

These new socks are made for happy feet

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Knitwear designer Cathy Carron has written another themed book of knitting patterns with designs that are fresh and sure to please a lot of fashionable people.

The new book, which will be released in April, is called "Happy feet, unique knits to knock your socks off." You may remember Carron from her other books in this series, "Attitude," about hats, "Cowl Girls" about cowls, and "Short Story," about cropped sweaters.

This book has such a wide range of socks that there is probably something in it that will tickle any knitter's fancy. There are leg warmers, knee-highs with pockets for iPods or cell phones, slippers, ankle warmers with sequins, and socks with no heels or toes. There are mismatched socks, felted slippers and socks with multiple cuffs. And yes, there are traditional socks.

My favorite in the whole book is a pair called "Echo of deco." The socks have white bottoms, black tops that go up over the knee and a space just above the ankle where the black and white interact with interlocking elongated triangles that resemble piano keys, at least to me. These socks are knitted in bulky yarn, and I can imagine a dancer in leotards wearing them, or someone who lives in a cold apartment.

I count more than 30 projects in this book, including (at the very end) a couple of designs for classic pairs of ankle socks. The first two chapters, "A leg up" and "Fundamentals of footwear" give the reader who doesn't know much about socks some basic background and terminology

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"Happy feet," the new book from knitwear designer Cathy Carron.

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A CARING COMMUNITY

Capital campaign underway for Camp Jotoni in Warren

Arc of Somerset County plans to make building, grounds improvements to the special needs camp

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MANVILLE — The Arc of Somerset County has launched a capital campaign for its special needs camp located on Old Stirling Road in Warren.

Camp Jotoni is a 15-acre day and residential camp for children and adults with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.

Since 1976, children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have enjoyed spending part of their summer at Camp Jotoni.

Over the years, many new programs have been added to the camp, including residential weeks, community outings, overnight trips off camp grounds, and most recently, respite weekends during the spring and fall. In addition, The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Somerset and Hunterdon Counties have adopted the camp, creating an interactive and accessible nature program

for campers.

These programs are available to the more than 200 campers who spend one week or more at Camp Jotoni participating in summer-related activities, getting reacquainted with old friends, and just having a good time.

Over the past few years, the camp has started to see some wear.

In 2012, Hurricane Sandy destroyed dozens of trees, bushes and shrubbery on the camp grounds, along with some permanent damage to some of the camp buildings.

"The 2014 Camp season begins phase one of the Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign. Donors who participate in this phase will receive recognition for their donation on the new Tree of Life display that will be located in the dining hall," said Lauren Panarella, executive director for the Arc of Somerset County.

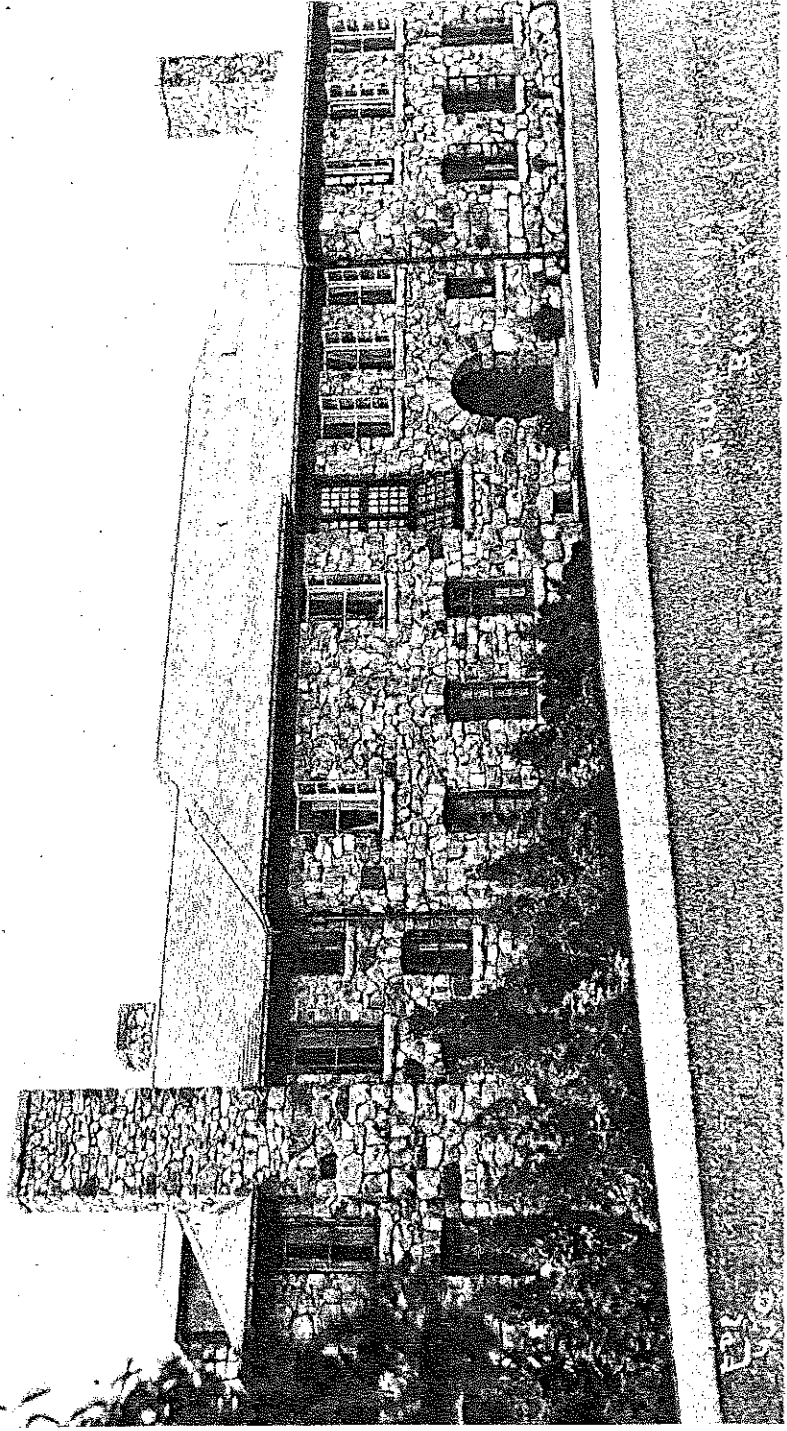
Already scheduled for early spring 2014 is a visit by

a corporate volunteer group that will initiate some major renovations to the current campground. L'Oreal, based in Franklin Township, will send more than 200 employees to the camp on June 13 to prepare for opening day on June 29.

The Warren Girl Scouts Troop 65928 will be tending a pavilion project renovation. Group volunteers and community volunteers are welcome to inquire about additional projects and help needed.

For more information on how to get involved with the Camp Jotoni Capital Campaign, contact Lisa Marie Arieno, director of fundraising and public relations for the Arc of Somerset County at lisamariae@thearc.org or call 908-725-8544, Ext. 610.

For more information about Camp Jotoni, visit www.campjotoni.org, and to view the camp Jotoni video, visit http://www.thearc.org/somerset.org/pr/programs/camp_jotoni.html. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTFIUMuLKR8>.



Peachcroft, one of the Gilded Age estates in the Somerset Hills, was built in 1907 for William Clark, president of the Clark Thread Company of Newark. This photo is from a historic postcard in the private collection of Madeline English. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE BERNARDSVILLE LIBRARY

Bernardsville Library Foundation event at Peachcroft

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BERNARDSVILLE — History buffs and others who enjoy learning about the historic Somerset Hills estates will have a rare opportunity Sunday to see Peachcroft, the estate built in 1907 for William Clark, president of the Clark Thread Company of Newark.

The Bernardsville Library Foundation will host a reception and silent auction from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the fieldstone estate.

Guests are invited to share food and wine, learn more about life in the Gilded Age, and bid on valuable silent auction items as part of the Bernardsville Library Foundation's annual Homes of Distinction event.

Madeline English, a librarian at the Bernardsville Library, explained this is the fourth year that the foundation is holding such an event.

"In past years, they have had several homes of distinction, and attendees could choose which one they wanted to see," she said. "But this year, they thought focusing on just one home might make a better event."

Food will be provided by Carl Posey Catering, Café Azzurro, Sette Cucina Italiana, The Candy Store of Harding, Bistrot Seven Three, Monterey Gourmet, Claremont Tavern and the Bernardsville Inn.

The list of items in the silent auction is posted on www.bernardsvillelibrary.org/events. In the article on that page, the fourth paragraph has a link to the complete list, which includes appraisals of personal possessions, fencing lessons, a tree planted in your yard, custom organized closets, guitar lessons,



Sam Giordano, left, and his wife, Anne, are the current owners of Peachcroft. They are pictured inside their home with historian Barry Thompson.

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