



## January 2011 E-Newsletter

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable New Year's and that 2011 is filled with fabulous knitting projects. As I look around our sit-n-knit table and around the shop at all the new yummy fibers, I just can't stop myself from casting on a new project. How many are in that "projects in progress" basket – probably more than I want to admit, at least out loud. But you all get that ... right?

So, as I sit here and ponder the next few months I'm thinking that a late winter fashion show might be just the ticket to drive away the winter blahs. Say, a Friday evening, early March ... we'll order pizza; you'll bring your fashions to model for us all. We'll even rummage through the back room and pull out some of the "worst" of knitting that we've collected over the years and model those too! Prizes for projects that have been "on the needles" the longest; for the oldest stash ... if it sounds like fun, let us know and send along your ideas too!

### **SPINNING WHEELS**

Are you a wanna-be spinner? Make sure you check out the spinning wheel on display in the store from Merlin Tree, a Vermont company that makes handcrafted spinning wheels. Louet wheels are also available as special orders.

### **JANUARY/FEBRUARY CLASSES**

Pre-registration for classes is greatly appreciated. Please call and let us know if you'd like to reserve a space in class. We need 3 days to add additional staff if necessary. Materials for classes is available at 10% off.

**Knitting 101-Learn to Knit**, or just dust off those knitting skills you haven't used for a while. We'll cover casting on, knitting, purling, and casting off. Find out about tension and how to knit to gauge. Saturday mornings, 10-11:30am, January 22 & 29. Cost \$25

**Cabled Cravat** – Made in wonderfully soft baby Alpaca yarn, on size 10-1/2 needles, this is a great project to learn and practice several techniques including ribbing, cabling, dividing stitches and rejoining to make a slit, etc. Sunday, January 23, 2-4pm. Cost \$15

**Warm Woolly mittens** made using four double pointed needles. We'll knit mittens in your choice of size from toddler to adult. Choose your favorite color, school colors, or even team colors. Mondays 3-4:30, January 24, 31, and February 7. Cost \$35

**Learn to Knit Socks** on double pointed needles. Using the Yankee Knitter pattern we'll make a small sock so that you have time to learn all of the steps, and practice them. Mondays 10:30-12 January 24, 31, and February 7. Cost \$35

**Needlefelt Workshop-Valentine Conversation Hearts.** Drop in and needlefelt a charming little felted Valentine for your sweetheart, February 6, Sunday, 1-5pm. Cost \$5 for first item; \$3 for each additional item.

**Felted and Embellished Bag** - Knit a bag, learn how to felt, then needlefelt your choice of decoration on your bag. Tuesday January 25, Feb 1 & 8, 10:30-12. Cost \$35

**Knit a Mondo Cable Cardigan** from Chic Knits in Chicago. Stop by and see the gorgeous sample hanging in the store, then choose yarn to make your very own. Saturday afternoons 3-5 pm, January 22, 29, and February 5. Cost \$35

**Continental Knitting 101 for beginning knitters** – This is a class for beginning knitters who want to learn to knit continental style. “Picking,” as it’s often called, is said to be easier on your joints and much faster. Kathleen Diehl will be your instructor for this three-session course. You’ll learn basic knitting techniques and stitches (cast on, knit, purl, yarn over, cast off). Plan to attend all three sessions to get the most benefit. Wednesday January 26, February 2, and February 9, 6-7:30. Cost \$35 *[Note: many of you who receive the enews do knit already but if you know someone who’s been talking about learning, please be sure to mention this class, which is geared toward beginning knitters.]*

**Continental Knitting 2** – if you took the first class on continental knitting in early December and want to learn yarn-over technique Kathleen will be back on Thursday January 20 from 6-7:30. No cost for follow-up class.

**Learn about gauge**, while knitting a hat, any size, any yarn, with or without earflaps. Mondays 1:30-3pm, January 24, 31, and February 7. Cost \$35

If you can't make our schedule fit yours, or you just want some private instruction, we can schedule some quality knitting time just for you. \$20.00 per hour.

### **SIT-N-KNIT**

Sit & Knit is a great time to get some progress in on a project, especially one you don't want someone in your family to see yet. Sunday afternoons, 1-5pm, and Monday & Thursday evenings 6-8:30pm. If you're ever short of inspiration, it's great to get a peek into someone else's knitting bag(s) for new project ideas. We love to see what everyone is working on.

### **WHAT'S NEW?**

A new shipment of NORO has arrived. Come check out all the glorious colors. And while you're here, don't miss the oodles of Cherry Tree Hill scattered around the shop.

On order and scheduled to arrive soon – another order of Cascade 220 Superwash and Ecological Wool in oh-so-many wonderful colors!

Also check out our weekly in-store specials, with select yarns at 30 to 40% off.

Happy knitting, spinning, and crocheting...

Kathleen

Coupon here:

20% off all red, white, and pink yarn (excluding consignments) for Valentine's Day knitting. Offer good from January 10<sup>th</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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