



July 2009 E-News

It can't be July already!

June seems to have washed away in our endless days of rain. July, however, promises to be very exciting with our *Quadricentennial Event: 400 Years of Green Mountain Fibers* scheduled for July 25-26. Combine Vermont's agricultural heritage with the whimsy of "Champ" (whom we've decided is a female sea monster).

This summer, our Champ will be sporting the fabulous new shawl, Entomology, by designer Laura Nelkin of Schaefer Yarn Company. Every fashion-conscious sea-monster will be "green with envy" over this dragonfly summer wrap perfect for an evening at the lake. Our Entomology shawl is being knit with Schaefer Anne in our new Green Mountain colorway! See Laura's shawl and download free pattern at <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer09/PATTentomology.php>. This is one of Knitty's hottest (or coolest) designs for summer.

Also in progress is a "tail warmer" for cooler evenings that are no doubt, right around the corner. If you have a great idea to accessorize Champ for any season of the year, please submit it to Green Mountain Fibers via email or stop by the store. Design an item; knit an item; submit a photo; submit the accessory. We'll post all on our website.

On to the details of our activity-filled weekend:

- Dying workshop – using our new "Ewe Dye It" kits discovered at TNNA, we'll hold workshops throughout the weekend. Participants can either follow sample recipes or create custom skeins of sock yarn. Cost for materials: \$15
- Spinning wheel demonstrations
- Drop spindle spinning – try your hand at this millennia-old spinning technique.
- Needle felting workshop – make small felted native VT wildlife and farm animals, creature friends of Champ.
- "Vermont Hippie" silk scarf creation – a new find from our TNNA travels, you'll love this silk and needle-felted creation. Cost for materials: TBD
- Self-guided Fiber Tour – visit the fiber farms that supply our local product, between now and Labor Day. Take along our Green Mountain Fibers Farm visit card and get it endorsed by the farmer to receive an in-store discount of 5% to 30% off, depending on how many farms you visit.

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WHAT'S NEW!

To paraphrase Sandy... "O-WOW - O-WOOL"

It's definitely an "O-WOW" experience to see and touch the new O-Wool yarn! That's "O" for organic and "WOW" for some spectacular colors!

Then there's "O-WOW" for our new "O-PAL" sock yarn... more commonly called Opal. Come see our new selection of self-patterning Opal for summer sock knitting. From September to December, we'll also be receiving the new limited edition colorways in the new lines for fall.

Patterns galore... from Knitting Pure and Simple, Green Mountain Spinnery, O-Wool, and much more!

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MONDAY NIGHT KNITTING

Come join us for our new Monday night sit-n-knit. We are now open until 8:30(ish) to accommodate our knitters who work weekends and can't join us on Sunday. All are welcome!

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RHINEBECK... ANYONE?

The New York State Sheep and Wool Festival in Rhinebeck will be held October 17-18. We are considering a charter bus to the festival for either Saturday or Sunday if there is enough interest. Please email us if you would just love to make it a day's outing with a group of other fiber nuts and indicate if you have a preference for either day.

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HELMET LINERS

A huge thanks to all our knitters who are contributing to our effort... one helmet liner at a time. Our number changes everyday as we inch our way toward December and the deployment of our Vermont Natural Guard. Join us on Sunday afternoon or work at your leisure.

Happy knitting (and spinning, and crocheting) –
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