



November news ...

So, it was a month ago that I sat down to begin the October news and here it is November 7th. Let's hope I have more success this month as we are truly in the knitting season for both holiday giving and winter apparel and there's lots new and exciting ahead.

Some of our best-selling yarns will be fully stocked for the Holiday Season, including Green Mountain Spinnery Mountain Mohair, Cascade 220 Superwash (but it does fly off the shelf), Schaefer Miss Priss, and a few new Malabrigo worsteds in vibrant colors. Also due to arrive this week, a large shipment of Noro Kureyon and Silk Garden along with a restock of *Knit Noro* and a new Noro Accessories book. In the coming weeks you can also expect to see a full array of Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride worsted to complement the new yarns from Noro.

Frou-Frou is also "in" for the season again! A new shipment of *Flounce* and a few Flounce sister-yarns are on their way as well. They are fabulous fun fibers to accessorize anyone on your gift-giving list.

As Veteran's Day approaches, I'd like to take the opportunity to extend our thanks to all of America's veterans who have served the country in both war and peace. This Veteran's Day is also a once-a-century phenomenon – 11/11/11 – and all day long we will offer an 11% discount on your total purchase.

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Happy 3rd Anniversary/Customer Appreciation Weekend

It's hard to believe that it's been three years since we were frantically preparing for our Thanksgiving Weekend opening but here we are... three years later and we want to thank you for supporting Green Mountain Fibers as your Local Yarn Store. We wouldn't be here without you, our loyal knitters!

We'll have sales and festivities all weekend so do plan to stop by. The celebration begins on Friday, November 25th at 8am. All yarn (excluding consignments), will be on sale as follows:

- Friday 8-9am - 40% off
- Friday 9-10am – 30% off

- Friday 10am to Sunday 5pm - 20% off

All single patterns will be 40% off all weekend long. Other in-store specials will await you as well throughout the weekend. We'll also have door prize drawings for yarn, books, patterns, and knitting notions. So... make your plans now to come visit us on Thanksgiving weekend to take advantage of great prices and great products. It's our way of saying *Thank You!*

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Distinctly Local Shopping Spree

Shop local for the season! The Rutland Region is host to many locally owned businesses offering an array of distinctive products and services. Visit any participating merchants and ask for your *Passport to Surprises*. Visit just four businesses between now and December 5th to enter the grand prize drawing for a chance to win a Distinctly Local Shopping Spree worth **\$250, \$100, or \$50**.

Pick up your *Passport* at Green Mountain Fibers or, if you already have your *Passport*, just present it for a signature when you visit. And, while you're in the neighborhood, stop next door at **Vermont Canvas Products** to see the many fabulous knitting bags and other canvas items that Gail Dubois and her team of local sewers make. In addition to Green Mountain Fibers and VT Canvas Products, other participating businesses include:

- Arts & Antiques on Center owned by Mary Fran Lloyd
- Bodygears and Penguin Jack's owned by Mary Sherowski (and just FYI, the tap shoes on my bucket list are available there – it's not that I know how to tap dance; I just love the noise!)
- Freeman Marcus Jewelers owned by Ron Marcus
- Hawley's Florist owned by Bonnie Hawley
- Mr. Twitter's & Loosey Goosey's Clothesline owned by Becky and Joe Rizzi.
- Sugar & Spice Restaurant owned by Lynn and Walter Manney
- Tattersall's Clothing owned by Christine Tattersall
- The Ginger Tree owned by Martha Dwyer
- Timco Jewelers owned by Tim Schneller

November is a great month to Shop Local! You could find a host of surprises at participating merchants and maybe even be a lucky winner of a Shopping Spree. At Green Mountain Fibers, we'll also have a weekly drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. See your *Passport* for details on other merchant offerings.

We also invite you to attend Freeman Marcus Ladies' Night on Friday, November 11th beginning at 5pm. This annual event is billed as the kick-off for "hunting widows" but you don't need to be in that category to come and enjoy the evening. Green Mountain Fibers and several other *Passport* merchants will be there with table displays. Beverages and refreshments are provided compliments of Freeman Marcus and there are door prize drawings as well. Hope to see you there!

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See what we're knitting...

If you haven't noticed our new Gallery of Knits and project display area, be sure to check it out. The skylight in the large middle room is now home to knitwear – see the display of sweaters and shawls that grace the white walls. And also in the middle room is our new display of projects. You'll see some previously knitted and new items on display here along with the yarn used for each. Coming soon, you'll see our Project of the Month selections as each member of GMF staff creates their favorites.

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Sit-n-Sew... knitted squares, that is

We have been collecting knitted and crocheted squares to make afghans and throws for families who suffered losses in Tropical Storm Irene. Christie Carr had graciously offered to sew these together but this is definitely more than a one-person job. If you're in the shop on Sunday afternoons (or any other time for that matter) and would like to lend a hand to the sewing effort even for just a few minutes, please do let us know. We'd like to have this project finished in the next 2-3 weeks for distribution before cold weather is here to stay.

There is also a collection effort for hand-knits for the holidays to distribute to Irene Families in need. If you have hats, mittens, scarves or other warm winter items you can donate them at Green Mountain Fibers and we will make sure they are sent to the appropriate place for distribution.

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We've Got Class...

Needle felting. Join us to needle felt pumpkins, apples, & fall leaves that make cute decorations for your autumn decorating. The possibilities are endless!

We will make one pumpkin, apple, & leaf in class. Friday, November 18, 2:30-5:30pm. Class fee \$20.00. Fiber of your choice & felting needles additional.

Knitting camp for kids. Learn to spin your own yarn with a drop spindle, dye yarn with non-toxic items found around the home, and learn to knit. Two action packed sessions, includes your own drop-spindle to take home, fiber, 1 skein yarn, 1 pair of knitting needles, and a lot of fun. Saturday November 12, 10:30-noon and November 19, from 10:30 to noon. \$38.00

Learn to Spin. You love knitting, now learn to spin and make just the yarn you'd like to knit with. Thursday, November 10, 5:30-8:00pm. \$15.00

Entrelac. Knit an amazing scarf in this basket weave effect that will amaze & impress your friends. Looks especially great in Noro & Kauni yarns. Saturday, November 12 2:30-5:30. \$15.00 plus materials.

Mini-Socks. Learn to knit a sock in one session, making a small sock that will fit an infant, hold a gift card, or make a cute tree ornament. Saturday, November 19 from 2:30-5:30. \$15.00 plus materials.

Please note that all classes are limited in size in order to give everyone attention and have sufficient supplies. Call early to reserve your space.

If you learn best in a one-to-one setting, we also provide individual lessons at \$20/hour. Please call the store to schedule classes.

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Happy knitting, spinning, and crocheting! We hope to see you soon!
Kathleen