

## Welcome Fiber Friends to our first edition of the GMF e-news.

### Open House – January 31

As I look at the calendar, I realize that it's already two months since our opening on November 29, 2008 ... and what an amazing two months it's been. The response from the knitting community has been most heartwarming and reinforces for us that Green Mountain Fibers was truly an idea whose time had come. If you haven't heard the story of our opening, it was a concept that had been tossed around by my business partner, Mary Jeanne Packer (who also owns Finger Lakes Fibers) and me for more than a year. Then in October 2008, we ventured to Ireland on a fiber tour and while riding our tour bus through Galway, realized it was "do it or don't." We set about making the mental plans and picked our signature color – St. Patrick's green. Upon returning home, I discovered that the building where our shop is located had been newly painted, green of course. It was an omen and just five short weeks later, we opened our doors.

Enter you.... our avid knitters! We might have pulled off the opening but we wouldn't be there without our loyal customers. You have helped us to create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere, to put together classes, to stock new yarns, and to grow a community of knitters who come to shop, to knit, to learn, and to share and show off their projects. We are continually evaluating what we need to do to make our shop even better and invite your suggestions.

With our whirlwind opening and the holidays hot on our heels, we put off a Grand Opening until it seemed a bit too late. So, as a way to both celebrate and say thank you, we are hosting a **Customer Appreciation Open House** on Saturday, January 31 from 9am to 5:30pm. Come join the celebration and take advantage of some special offers that include:

- 10% off (excluding consignment items) all day
- Drawings for prizes
- Demonstrations
- Refreshments
- In-store specials

We'll have the coffee on and the breakfast sweets out when you arrive and will replenish the goodies throughout the day. Several of our suppliers have donated items for giveaway. Mary Jeanne and I will both be there along with Elaine, Sandy, and Gwen. Hope to see you too!

Also, if there's something you need that we don't have in stock, just let us know and we are happy to order it in for you. Same with classes - if there's something you want to learn to make this winter just let us know. We are scheduling new classes and also offer individual knitting lessons, by appointment. Check with Elaine or Sandy.

**Helmet liners for the troops** – If you can knit or crochet, please consider joining our effort to provide helmet liners (or balaclavas) for our military men and women serving overseas. Just one skein of Cascade 220 will complete this project. Ask us in the shop for details on how you can participate in this effort, at no cost to you.

Happy knitting (and spinning, and crocheting) –  
Kathleen

