

Hi dear KasFolk,

We recognize the need for regular news as KAS continues to grow and evolve.

So the first major step is the creation of this more regular newsletter, KasNEWS, to keep Forum and Facebook members informed of the progress of monthly challenges, photographs and items of interest, and, of course, the news.

There will continue to be Ezines, but this format will be kept for special announcements, overall news of KasCare the organization, appeals and of course, as many photos as can be published of the distributions.

A new team of moderators is being developed whose main focus will be to ensure that the Forum and Facebook pages remain lively, interesting, information, and good fun!

You too can become a KasNEWS scout. Please let us know if you see anything online about KAS, or something of interest in the Forum too.

Below is our first stab at the newsletter, the format is still being developed, but rather than wait for 'perfection', better to bring you up-to-date with items of interest.

Pam Antink, Administrator, Square Circle Forum

KasNEWS - FEBRUARY 2012

MONTHLY CHALLENGES

As you will have seen from the last email on 24th January a list of monthly challenges has been organised for almost the entire year. Members creative juices have immediately started flowing and the Forum photo tab has received many pics already.

See Forum activity on January Jewels :

Link : <http://square-circle-forum.ning.com/forum/topics/january-challenge-1>

and February French Lace, Frooty Tooty and Fantasy :

Link : <http://square-circle-forum.ning.com/forum/topics/february-2012-challenge-french-lace-frooty-tooty-fantasy-fairies->

EVENTS

Yours Live 2012 takes place in the first week of March at Skegness, UK. Carol Playford is leading, with the 2 Pam's assisting, and possibly some day-visitor KAS members to help out. Last year many of Yours Magazine delegates promised to knit during the year and bring the results with them, they also promised to bring their own needles as well! We'll report back as to the number of squares and garments we received.

Link : <http://square-circle-forum.ning.com/forum/topics/yours-live-2012>

SCHOOLS

Oaklands School, Loughton, Essex (UK) are participating again for a term and aim to beat their 2011 total of almost 2,000 squares. [KAS Facebook page]

William Byrd High School, Vinton, Virginia - the Leo Club are going to knit for KAS .

Link : <http://www.terriertimes.org/archives/3064>

OTHER GROUPS

Residents of a care home in Haxey (UK) have knitted and shipped over 400 squares and they love the idea of being part of our global community.

Link : http://www.southyorkshiretimes.co.uk/community/knitting_for_charity_1_4185910

Link on the Forum : <http://forum.knit-a-square.com/forum/topics/new-to-the-forum?id=3276523%3ATopic%3A173523&page=2#comments>

B'You Ballarat, Victoria, Australia - sent 3,000 squares in January. [KAS Facebook page]

SPREADING THE WORD

Each of the following links are spreading-the-word about KAS.

<http://www.kittysfiberjourney.com/2012/01/var-servicedomainwww.html>

<http://blog.kanelstrand.com/2012/01/knit-square-send-some-love.html>

<http://sweetposydreams.blogspot.com/2012/01/hip-to-be-square.html>

<http://a-bug-in-a-rug.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-charity-knitting-changed-my-life.html>

A FORUM MEMBER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Our Julia Dee is currently working in South Africa and has a weekly blog on the Forum, where Julia helps with classes of 43 children! Having left clothes from a previous trip, she was able to lug 5 suitcases containing 1,000 pencils, 500 coloured pencils, 500 wax crayons, 148 reading books, 12 pairs of trainers, 24 shirts, 24 trousers and 6 wooden Alphabet puzzles all ready to be packed for the children at the school. The "odd" things also going in her cases were copies of the Dandy and Beano comics, the DVD set of the second series of Downton Abbey and a couple of boxes of Paxo Stuffing mix!

Link : <http://square-circle-forum.ning.com/forum/topics/julias-blog>

SQUARE HEART AWARD

Awarded to Dawson - Wisconsin (USA) a young man of 17 who has been a enthusiastic supporter of KAS, please see front page of Forum for more details of his achievements.

WOOL GIRL, YARN BOY & TWEEDIE!

One Forum member, Maudie Bryant from Tasmania has been very active publishing the beautiful Wool Girl series of books. Her third in the series, 'Wool Girl and The Balls of Wool', was published at the end of January.

In support of KAS, Maudie has very generously offered to donate a percentage of any sales of her books to KasCare. Please support her to support us! Thank you Maudie.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook - please tick LIKE, as we have reached figure of 3,016 followers today, therefore the next target has to be 4,000 !

and finally, but not least :

ANOTHER OPENING & DISTRIBUTION DAY - now where to get started?



