

It was September's eve when I began this newsletter and here it is October 8th ... where has the time gone? While I had hoped to send weekly updates that were short and sweet, I'm afraid there's much to tell you so please bear with me as I give you all the news... and I promise to keep it simple in the future!

We extend a very special thanks to the wonderful folks at the Vermont Country Store for their generous donation to the helmet liner project. They really stepped up to help us knit a helmet liner for every National Guard member who will be deployed from the greater Rutland area. With their generous contribution, and the help of all our knitters, we not only reached but surpassed our goal of 150. This means that we will be able to contribute to the statewide effort of supplying the 1800+ troops leaving in December. Thank you so much to all who are participating!

FESTIVALS!

The Yarn Angel in Glens Falls has invited us to join them on their 1st annual bus trip to the Sheep and Wool Festival in **Rhinebeck, NY on Saturday, October 17th**. The bus will depart from Aviation Mall at 7AM and return at 7PM. Cost is \$45, which includes bus fare, festival admission and driver tip. If you are interested please call to reserve your seat at 518-761-2031. If enough of us go from Vermont, we can carpool to Glens Falls.

Instead of the planned invite, I now have to tell you that we did our first Fiber Festivals. The Southern Adirondack Fiber Festival at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, NY, was held on September 26 & 27 and was a very successful show for both Green Mountain and Finger Lakes Fibers who shared a booth. We also attended the Vermont Sheep and Wool Festival held October 3-4 for the first time at Tunbridge Fairgrounds. Despite the relentless downpours on Saturday, there were record crowds of "fiber addicts" dodging the raindrops.

WE'VE GOT CLASS!

Beginning Knitting: Saturday, October 17th and 24th from 10am-noon. If you're new to knitting or just need a refresher we'll get you started. We'll cover casting on, the knit and purl stitches, ribbing, and binding off. Make a swatch, potholder, or scarf.

Felted Slippers: Monday, October 12th, 19th, and 26th from 6-8pm. Learn all about machine felting and use this magic to create some toasty footwear perfect for holiday giving. Check the store for the sample felted clog.

Entrelac: Make a scarf with Gwen while learning this new technique. This scarf is stunning with Noro's color repeats. Learn to knit backwards! [Date TBD as soon as Noro Angora order arrives.]

Mitered Square Vest: Sunday, October 11th from 1-5pm. Domino, or mosaic knitting, can be used to make just about anything out of multiple 'dominos' joined together as you go. Once you learn to make the squares, the sky's the limit with what you can do. We will focus on the domino vest designed by Mary Jeanne Packer. One class is all you need.

Marvelous Mitten Mania: Friday, October 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 10am-noon. Knit in the round on US#7 double pointed needles, these mittens knit up quickly, and there's no side seam to sew up later! Endless variations and they make great gifts.

Finishing School I: Friday, October 9th from 5-7pm. Good knitting is important but shoddy finishing can keep a garment from fulfilling its true potential. Learn to sew up garter stitch and stockinette stitch. Swatches will be made in class and then seamed.

Finishing School II: Friday, October 16th from 5-7pm. Move on up to seaming seed stitch and cabling.

Magic Loop Socks: Saturday, October 10th, 17th, and 24th from 2-4pm. Instead of using 4 or 5 needles, use just one with the magic loop method. This class also covers sock making, and you'll have at least one finished by the last class.

SIT-n-KNIT

Come in to work on your project and meet other knitters. Share ideas and good times. The more the merrier! Thursday 4:30 to 6:30pm, Friday 5-7pm, Sunday 1-5pm, and Monday 7-9pm.

ALL THAT'S NEW....

New yarn has arrived! Lots of new yarn!

Noro Kureyon

Noro Silk Garden

Noro Yuzen

Araucania Azapa – an alpaca/merino/silk/donegal blend that's so soft and comes in six colorways.

Araucania Panguipulli (try saying that three times fast, or saying it at all!) – The variegated colors are gorgeous and we ordered five colorways for you to choose from.

Araucania Itata Multy - colored sock yarn in so many wonderful colors, it's going to be hard to choose.

Sirdar Snuggly – baby yarn in six colors, along with lots of patterns. Three solid colors and three “dots” – really cute for babies and toddlers.

After listening to many knitters asking for machine washable yarns for children and gift giving, we ordered four colorways of **Sirdar Click** – heathered blue, green, and two multi-colors.

New Books – Irresistible Patterns!

Araucania Designer Mini Knits book 4 by Jenny Watson

Noro Designer Mini Knits II by Jenny Watson

Noro Designer Mini Knits by Jenny Watson

Noro, Meet the Man Behind the Legendary Yarn by Cornelia Tuttle Hamilton

Noro, the World of Nature Volume 22

Noro, the World of Nature Volume 26
Araucania Collection Book 3 by Jenny Watson

That's all for now...