



### **May 2011 E-Newsletter**

After all the April Showers, it's a treat to see sunshine; and it's a great time to be looking for a new spring project with lighter weight fibers. It's also a great time to take up spinning if you've been thinking about that for a while. My spinning wheel is in the shop and available for anyone who would like to give spinning a whirl. We also have the Hitchhiker spinning wheel made by Merlin Tree right here in northern Vermont and it is for sale.

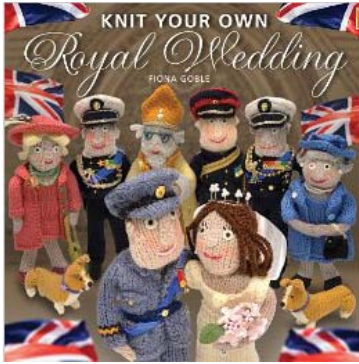
Cleaning is not high on my list of enjoyable activities but spring cleaning is a real opportunity to reacquaint yourself with "stuff" you forgot you had. At the yarn shop, we're doing our spring cleaning as well. Sandy has rearranged the store and set up several bins of 50% off bargains. These are discontinued yarns or small lots of "onesies or twosies" that we will not replenish. If your stash is getting a little low after a long cold winter, this is a great way to restock for yourself or perhaps even for your 2011 holiday knitting. Yes, I know we're barely past winter 2011 and nobody wants to think about its return...

### **Thursday sit-n-knit**

Our Thursday evening sit-n-knit was a winter addition to help us get through those cold, dark nights. However, now that the days are longer and the weather is warmer we all have lots of outdoor activities to keep us busy... not to say that we can't sit outdoors and knit. But, we will go back to our summer schedule that includes Sunday afternoon from 1-5PM and Monday evening from 6-8:30PM. We will close at 5:30 on Thursdays throughout the summer and fall.

### **Knit the Royal Wedding**

This is a hoot! If you haven't seen this book, do yourself a favor and check it out either at the shop or online. From Will and Kate to the Queen and her Corgi dogs, you'll just love this ensemble. We're working on our own Royal Wedding ensemble to be on display at GMF. If you'd like to be a part of the fun, just let us know that you'd like a "royal project" and we'll set you up. The Queen, Camilla, the Corgis, William, and a Footman are in the works but that still leaves the Bishop, the Bride, Charlie, and Harry.



### **Art in the Park**

We are so pleased to report that Green Mountain Fibers was accepted as a vendor for this year's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Art in the Park events to be held August 13-14 and October 8-9 in Main Street Park, Rutland.

This promises to be a grand celebration and we are excited to be participating with lots of local yarn and fiber, hand-knits items, spinning and knitting demonstrations, and classes. We're offering our knitters an opportunity to sell items in our booth on a consignment basis. We'd like to focus on hats, mittens and fingerless mitts, scarves, cowls and neck warmers, felted bags, or other small items. This doesn't eliminate other larger items that you may wish to sell but smaller items will help us have the greatest selection. If you have any interest in participating, please talk to Sandy at the shop. If you'd like to be a knitting or spinning volunteer in the demonstration area, please let us know that too. We're going to create a "fiber frenzy" and would for you to take part!

### **WE'VE GOT CLASS(es)**

**Knitting 101:** Make a felted bag. Learn to knit, pick up stitches, make an I-cord, and felt your project. This bag makes a great purse, or small knitting bag. Saturdays, 10:30 to noon, May 14 and 21. Cost: \$25; 10% discount on materials.

**Entrelac Knitting:** Create a basket weave look that looks great in long color repeat yarns such as Noro and Kauni. Learn to knit Entrelac, including knitting backwards so you use this technique for socks, hats, even a rug! Monday, May 16, 10:30 to 1:30. Cost: \$15; 10% discount on materials.

**Basic Socks:** Using your choice of Magic Loop or 2 circular needles, make a baby sock from the top down using worsted weight yarn to enable you to get through all parts of the sock. Monday, May 23, 10:30 to 3pm. Cost: \$35; 10% discount on materials.

**Dye yarn or roving:** In 45 minutes to play, then take your newly painted wool home in a zip-top bag to dry. Sunday, May 29, 12 to 5pm. Cost: \$5 plus materials. This could be messy so dress accordingly.

### **Shawls for Summer Knitting**

It seems to be shawl season, both for wearing and for knitting. There are several fabulous samples on display in the shop made by our fabulous knitters.



Happy knitting, spinning, and crocheting... and Happy Spring!  
Kathleen

Coupon:

Good for 25% off one purchase (excluding consignment yarns).  
Offer good through May 31, 2011.

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