

March 2009 Green Mountain Fibers E-News

Welcome Fiber Friends!

We first want to thank everyone who attended our wildly successful Customer Appreciation Open House on January 31st. We had dozens of local knitters come through our doors to experience what we have to offer for the local knitting community.

Sunday afternoon has become our informal “Sit-n-Knit” with many of our regular knitters stopping by to work on projects. If you need a Sunday afternoon escape and would like to relax in the company of other fiber enthusiasts, do come join us. We’re open from noon til 5PM. If you belong to a knitting group and would like to schedule a time to come to the shop, just give us a call and we’ll happy to help.

March Madness

Each week during March, a different yarn will be offered at 10% off. Plan your projects and your shopping to take advantage of these offers.

March 7-13: All Debbie Bliss Tweeds including luxury, chunky, and aran.

March 14-20: All Jitterbug Sock Yarn – one skein makes a pair of socks, in great colors!

March 21-27: Sirdar Baby Bamboo for summer knitting and baby things.

March 28-31: Schaefer Subtly Solid cotton in exquisite colors!

Upcoming classes and events

We have many classes planned for March, including “Learn to Knit,” “Felted Slippers,” “Felted Easter Basket,” and “Summer Top.” Visit http://www.greenmountainfibers.com/classes_events.html for complete class information.

Introduction to Fair Isle Knitting with Margaret Wilson of Green Mountain Spinnery
Students will learn the basics of working two colors in a row using the stranding method, understanding color dominance and how to make your color stitches pop effectively based on how you hold the yarn. The center of this workshop is knitting a 3-color hat in the round. Some pre-workshop homework provided. For beginner/intermediate knitters, 4 hours, approximate cost \$75-100.

A class will be held at Green Mountain Fibers if there is enough interest. Please sign up by emailing the store at yarnshopgmf@gmail.com if you are interested, including an email and phone number. We have recently learned that Margaret’s new book will not be out until fall so it won’t be for sale during this workshop. However, we will try to have signed copies available in the store when it’s published.

Spring on the Farm Knitting Retreat

We are planning a knitting retreat at Liberty Hill Farm in Rochester, VT the weekend of April 24-26. Liberty Hill Farm is an 1825 farmhouse providing the ultimate farm experience, including hearty farm fresh dinners and full country breakfasts. We’ll tour a local fiber farm, visit Green Mountain Fibers in Rutland, offer a 4-hour workshop with

Mary Jeanne Packer on making the mitered square vest - that fabulous piece that hangs in our store made from Mountain Colors Mountain Goat (color Lupine) - and enjoy leisurely hours of knitting while sipping wine and snacking on cheese. The anticipated cost for the 2-night retreat is \$275, which includes accommodations on Friday and Saturday, tour & shopping transportation, and meals.

We will begin to take registrations on March 20th but if you would like to put your name on the list, contact us by phone or email. If you are traveling from out of town, we can also help you with travel plans.

New product

We now have Danforth Pewter buttons in stock! These pewter buttons are made in Vermont and are the perfect accessory for your next project. Visit the store to check out what is available. If you are looking for something particular in the Danforth line, we are also happy to order for you. Examples of the buttons are below:



Fabulous Fiber of the Month

Each month, GMF will feature a Fiber of the Month. March's Fabulous Fiber is a Vermont-grown baby soft alpaca from Maple View Farm Alpacas in Brandon, VT. You won't be able to resist its luxurious texture and beautiful natural colors. Come see ... and feel ... for yourself!

One of our goals is to promote Vermont's rural working landscape and support the fiber farms that ply their living from the land. In addition to Maple View Farm Alpaca, we carry wool from Marilyn Brodeur of Chittenden; wool and fleece from Lisa Velasquez of Wells; fleece, rovings, and soap made by our own Elaine Martel; and wool from Merck Forest and Farmland. Be sure to check for new local suppliers when you visit us.

In the News

The local Rutland Business Journal featured Green Mountain Fibers in their February 2009 Spotlight on New Business section. Read the full article here:

<http://www.greenmountainfibers.com/documents/RutlandBusinessJournal.pdf>

As always, our friendly staff is ready to greet you seven days a week at Green Mountain Yarn & Fibers. Continue to check out our class listings, workshops, and retreats on the web to see of upcoming opportunities!

Happy knitting (and spinning, and crocheting) –
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