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Welcome to our fourth annual historical knitting issue! We've selected articles and projects that provide glimpses into the rich, centuries-old, and sometimes poignant history of this beloved craft. Even if you're not a knitter, I hope you'll find the articles and techniques enlightening. A heartfelt thank-you to our generous contributors: they have provided the threads that connect today's knitting and knitters with those of the past.

Our website, pieceworkmagazine.com, is bursting with free projects and articles, the *PieceWork* index, available back issues, and more. Look for new additions, outlined in the box below, beginning December 18.

Also check out *PieceWork* contributor Annemor Sundbø's website, www.annemor.com; click on "English" at the top, then on "Ragpile" to view her new Internet museum with examples from her collection of traditional knitted Norwegian mittens, sweaters, and stockings. Annemor lives in Ose, Setesdal; from 1993 to 2006, she owned and operated the last remaining shoddy (wool recycling) factory in Kristiansand.

The Shetland Museum and Archives in Lerwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland, will host In the Loop 2, a four-day conference on the origins and evolution of knitting, September 1-4. The conference has issued a call for papers (abstracts up to 300 words) for new and recent research from knitters, historians, conservators, theorists, educators, and curators. The deadline is February 1; contact J.A.Horgan@soton.ac.uk.

Enjoy this special issue and best wishes for a happy and healthy 2010 that allows each of us to do as much needlework as we want to do!

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- Punchinello Caps for Knitting Needles to Knit by Ann Budd

These colorful needle protectors adapted from a Victorian publication are fun and practical.

- A Profile of Rowan Yarns and A Kaffe Fassett-Inspired Scarf to Knit

Explore the history and the people behind this British yarn company. Kaffe Fassett is a longtime Rowan associate; this project takes its inspiration from a striped sweater and scarf he designed for *Rowan* magazine 42.

ENTER TO WIN

See the box at the end of the Kaffe-Fassett-inspired scarf project for details on how to win one of three kits with all the Rowan Kid Classic yarn necessary to make the scarf—compliments of Rowan.

No Purchase Necessary. The giveaway of 3 kits of Rowan Kid Classic yarn to make *PieceWork*'s "A Kaffe Fassett-Inspired Scarf to Knit" starts on December 18, 2009, at 12 midnight MST and ends on March 1, 2010, at 12 midnight MST. Giveaway is open to residents of the 50 United States (and D.C.) 18 years and older. For entry and official rules go to pieceworkmagazine.com, click on "A Kaffe Fassett-Inspired Scarf to Knit." Void where prohibited. Sponsor is Interweave Press, LLC, 201 East Fourth Street, Loveland, CO 80537.

