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knitting, crocheting, and doing some show and tell with past projects. The conversation flowed about stitches, patterns, and life in general.

Gardner said she was newly married when her mother-in-law taught her how to crochet in 1959.

“I made a granny square afghan for my husband that Christmas,” she recalled. He received the gift in January.

“Crocheting, as is knitting, is an art. Learning takes a bit of time and practice. The more you do it, the faster and better you get,” said Pam McGrath.

McGrath was crocheting 6-inch squares using red yarn. “This is what I’ve used (as a dishcloth) almost all my life,” McGrath said.

She said her grandmother and mother had taught her to use. McGrath made them for her home and she makes them for her daughter.

McGrath, like other members, has some knowledge of stitches, patterns, and life in general.

Gardner members call Dave McConnell the “knitting master.” He was working on an afghan during the Dec. 19 class.

McConnell learned how to crochet in a class in the craft department at a Sears store in 1974. He switched to knitting because he wanted to make sweaters and he liked the look of the stitches with knitting needles created. He is perhaps known locally as the craftsman who made the small wood train at the new park in Trussdale.

Woodworking is one hobby. Knitting is another.

“I’ll sit in front of the TV and work at it,” he said. Participants on this day were experts as well as people who needed a refresher to make gifts for birthdays, weddings, and holidays. People who join now might be able to give handmade gifts to someone this Christmas.

Gardner has been crocheting most of her life and giving away her creations. She wants them put to good use, too. She’ll make more if more are needed, she said.

“There’s hardly a day that goes by that I don’t do a little crocheting,” Gardner said. “I enjoy it for the relaxation and the accomplishment.”

Anyone is welcome to attend a Tuesday class, no reservations necessary.

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will have to be implemented. The drugs also have to be tested by an independent laboratory to ensure they meet certain standards (which are...