@rochester.rr.com

**Membership**. This committee will also work with V.P. Carol (lucky Carol!) to develop and administer activities for the recruitment of new members. Contact: cgurssli@rochester.rr.com

**Annual Conference**. We need four or more volunteers to work with President Fred Hauck to plan an annual conference, should the society choose to have one. Contact: fredhauck@copper.net

If you are interested in serving, please email the committee's contact person directly.

#### Name Contest Ends September 20!

You have just a short time to submit your entry in our contest - here are the rules. A copy of the flyer that was emailed to all members follows.

#### **Contest Rules**

NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. ALL FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND MUNICIPAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED.

#### 1. Eligibility

New Name and/or Logo Contest (the Contest) is sponsored by and open to current NSMSA members only.

#### 2. Agreement to Official Rules

Participation in the Contest constitutes entrants full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules and decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding. Winning Prize is contingent upon being compliant with these Official Rules and fulfilling all other requirements set forth herein.

#### 3. Contest Period

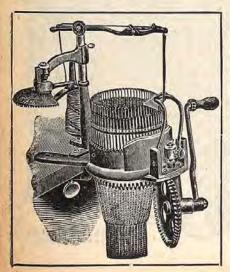
The Contest begins on August 20, 2013 at 12:00 EST and ends on September 20, 2013, at 12:00 EST. Entries that are submitted before or after the Contest Period will be disqualified. Submissions will be accepted for the duration of the Contest using any of the following methods: Mail-In or Online submission.

#### 4. How to Enter

Entries can be submitted to the following email address: darawags@gmail.com or by post to the following: Dara Wagner, 54 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, NY 14450.

#### 5. Selection of the Winner

Shortly after the entry deadline, the Sponsor will notify current members about the voting procedures. The Sponsor will attempt to notify the winner via telephone or email on or about Oct. 15, 2013, and the new name of the organization will be announced to the membership. The winning entry becomes property of the organization and will be used on the website, advertising and potential product sales.



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Per dozen.	***************************************	0

Weight of machine, boxed, ready for shipment, 20 pounds.



# Calling All Crankers!

The survey results are in! Members would like a title that represents both national and international members as well as antique and modern machines.

We need your help! Create and enter a new name for our non-profit organization. Feel free to incorporate a new logo with the title too. Think outside the box or, in our case, the circle!

# Contest Dates: 8/20/13 -9/20/13 Winner receives \$50 worth of sock yarn and recognition on the website.

- Members can submit hand-drawn or computer generated artwork, not to exceed 8.5"x11" along with contact information to: darawags@gmail.com or by post to: Dara Wagner, 54 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, NY 14450
- Contestants may submit more than one entry, each on a separate 8.5"x 11" sheet of paper.
- Please conduct an internet search prior to submission to ensure the name/logo is not already in use.
- All entries will be posted anonymously on the current NSMSA website after the closing date. Members will be asked to vote, results tallied and a winner announced.
- The winning entry becomes property of the NSMSA and will be used on the website, advertising and potential product sales, such as t-shirts, magnets and aprons etc...







#### Be on the Lookout!

All members received the results of the membership survey completed several weeks ago. In addition, members received proposed bylaws amendments based on the preferences expressed by the majority of the membership through the survey. Please be on the lookout soon for an email containing directions on how to vote on the bylaws amendments. All members who have submitted their 2013 dues will be able to vote on these proposed amendments.

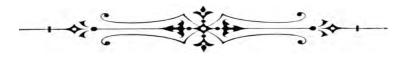
If you would like to continue your membership and participate in the vote, please send \$10 for dues in one of the following ways to our treasurer, Marty Wieferich:

- (1) by check via snail mail: Marty Wieferich, 1886 N. Baldwin Road, Ithaca, MI 48847 Please make your check payable to "Marty Wieferich" since our new name has not yet been established.
- by Paypal to the following email address: mwieferi@cmsinter.net Please send the payment as a "gift to friend or relative" to avoid Paypal fees.

Thanks to all who have expressed their support of our infant organization by sending in their dues. As of September 9, we have 35 paid members. We need many more to continue our efforts. Will you join us in growing and developing an organization that will serve us all?



Planning to demonstrate your CSM at an upcoming event? Going to a crank-in? Or planning one? Let us know so we can include it in a future newsletter.



Did you know...? The modern English word *sock* is derived from the Old English word socc, meaning "light slipper." This comes from the Latin soccus, a term to describe a "light, lowheeled shoe," and deriving from the Ancient Greek word sykchos. (Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia., s.v. "Socks")

### In the Spotlight by Betty Cowin

We plan to spotlight a product or service we believe may enhance your CSM experience in each newsletter. For our inaugural issue, I want to call your attention to Bonnie and John Smola of Yellow River Station.

I just recently subscribed to Sock Machine Knitting, their quarterly newsletter. It's well-written and informative, and I've put it on my personal "required reading" list.

I also ordered their instructional and pattern CDs. As a newcomer to the CSM world, I have already benefited from information in the instructional CD and have begun reading it from "cover to cover." The pattern CD will provide plenty of projects I can already do with my limited experience, and more patterns that will challenge me to learn new skills.

Finally, I must make mention of their customer service. I had a problem using one of the CDs. All, as it turns out, the result of customer error and some issues with my aged PC. John has responded to each question quickly and patiently. He helped me resolve the problem though it was clearly not his responsibility. I have nothing but praise for the service I received.

You can find their products as well as several free instructional PDFs on their site. www.yrstation.com

#### **Upcoming Events**

A fiber festival presents a great opportunity to demonstrate our machines and attract new members. Here are just three such events taking place in the next few weeks.

September 27-29 Newton's Fall Festival Seminar & Parking Lot Sale in Anaheim, CA. Lu Kelce is scheduled to demonstrate CSM knitting. www.newtons.com

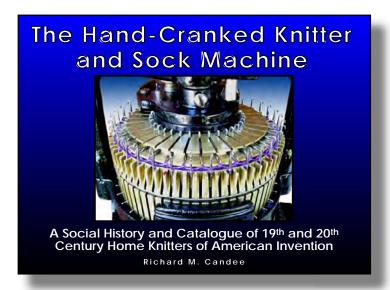
October 5-6 Fall Fiber Festival & Montpelier Sheep Dog Trials at Montpelier Station, VA. Kathy Roletter and Sheila Trumbo will be demonstrating their machines. www.fallfiberfestival.org

October 18-19 Southern Indiana FiberArts Festival in Corydon, IN. Organizers are looking for people to demonstrate their arts – good opportunity for CSMs to be seen! http://southernindianafiberarts.com Page 9

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#### New Sock Machine Society of America Membership Application

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