



Nature's Yarns NewsFlash

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And the WINNER Is....

Our adult sweater contest winner goes to Pam F. It was a close race with just five (5) votes ahead. Congratulations to both participants.

Sock Innovation by CookieA is distributed by Interweave Press. Anticipated release date is May '09. Copies will ship as soon as it's released.

Birthday Reminder—If you would like to receive a reminder about our Birthday present to you, give us your birthday and verify email.

The Nature's Yarns NewsFlash has a new look and an additional logo. Nature's Yarns has been accepted to use the International Year of Natural Fibres 2009 logo to raise awareness of natural fibers.

The General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 December 2006 proclaimed 2009 the International Year of Natural Fibres. In doing so, it invited FAO, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the observance of the Year, in collaboration with Governments, regional and international organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and relevant organizations of the United Nations system.

There is a wide diversity of natural fibres, animal and vegetable

in origin, and in the past there has been little contact between the industries or between the international organizations and other bodies which service these industries.

The goal is to help bring the various groups together, share information and ideas about the International Year of Natural Fibres in particular and about natural fibres in general.

We carry such fibers and are looking for more. Do you know where your fibers are made?

☺ Brown Sheep Company. Scouring, carding and combing is done in SC and the rest of the production is done in the Nebraska mill.

☺ Kollage Yarns. The cotton used in the HOPE USA line

is grown, harvested and processed in AL and then shipped to mills throughout the US for spinning, plying and dyeing.

☺ Kraemer Yarns come from Nazareth, PA.

☺ Tilli Tomas yarns come from India and some are dyed in Jamaica Plains, MA.

☺ Trendsetter is located in Van Nuys, CA and some of the yarns we carry come from Italy.

☺ Maggiknits USA is located in MI and her yarns come from Italy and Spain.



What are Yarn Tastings?

Think wine tasting but instead of tasting a collection of wine, you will be tasting (with your hands & choice of needles) a collection of different YARNS with a group of fiberholics. It's a great opportunity to visit with friends and since our fine yarns are different, it

affords you the opportunity to TASTE before you buy.

All participants will receive mini skeins (approximately 5-25 yds) of at least five (5) yarns along with some edible goodies and a 20% off coupon (expires in 60 days) toward the purchase of the

featured yarns that day or saved till later.

Keep an eye out for the Yarn Tastings as space is limited.



Opal Sock Yarns

Including "Harry Potter" It's back and what we have may be it. The warehouse is out of stock (again) and we will not be able to restock it again once we deplete our current stock.

The non-traditional sock yarns, Rendez-vous, Rainforest features the anthropomorphic colors of birds, insects, mammals and primates (portion of the proceeds go to "Save the Rainforest" in Hamburg, Germany), Hundertwasser 2 (colors are based on the renowned Austrian artist & sculptor Friedensreich Hundertwasser (1928-2000) paintings) are in limited supply. A Winter's Tale has just arrived and we are out of already. Word to the Wise...if you want it, BUY IT! Else you may have to trade for it.

Say Good-Bye

Every once in a while we have to say good-bye to a yarn, a particular product, and/or a vendor. Well, the time has to come to say good-bye to a yarn & vendor.

Simply Shetland is a distributor of Simply Shetland Lambswool & Cashmere and Silk & Lambswool along with some other yarns that are also distributed by other companies.

Current stock of Simply Shetland yarns have been reduced to half price until the stock is depleted. This does not include the Simply Shetland books.



Stitches East

During your Stitches East adventure, did you happen to see Alice Monroney, owner of Art Buttons of Santa Fe and Alice's Tapestries? You can see some of her bags at the National Museum of Women in Arts in Washington, DC.

Well, she stopped in with her buttons (made using antique button molds, art stamps and made out of a European polymer clay) while on a family visit for the holidays. YEAH!!

So, we now have a sampling of the buttons that flew off the shelves at Stitches. Stop by for a viewing.

Scheduled Yarn Tasting

2nd Annual "Super Ball" Party Featuring Mystery Luxury Yarns

Bring along a variety of needles (knitting, crocheting or both). Join us for this fun event.

Date: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009

Time: 5:00 PM—9:00 PM

Reservations: \$30

Limit—20 spaces available. Advanced registration is absolutely necessary.

Participants will receive a coupon for 20% off all featured yarns at the tasting. Coupon will be good for 60 days.

Email us (info@naturesyarnsinc.com) your three favorite yarn tasting yarns and we will pick from the top five.

March Yarn Tasting Featuring Blue Ridge Yarns

Come meet the ladies behind the label and enjoy Cotton Candi; Bambie; Alpaca Delight (lace & mini) and Hand Painted Linen along

with Jubilee & Kaleidoscope just to name a few. Don't forget to bring along a variety of needles (knitting, crocheting or both). Join us for this fun event.

Date: **Sunday, Mar. 1st, 2009**

Time: 3:00 PM—5:00 PM

Reservations: \$20

Limit—20 spaces available.



The Latest News & Tidbit Information

More patterns...we have two pink binders! One for our New Patterns and one for our New Lace Patterns. Don't forget the magazines—the new Verena has just arrived. Interweave's Holiday Knits and Winter issues are here. We still have copies of the last SPECIAL Issue of Interweave Felt (will no longer be published). Just hot off the press and in stock is the Piecework Jan/Feb 09 issue.

More books...we have auto shipments for the latest & greatest titles such as Shetland Lace, Luxury Yarns One Skein Wonders, Knit on

Down, Crochet That Fits, The Crochet Dude's Design for Guys, and Special Techniques & Stitches in Crochet, just to name a few. Knitted Lace of Estonia and Wrapped in Crochet were here and will return in soon.

Yarn...of course! worsted weight linen has arrived, we have lace weight baby alpaca coming, a new hand painted yarn from a local dyer, and...much more.

Bags...for those that have everything or when "I don't know what to get" person. We have colorful, lightweight duck & mesh bags with matching

accessories in addition to our Lawre's Laines (check out her updated site at www.lawreslaine.com).

Layaways...we offer a 90-day layaway with 10% down.

Woolite has optical dyes in it, which change the color of natural wool. It's been formulated for synthetics. The color change is permanent

SPI-stitches per inch

The Kollage SQUARES are back. Come try out our sample set—circ, dps and a crochet hook.

The Fibre Company Yarns Get a Makeover

Kelbourne Woolens is now the distributor of The Fibre Company yarns. The current line includes Road to China, Road to China Light (new), Terra, Organik, and Canopy. Pemaquid and the rest of the previously distributed yarns have been temporarily discontinued.

The **new** Road to China (69 yds) composition is 65% Baby Alpaca, 15% Silk, 10% Camel and 10% Cashmere. The **old** Road to China (80 yds) composition is 65% Alpaca, 10% Cashmere, 10% Camel, 10% Soya and 5% Yak.

The **new** Terra composition is 40% Baby Alpaca, 40% Merino Wool and 20% Silk. The **old** Terra

composition is 60% Merino, 20% Baby Alpaca and 20% Silk.

The **new** Organik (98 yds) composition is 70% Merino, 15% Baby Alpaca and 15% Silk. The **old** Organik (85 yds) composition is 70% Organic NZ Wool, 15% Baby Alpaca and 15% Silk. The new color cards are on the way as told by an employee of the company.

Kelbourne Woolens is offering free patterns on their website kelbournewoolens.com. Check often for updates.

Just arrived is the new Terra in Logwood Purple.



Crochet Splendor on the Riviera with Jennifer Hansen

Love to travel? Take a cruise with Jennifer Hansen, a Stitch Diva Studios designer, for seven (7) days and 18 hours of instruction in the art of modern crochet. Don't crochet well or at all? No problem. Classes offered include Beginning Crochet, Crochet Lace, Hairpin Lace, Tunisian Crochet and Broomstick Lace.

Cruise Itinerary: Carnival Splendor
9/27 Depart Long Beach, CA
9/28 "Fun Day" at Sea

9/29 "Fun Day" at Sea
9/30 Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
10/1 Mazatlan, Mexico
10/2 Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
10/3 "Fun Day" at Sea
10/4 Disembark in Long Beach, CA

When: September 27—October 4, 2009

Seminar Fee: \$300

Deposit: \$250 per person

Cruise Cost: as \$723 and up (Includes 7 days on board the Carnival Splendor; \$25 on-board spending credit per stateroom; Cocktail get acquainted party with Jennifer Hansen; Stitch Diva Trunk Show; All meals and entertainment on board ship; Government fees & taxes)

More info: Contact Jenn Santa at 877.802.6906 x63013. Spaces limited.

Lost & Found

And the tally is in —Finally! Our inventory is complete and some of our products grew legs and have runaway. If you happen to know their whereabouts, please ask them to come back. Missing are:

Gadgets & such

Fibre Sampler package; Knit Klips package; Lavender Stones package; Locking Stitch Markers package; Mini Bamboo Hook; McPhee's Never Knot Knit 09 Page A Day Calendar; Rabbit scissors; 3 Sheep Post-it Notes; 4 Soft Stitch Ring Markers packages; and a Handy Yarn Requirements Guide.

Magazines & Books

2 Handwoven #143 Jan/Feb 08 magazines; 2 Interweave Knits Summer 08 magazines; Interweave Crochet Spring 08 magazine; Knit 'N Style Feb 08 magazine; Knitters #90 Spring 08 magazine; Knitters #89 Winter 07 magazine; New Pathways for Sock Knitters book; Silk Knits book; MaggiKnits #13 The Romantic Look book (left after Sunday's class in October).

Needles

Size 0 24" KA Bamboo Circular; Size 1 Rosewood Sox Sticks; Size 2 24" Addi Lace Circular; Size 2 32" Addi Lace Circular; Size 3 24" KA Bamboo Circular; Size 3 32" Addi Lace Circular;

Size 4 36" KA Bamboo Circular; Size 6 9" KA Bamboo Circular; 2 Size 8 14" Rosewood Straights; Size 9 32" Rosewood Circular; Size 9 40" Ebony Circular; Size 9 47" Addi Lace Circular; Size 15 24" KA Bamboo Circular; and Size F Crochet Hook.

Patterns

Louet Ashley; Baby Surprise; Bouton D'Or Baby #15; Bijoux Blouse; Cardigans for Adults; Diamond Lace Dress-It Up!; Doll Top; Ethereal Fichu Triangle; Homecoming Layette; Flared Lace Smoke Ring; Cardigan with Crochet Edging; Baby Bomull; 2 Woven Mesh Scarves &

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January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year!	2	3 Project K 10-12
4 Open 1-5	5	6	7	8 Family K (3/4) 7-9	9	10 Project K 10-12
11	12	13 Lace Guild Mtg 10am Wheel Spin (1/3) 6-8	14	15 Family K (4/4) 7-9 Beg Sock (1/4) 6-8	16 Beg K (1/4) 10-12	17 Project K 10-12
18	19 Beg Crochet (1/2) 6-8	20 Beg K (1/4) 6-8 Wheel Spin (2/3) 6-8	21 Fluff & Nonsense Spin Mtg 7pm	22 Beg Sock (2/4) 6-8	23 Beg K (2/4) 10-12	24 Errors 10-1 Color Spinning 1-5
25 Color Spinning 1-5	26	27 Beg K (2/4) 6-8 Wheel Spin (3/3) 6-8	28 Beg Crochet (2/2) 6-8	29 Beg Sock (3/4) 6-8	30 Beg K (3/4) 10-12	31 Project K 10-12

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Entrelac 6-8	3 Beg K (3/4) 6-8	4	5 Beg Sock (4/4) 6-8	6 Beg K (4/4) 10-12	7
8	9 Lace Scarf (1/3) 6-8	10 Lace Guild Mtg 10am Beg K (4/4) 6-8 Wheel Spin makeup (3/3) 6-8	11	12 Hand Spin (1/3) 6-8	13 Fri Nite Seaming 6-8	14
15	16 Lace Scarf (2/3) 6-8 Wheel Spin (1/3) 6-8	17	18 Fluff & Nonsense Spin Mtg 7pm	19 Hairpin Lace (1/2) 6-8 Hand Spin (2/3) 6-8	20 Fri Nite Fair Isle 6-8	21
22	23 Lace Scarf (3/3) 6-8 Wheel Spin (2/3) 6-8	24	25	26 Hairpin Lace (2/2) 6-8 Hand Spin (3/3) 6-8	27 Fri Nite Short row 6-8	28

March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Wheel Spin (3/3) 6-8	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Tunisian Cro- chet (1/2) 6-8 Intermediate Wheel Spin (1/3) 6-8	10 Lace Guild Mtg 10am	11	12 Lace Shawl (1/3) 6-8	13 Fri Nite Cables 6-8	14
15	16 Tunisian Cro- chet (1/2) 6-8 Intermediate Wheel Spin (2/3) 6-8	17	18 Fluff & Nonsense Spin Mtg 7pm	19 Lace Shawl (2/3) 6-8	20	21
22	23 Intermediate Wheel Spin (3/3) 6-8	24	25	26 Lace Shawl (3/3) 6-8	27 Fri Nite Gauge 6-8	28
29	30	31				

Lost & Found continued

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Wraps; Easy Lace Scarf & Wrap; Ring of Lace Wrap; and 2 Seaside Cardigan patterns.

Yarn & Roving

Multi Merino/Tussah-Green 2oz; 045 La Pampa; color 019 Merino Sei; color 0135 Artesanal; color 030 Serene; 2 skeins of color 06 Maggiknits Linenblack; 2 skeins of color 083 Phoenix-chocolate; 2 skeins of color 09 Ulltepegarn-Navy; color 1024 Onyx-Basilic; 2 skeins of color 11 Maggiknits Linen-Pale Pink; 2 skeins of color 1030 Bobin-Camel; color 1041 Kid Seta-Celery; color 1617 Opal Rainforest 2; color 1806 Flamen-co-Blue/Gold; color 1823 Pandora Shadow;

3 skeins of color 2304 Euroflax Linen-Cream; 2 skeins of color 2395 Tonalita; 2 skeins of color 2396 Tonalita; color 2464 Euroflax-Cedarwood; 3 skeins of color 25 Maggiknits Linen-Pale Denim; color 256 Love-Joel & Clementine; 4 skeins of color 2944 Euroflax-Fawn Pink; 3 skeins of color 375 Cotton Fine; 2 skeins of color 400 Cotton Fine; 3 skeins of color 555 Cotton Fine; 8 skeins of color 6203 Mystical-Aries; 7 skeins of color 6431 Delicious-Magic; 7 skeins of color 6432 Delicious-Medley; 2 skeins of color 6606 Hope USA DK-Gardenia; color 670 Scoubidu; Tilli Tomas Simply Heaven-Emerald; Tilli Tomas Simply Heaven-Peacock Blue; Tilli Tomas Rock Star-Glazed Ginger; Tilli Tomas Voile de la Mer-Whisper; and W46 Aussi-

Emperors Robe.

Store Equipment

1 package of Knit Klips, Black Ebony Crochet Hook;

Found

Liquid-solution travel mug with tea (left Sat. 1/3)

Plaid umbrella (left in Dec.)

Skill Builder Descriptions & Information

Beading Skill Builders

Intro to Beads—\$30

Have you been wondering how to make your own jewelry? This is the class for you. Students will learn beading terminology, the various components used in bead stringing, and step-by-step techniques to make a bracelet using tiger tail wire, crimp tubes, Swarovski crystals, and a toggle clasp. After this class, you will be able to make necklaces also using the same techniques. It's easy and fun. You can design jewelry to go with particular outfits or as gifts. If you have beading tools, please bring them. **\$25 Materials fee paid to the instructor.**

1 2-hr session

Intro to Peyote Beading—\$45

Peyote stitch is one of the most frequently used stitches in beadwork and is also used to decorate any kind of cylinder such as key chains, bottles, lighters, quartz crystals, and writing pens. Peyote is mostly recognized in Indian art around antlers and basket handles. In this class you will learn the art of beading a wooden cylinder needle case and how to add a beaded strap to wear as jewelry. **\$TBD Materials fee paid to the instructor.**

2 2-hr sessions

Crochet Skill Builders

Beginning Crochet—\$50

Crochet is enjoying a renaissance and the latest word is – "It's Hip to Crochet!" Designers are now publishing fashionable and interesting patterns and books like those published for knitting. Learn the five basic stitches of crochet: chain stitch (foundation), single, double, half double and triple crochet stitches as well as learn how to shape an item with increasing/decreasing, make a granny square, changing colors, and learn different ways to begin a foundation row. Additional skills and/or topics may be covered. **Materials needed:** Light colored worsted weight yarn and appropriate hook. Also, bring a pattern if you have project in mind.

2 2-hr sessions

Date: Mon. 1/19 & Wed. 1/28

Time: 6:00—8:00 pm

Hairpin Lace—\$50

Hairpin lace creates beautiful open fabrics that look complicated and impressive! The dirty little secret is that this technique is so simple, even a beginning crocheter can do it! Come

learn how to: The basics of creating a hairpin lace strip and an introduction to several techniques you can use to join strips. **Materials needed:** Hairpin Lace Loom, tapestry needle, a variety of crochet hook sizes, various yarns in different weights including a smooth, non-variegated, worsted weight yarn.

2 2-hr sessions

Date: Thur. 2/19 & 2/26

Time: 6:00—8:00 pm

Tunisian Crochet—\$50

Learn how to use this traditional technique (also called Afghan Stitch) in very untraditional ways. Using large hooks and modern yarns, create fabrics that look woven instead of knit or crochet. Tunisian crochet uses less yarn than standard crochet, and is considered by many to be a cross between knitting and crochet. We will cover the basic stitches in Tunisian Crochet and view some FAST and EASY projects. Students should know the fundamentals of crochet. **Materials needed:** At least 3 coordinating bulky weight (any yarn including ribbons that yields gauge of 2.5 sts/inch or less), a smooth, non-variegated bulky-weight yarn, and variety crochet hook sizes.

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Skill Builder Descriptions & Information cont'd

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2 2-hr sessions

Date: Mon. 3/9 & 3/16

Time: 6:00—8:00 pm

Knitting Technique Skill Builders

Beginning Knitting—\$100

This is a basic learn-how-to-knit class. Beginners learn the basics of casting on, knitting, purling, and casting off while creating a garment of their choice. We'll also cover other techniques such as increasing, decreasing, and pattern reading. **Materials needed:** Students pay for materials they use.

4 2-hr sessions

Date: Fri. 1/16, 1/23, 1/30 & 2/6

Time: 10:00—Noon

Date: Tue. 2/3, 2/10, 2/17 & 2/24

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Continental Knitting—\$30

Have you been considering making the change from English/US knitting to the Continental style? Learn how to knit (and purl) in the Continental way. Discover this method's benefits and drawbacks. **Materials needed:** At least 100 yards of light colored, smooth, worsted weight yarn and appropriate needles.

1 2-hr session

Correcting Errors (Oops! Class)—\$45

Drop a stitch? Purlled when you should have knitted? This fundamental class is a must! Learn to pick up dropped stitches, tink (unknitting stitch by stitch), untwist your stitches without a lot of effort, prevent too many/too few stitches, and the correction and prevention of many other common knitting mistakes. **Materials needed:**

1 3-hr session

Date: Sat. 1/24

Time: 10:00—1:00pm

Family (1 adult & 1 child) Knitting Affair—\$150 (\$25 additional child/\$50 additional adult)

This is a basic learn-how-to-knit class for adults and children (age 7-14) to learn to knit together. Each group will learn the basics of casting on, knitting, purling, and casting off while creating a project of their choice. We'll also cover other techniques such as increasing, decreasing, and pattern reading. **Materials needed:** Students pay for materials they use.

4 2-hr sessions

Friday Nite Techniques—\$30 each

1 2-hr sessions

☺ **Short Rows** (used for shaping)—We'll use them in existing patterns. **Materials needed:** Bring worsted weight yarns (multiple colors) and appropriate needles for swatching and playing.

Date: Fri. 2/27

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

☺ **Basic Seaming**—We'll practice seaming techniques and discuss when to use them. **Materials needed:** All students should bring at least 4 swatches, 2 in garter stitch and 2 in stockinette stitch, tapestry needles, and scrap yarn. Please use worsted weight yarn in light colors.

Date: Fri. 2/13

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

☺ **Intarsia**—Be Bold! Add more color to your work! Go beyond the simple stripes and learn the basics of changing colors in a row while creating a quick headband. We'll cover the different methods of working with multiple colors and tips and tricks for working with blocks of color. **Materials needed:** Several colors of worsted weight yarn, appropriate needles, a crochet hook, and a darning/tapestry needle.

☺ **Fair Isle (stranded)**—Learn the Fair Isle method for adding color and interest to your knitted pieces! Learn the basics of stranded knitting – holding one color in

each hand. We'll create a sample in class and discuss various tips and tricks and how to avoid the notorious bunching. **Materials needed:** Several colors of worsted weight yarn, appropriately sized needles, a crochet hook, and a darning/tapestry needle.

Date: Fri. 2/20

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

☺ **Cables**—Confused by cables? Baffled by bobbles? Don't be intimidated! Learn the basics behind cables and Aran patterns. Knit a basic cable, a bobble and several variations. We'll also try out several types of cable needles. **Materials needed:** Light colored worsted weight yarn and appropriately sized knitting needles, a cable needle if you have one.

Date: Fri. 3/13

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

☺ **Gauge**—Learn why to make a gauge swatch, how to make and use a gauge swatch, and what to do with it when it is done. A fundamental class to aid in preventing the basic knitter's aggravation – knitting the wrong size

Date: Fri. 3/27

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Intermediate Knitting Techniques—\$65

Take your knitting to the next level. Learn about yarn weights, commonly used abbreviations in patterns, increase, decrease, basic cables, multiple cast-on and various stitch patterns to build your skills. **Materials needed:** Smooth, light colored yarn (DK to bulky) with appropriate needles for yarn.

2 2-hr sessions

Kids Knitting—\$30

This class is for ages 7 to 12 that would like to learn to knit or improve basic knitting skills. Learn to cast on, knit, and cast off to make a wonderful project. **Materials needed:** Students pay for materials they use.

2 1.5-hr sessions

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Seams/Finishing—\$50

Learn various seaming techniques to finish your garments professionally. You will learn mattress stitch, crochet seams, and three needle bind off. We will also discuss the benefits of blocking. **Materials needed:** Six 4"x4" swatches in light colored worsted weight yarns: four stockinette bound off & two stockinette on stitch holders. DPNs will be needed in the appropriate size corresponding to the needle size used of the unbound off swatches. Darning needles are encouraged, but not required. Also encouraged to bring garment/project that needs to be sewn together to finish in class.

1 3-hr session

Knitting Project Skill Builders

Baby/Adult Surprise Jacket Project—\$75

A fun complicated looking puzzle for knitters that is really easy. Learn how to knit and finish the fascinating popular Elizabeth Zimmerman Baby Surprise Jacket that has delighted knitters for decades. Makes a classic sweater that is great for a baby gift. Must have a firm knowledge of cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. **Note:** To choose needle size, knit swatches in garter stitch (knit every row) and choose the size that gives you feel that you like. Don't forget to block the swatch before making final decision. **Materials needed:** For Baby: 300-500 yds of DK or worsted weight yarn and 24" circular appropriate needles for gauge, Knitter's Workshop, or The Opinionated Knitter or the Baby/Adult Surprise pattern all by Elizabeth Zimmerman.

3 2-hr sessions

Advanced Beginner Lace Scarf—\$60

Lace isn't as complex as it looks, really! Are your friends and relatives tired of you making fuzzy scarves? Wow them with this lovely Diamond Lace Dress-It-Up scarf! Learn the basics of lace knitting with a pattern that enables you to 'read' the pattern and follow a chart to successfully complete a simple lace scarf. Stop by the shop to see our model.

Materials needed: 550 yds fingering weight yarn, "Diamond Lace Dress-It-Up Scarf!" pattern, and US #4 needle.

3 2-hr sessions

Date: Mon. 2/9, 2/16 & 2/23

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Advanced Beginner Lace Shawl—\$60

Lace isn't as complex as it looks, really! Are your friends and relatives tired of you making fuzzy scarves? Wow them with this lovely hand dyed superfine Alpaca Leaf Lace Shawl! Learn the basics of lace knitting with an easy to follow pattern to successfully complete a simple lace shawl. Our model will be in the shop soon. **Materials needed:** Alpaca Leaf Lace Shawl kit and US #15 needle.

3 2-hr sessions

Date: Thu. 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Beginning Knitting Project—\$25

Did you start a project in the Beginning Knitting class and need a push to complete or help with the pattern? Come join us and finish your UFO (unfinished object). **Please call 24-hrs ahead.**

1 2-hr session

Date: Sat. 1/3, 1/10, 1/17, & 1/31

Time: 10:00—Noon

Beginning Socks—\$100

Handknit socks offer a whole new world of color, texture, and size for your feet. Learn how to knit a great pair of socks using a basic sock pattern learned from a knitter in Newfoundland. While knitting their first socks, students will learn the basic anatomy of sock and how get the perfect fit for any foot. Students must know how to knit in the round on double pointed needles and have a firm grasp of knit, purl, cast on and bind off. **Materials needed:** At least 400 yds sock yarn; one set of dpns appropriate for yarn

4 2-hr sessions

Date: Thu. 1/15, 1/22, 1/29 & 2/5

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Cables 101—\$30

Confused by cables? Baffled by bobbles? Don't be intimidated! Learn the basics behind cables and Aran patterns while making a bangle. Follow a chart and knit a basic cable, a bobble and several variations. **Materials needed:** "Beaux Bangles" pattern, cable needle, 30 yds of different light colored worsted weight yarns, and US #7 needle, tapestry needle and tape measure.

1 2-hr session

Easy Mittens Project—\$50

Learn to make great fitting mittens and knit in the round using double pointed needles. This is the perfect class for the beginning knitter ready to branch out from scarves. Make a pair of warm, fuzzy mittens for yourself or a loved-one. **Materials needed:** 160 yards of smooth, bulky weight yarn (4.5 sts/inch). 1 set of US #7 AND US #9 double pointed needles.

2 2-hr sessions

Entrelac Hat Project—\$30

Entrelac is a wonderful opportunity for knitters to be creative in their use of the yarns available today. This class demystifies and simplifies Entrelac, presenting the steps in a time-tested approach designed to help you understand the technique while working it. **Materials needed:** "Basket-Weave Hat" pattern, bring 100 yds main color and 35 yds of three contrasting colors of light colored worsted weight yarn and 16" circs and DPs for 4st – 4.5st= 1" gauge. **Homework to bring to class-work brim.**

1 2-hr session

Date: Mon. 2/2

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Fair Isle Knitting (Color Stranded)—\$30

Learn how to introduce color into your knitting! This class will address holding yarns in both hands in the Fair Isle style of knitting. We'll practice techniques and make a head band using multiple colors. **Materials needed:**

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Small amounts (2-3 oz) of several colors of yarn with appropriate sized needles.

1 2-hr session

Intarsia Knitting (Color Work)—\$30

Love those beautiful blocks of color in knitted pieces? We'll learn how to add in blocks of color using bobbins and small "butterfly" balls of yarn. We'll make swatches of various colors and discuss creating your own pattern with intarsia knitting. **Materials needed:** Small amounts (2-3 oz) of several colors of yarn with appropriate sized needles.

1 2-hr session

Knit a Beret Project—\$50

The classic beret has never gone out of style, but it is certainly popular these days! Learn how to make a custom beret using any weight of yarn. Students must know how to knit in the round using double pointed needles (DPNs) and have a firm knowledge of cast on, bind off, knit and purl. **Materials needed:** Approximately 200 yards of worsted/bulky weight yarn or approximately 300 yards of sport/DK weight yarn, 1 set of DPNs in a size appropriate for yarn weight, (optional) 1 16" circular needles appropriate for yarn weight.

2 2-hr sessions

Knitting in the Round—\$30

Knitting in the round is a valuable skill for knitters to master. Seamless sweaters, hats and mittens are all made using this method. Learn to knit in the round and all the tricks to using double pointed needles and circular needles while completing a project of choice. Students must have a firm grasp of knit, purl, cast on and bind off. **Materials needed:** Bring to class worsted weight yarn, DPNs, & tapestry needle.

1 3-hr session

Toe Up Socks—\$50

Socks are HOT and portable! The "toe up fit

as you knit" method gives knitters a fast and easy method of knitting socks that actually fit their feet. Class covers casting on in both figure-eight and closed toe cast on, increasing the toe, and two heel shaping methods for great looking fit as you knit socks. Even if you have never knitted a pair of socks, you can learn to knit socks. **Materials needed:** Bring light colored sock yarn and appropriate circs and/or dps.

2 2-hr sessions

Spinning Skill Builders

Beginning Wheel Spinning—\$75

Spinning can be relaxing and creative, giving you the opportunity to create your own one-of-a-kind yarns, or the ability to duplicate commercial yarns. The workshop will focus on the basics of hand spinning on a wheel and how to spin the type of yarn you want from batts, roving, and top. Learn how to ply, what equipment is essential (and what is not) for spinning, basic wheel maintenance, what projects work best with different breeds' wool, how to wash and card fiber and prepare it for spinning, places to send fleeces for processing if you don't want to prepare your own or buy prepared fibers. The class will get you started so that you have a background in controlling the yarns that you make. **\$10 Materials fee paid to instructor.** Please do not bring your own fiber into the shop. **Materials needed:** Spinning wheel, wheel oil, and orifice hook. Please let the Nature's Yarns' staff know if you need a wheel at the time you register for class.

3 2-hr sessions

Date: Tue. 1/13, 1/20 & 1/27

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Date: Mon. 2/16, 2/23 & 3/2

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Color in Spinning—\$60

Mix and spin a color wheel of fiber. We'll start with dyed fiber and blend it into new colors. Then we'll spin the final results. As you try different blending techniques, you will see how they affect the yarn you make. **\$TBD Materials fee paid to instructor.** Please do not

bring your own fiber into the shop. **Materials needed:** spinning wheel and notebook. Also useful are hand carders, flicker or combs. At least one of each will be available during the class.

1 4-hr session

Date: Sat. 1/24 & Sun 1/25

Time: 1:00—5:00pm

Intro to Hand Spindling Workshop—\$75

This class focuses on the fundamentals of spinning with a hand spindle, also known as a drop spindle. Learn to make a singles yarn on a top-whorl spindle. Bottom-whorl spindles will also be discussed. We'll also cover a brief history of hand spindles, how to finish your yarn, how to measure how many yards you've spun, and a learn simple method for gauging your yarn's grist compared to commercial yarns. **\$TBD Materials fee paid to instructor.** Please do not bring your own fiber into the shop. **Materials needed:** Drop spindle.

3 2-hr session

Date: Thu. 2/12, 2/19 & 2/26

Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Traditional Lace Skill Builders

Beginning Bobbin Lace—\$75

Come explore the art of bobbin lace. Learn the basics of bobbin lace: the basic stitches, how to choose the right materials, how to follow patterns, and how to create your own designs. Come explore the richness of this beautiful art that developed in the 16th century, discover all the possibilities that it offers, and open your hands to a new textile adventure. **\$TBD Materials fee paid to instructor.** **Materials needed:** Bobbins, pillow, pins, crochet hook, and scissors. Good eyesight (w/your own magnification if necessary) and average hand dexterity.

3 2-hr sessions

Beginning Shuttle Tatting—\$75

Join the fun of learning this Victorian art. It has a variety of uses including edging of pock-

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ets & collars, crazy quilts, Christmas ornaments, etc. Unlike crocheting, tatting consists of only one stitch, the double stitch. Tatting is very portable and uses very little thread compared to crocheting. A shuttle and some thread can be placed in a sandwich bag in your purse to keep you company wherever you go. Learn the correct ways of loading the shuttle, holding and manipulating shuttle and thread to make the basic stitch as well as picots, chains, and joins with large yarn and then progress to smaller threads and more challenging patterns. We will also cover reading charts and, if time permits, 2-shuttle tatting techniques. **Materials needed:** Shuttle at least 2.5" long, but not longer than 3.5", 2 Colors of thread (thicker is better to start), Small crochet hook (shuttles may have this on the tip), pair scissors or other thread cutting tool, notebook to hold your printouts/samples.

3 2-hr sessions

Weaving Skill Builders

Inkle Loom Weaving-\$TBD

Come and explore the fun of an inkle loom! No weaving experience necessary! This small, portable loom is one of the simplest looms around and its amazing potential is often overlooked and undervalued. The warp-faced, plain weave structure of inkle weaving is a creative playground for mixing yarn weights and fibers, showing off novelty yarns, and using space-dyed yarns to create special effects. Not only is the inkle loom easy and quick to warp and weave, it's a great way to use up small amounts of yarn from your stash with almost no loom waste. The inkle loom is ideal for weaving a band, belts, straps, accessories, bookmarks, and more! In this class, students will learn how to warp the loom and will then begin making a simple project, like a bookmark. After learning the basics, the instructor will teach students how to design and draft their own patterns for future use. Children ages 8-12 should enroll with or be accompanied by an adult. **Materials needed:** Inkle loom, scissors, tape measure, yarn

TBD # hr sessions

Tapestry Weaving—\$75

Tapestry weaving is a means of transforming visual images into a tactile art form. The diversity of small loom weaving, and the simplicity of a single shedding device make tapestry weaving the perfect approach to weaving on a budget. Weave a tapestry sampler while learning the basic tapestry techniques. You will change colors, join parallel blocks of color, make freeform shapes, and experiment with applying these techniques to your sampler. **\$TDB Materials fee paid to instructor. Materials needed:** tapestry needle and a variety of leftover yarn.

3 2-hr session

Workshop Skill Builders

Chemical (Acid) Dyeing Workshop—\$125

Would you like to learn more about dyeing yarn? We'll use wash fast acid dyes to dye animal fibers a rainbow of colors! Learn how to prepare the yarn, mix the dyes, apply and set the dyes, and finish your personal hank of yarn. **\$TBD Materials fee paid to the instructor. Materials needed:** Bring old clothes & mask if preferred. The dyes we're using are permanent and will either stain or dye most fabrics.

1 5-hr session

Finishing Workshop—\$125

Have a closet full of sweater pieces? This is the class for you. In this class, we'll cover several different types of seams, crocheted edgings, buttonholes, and bands. We'll show you how to pick up stitches for the neckline, how to weave in those pesky ends, and how to block the sweater when you've got it all done. We'll also cover duplicate stitch, I-cord, and blocking techniques.

If you have them, bring pieces that need finishing, and we'll help you get started on the final touches of your masterpiece. If you don't have sweater pieces to bring, come to the workshop to learn all the techniques so that when you're done knitting your next sweater you'll know exactly what the next steps are. **Materials needed:** Bring at least 4 swatches,

2 in garter stitch and 2 in stockinette stitch, tapestry needles, and scrap yarn. Please use worsted weight yarn in light colors.

1 5-hr session

Knitting Techniques Workshop—\$75

Ready to take your knitting to the next level? Want to add some "oomph" to your basic projects or are you ready to design your own? How about getting more information on techniques, tips, and tricks? This is the workshop for you. We'll spend a few hours going over many techniques and offer tips to make your knitting life easier and even more relaxing. Have specific questions you'd like answered; specific techniques or skills you'd like to learn? Jot them down and bring them with you. At a minimum, techniques demonstrated & practiced will include:

Increases & Decreases—various types and when to use them.

Short Rows (used for shaping)—how to adopt them in existing patterns.

Slip Stitches (used in single or multiple color knitting)—using both single and multiple colors and the pros and cons.

Ribbing—various types of ribbing; what will it do to your knitting and how and when to use it.

Materials needed: Bring worsted weight yarns (multiple colors) and appropriate needles for swatching and playing.

1 5-hr session

Intermediate Rigid Heddle Weaving—\$75

Rigid Heddle weaving doesn't have to be plain. We'll play with texture and hand manipulating the threads to create some very cool samples. Start with a warping refresher. We'll work our way through leno, inlay, pick up, hemstitching and other weaving techniques. We'll leave you with ideas for your next exciting rigid heddle project. Must have had beginning rigid heddle class or some prior rigid heddle weaving experience. **Materials needed:** Rigid Heddle Loom at least 12" wide with 12 dent reed, warping peg and clamps, 9 to 12 inch stick shuttle, 12" pick up stick, large tapestry needle, one cone of 3/2 cotton (at

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least 10 oz) in the color of their choice. Optional: Hands on Rigid Heddle Weaving by Betty Linn Davenport

1 5-hr session

Rigid Heddle Weaving Workshop—\$75

Curious about weaving? The Rigid Heddle is the perfect way to see if you might like this marvelous art form. This class is designed to show you how to prepare your loom for weaving. Class covers the discussion of color, texture, calculating yarn requirements needed and the ins & outs of weaving while weaving a project. **Materials needed:** Loom, at least 550 yds yarn, scissors and tapestry needle. May use two different colors.

1 5-hr session

Tri-Loom Weaving Workshop—\$75

No previous experience required. Learn how to plain weave, make color changes and correct mistakes while creating a lovely woven scarf/shawl on a 3-ft tri-loom. **Materials needed:** Bring approximately 250 yds DK or worsted blended fiber & a crochet hook. Note: 100% wool, loosely spun, pin-roving or mohair not recommended.

1 5-hr session

Rigid Heddle Frame Loom: Direct Method Warping—\$TBD

Ready, set, weave! Learn the basics of the rigid heddle frame loom and weave scarves, table runners, shawls, pillow covers, etc. The rigid heddle frame loom is portable so you can take your project with you anywhere. In this class, you'll learn a super-efficient direct-method warping technique (warping with a peg instead of a warping board) which means you can be weaving in a few hours. You will leave class ready to plan and create your own projects. This class is great for students who want to find out if weaving is for them and it's also helpful for experienced rigid heddle weavers interested in learning a speedy warp alternative.

TBD-hr session

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