

My own small contribution

I was thinking of going to Sock Summit earlier this year, but made the (perhaps regrettable) decision not to go - I wanted to spend vacation in a less fiber-oriented way. Nevertheless, I joined the Sock Summit Ravelry group, and was on the email list.

When the invitation to knit socks for the Sock Museum came, I decided that this would be my opportunity to "participate" in a small way. I'm making "Merike's Socks" from Nancy Bush's book *Folk Socks*. It's a stranded sock pattern based on Estonian slipper socks. I'm using the Shetland yarn by Judith Mackenzie, and the colors are quite delicious. I was supposed to mail them today, but I'm on the foot of the second sock, so I hope to finish today, block tomorrow, and mail on Monday via Priority Mail. There will be lot's of leftover yarn, so I'm pondering purchasing the Alice Starmore Fair Isle book that's coming out next month and making some amazing mittens or the like.

In my newish spinning world, I was at a conference to teach this past week, and during worship, I spun in public during my sermon! It was the most terrifying thing, because it could have all gone south at any moment. I didn't drop the spindle, fortunately, and the feedback was pretty positive.

The check has come for my awards for the entries to the Marin County Fair. Subtracting the entry fees and the cost of getting into the fair, I still have some \$\$\$ leftover for a dinner out or a new project. Yay!