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Upcoming Events:

31st BIRTHDAY BASH S A L E

All yarns on sale
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For 31 total hours

Jan 2nd Mon 9 am-8pm

Jan 3rd Tues 9 am-7 pm

Jan 4th Wed 9 am-7 pm

Selected shop models will
be on sale during our
Birthday Bash

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Hello Dear Friends,

We are entering another Holiday and winter season with lots of new yarns. They are all here and ready to entice the creative you. Knitting and crocheting are very fashionable and popular and I think they are here to stay. I see many new artists joining the ranks of us who already have a life-long addiction to these art forms.

We have lots of news to share with you. The FIRST is our 31st Birthday. THEN there is the wonderful "Knitters' Retreat" we are planning for you. AND more special workshops: Beth Brown-Reinsel and our own Karen Klemp. Please read all about them in our "Upcoming Events" section. I urge you to enroll and/or register for more info for all of them since they all fill up quickly.

We have returned from a wonderful trip to Turkey. Please watch our website where we will soon share our adventures with you in words and pictures. We are busy planning another trip for the Fall of 2006, which we promise, will be just as wonderful. Please fill out the attached form and mail it in, if you would like more info on that.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy Holiday Season and hope to see you all soon.

BETH BROWN-REINSEL, APR 8TH & 9TH 2006

Bottoms-up Seamless Arans (2 day class)

Arans are the well-loved sweaters from Ireland which are characterized by creamy white yarn, cables, bobbles and other deeply textured patterns. Knit a mini-sweater in class from the hem up and learn to work from a chart while creating different traditional patterns. Saddle-shoulder construction will be used for flat or circularly knitted Arans. Knitting from the neck down and designing your own Arans will also be discussed in class. (12 Hours total) Registration will close on Jan 31, 2006.
Level: Advanced Beginner to Intermediate: Price: \$190.00 plus \$5.00 for handouts.

DEBRA LEE, offering 2 workshops

Finishing First – Wednesday, Jan 25th – 1-4 pm

Find sewing or picking up stitches painful? The way you start and end a row can help ease or exasperate your pain. In this workshop, learn different ways to finish and shape a knitted edge for better finishing results. Price: \$45/student for 3-hour workshop. Please call store for supplies you would need. No homework required.

No Sew Sweaters – Wednesday, Feb 22nd – 1-4 pm

We love to knit, but, many of us, hate to sew – that last finishing step. Learn a step-by-step approach to converting a sweater pattern knitted in four separate pieces, i.e., front, back, and two sleeves (which are then sewn together) to a pattern that you knit from the bottom up in one piece without seams and without steeks. Price: \$45/student for 3-hour workshop. Please call store for supplies you would need.

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KAREN KLEMP, offering many workshops

Glamorous Collars & Flower Brooches – Sat, Feb 4th - 9am-12 noon

With some of the most spectacular fashion yarn on the market, learn to make a collar and flower brooch that will enhance any outfit. Use slubbed rayon metallic and eyelash or a smooth cashmere blend with angora. WOW! These are definitely not the prim and proper white collars of our grandmothers.

Crochet Lite – Saturday, Feb 4 – 1-4pm

If you would like your crocheted items to be as light as knitted ones, this is the class for you. Bring patterns that you like except for the heavy yarns recommended. Karen will teach you how to rework them so that they are lighter, softer and more comfortable to wear.

Anatomy of a Shawl – Sunday, Feb 5, - 9 am – 12 noon

Shawls are wildly popular again, but how to decide what type to make. They can be many shapes – triangle, rectangle, circle, square, semi-circle. Find out which ones sit most comfortably on your shoulders, how to drape and wear them, what sizes and shapes work well for you. Gather ideas for materials to crochet stunning shawls, including scrap yarn creations. Return home with several great, simple patterns. Note: there is not a lot of crocheting done in class. You will be trying on shawls, learning about yarn possibilities, deciding what yarns might work to make a shawl with the patterns in your handout.

Cuffs & Wrist Warmers – Sunday, Feb 5, - 1-4pm

Wrist warmers are all the rage. Plain ones might make you look like a struggling writer, penning your work in a courtyard in Paris. Or perhaps you will look romantic and alluring, crocheting in the park on a slightly blustery afternoon. More glamorous versions may be worn to perk up a business suit for an after-hours function. They could add pizzazz to a plain black sleeveless dress. Or they might be done in silver or gold for New Year's Eve. This class will show you many possibilities and provide patterns to make them yourself.

BASIC CROCHET STITCHES – Saturday, Apr 1 – 9 am-12 noon

If you want to learn “just the basics” of crochet, this workshop is a great introduction. It is perfect for knitters who would like to learn the basic stitches in order to add little touches to projects, edgings or to use crochet for casting on or joining.

CHAIN GANG – Saturday, Apr 1, - 1-4pm

We all cringe when reading a pattern that “Chain 254...”. This class will show you that the unloved and under-appreciated chain stitch has many uses beyond the dreaded beginning row of a project. Learn to love chains for decorative stitch patterns, motifs, joinings, embellishments, and adding space to your work. Also discover how many you need, when/where to use them, and how to begin projects without chaining.

SHELL GAME – Sunday, Apr 2, - 9am – 12 noon

In this class explore the wonderful world of crocheted shells. Although there are hundreds of different shell stitch patterns, a few of the easiest and most classic ones are also the most beautiful. Learn how to design with them in rows, in the round, and with mitered corners to form numerous shapes: squares, triangles, hexagons, circles, half circles. Find out how to decrease and increase effectively, and see examples of how they work in sweaters, shawls, ponchos, and other garments.

EFFECTIVE CROCHETED EDGINGS-Sunday, Apr 2, - 1-4pm

In this class you will learn a variety of easy, effective edgings to add to your crocheted or knitted items, such as scallops, shells, backward stitches, picots, and ruffles. Learn how to work along the sides (row ends) of your work. Find out how to maintain the shape of your item (squared-off corners, for example). You must know how to crochet to take this class.

Weekend of Feb 4 & 5: One workshop: \$65; any 2 classes on same weekend: \$120; any 3 classes on same weekend: \$185; and all 4 classes on same weekend: \$200.

Same fee structure applies for the **Weekend of Apr 1 & 2.**

READ ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL KNITTERS' RETREAT ON THE BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS AND OUR PLANS TO PRESENT ANOTHER SPECTACULAR TRIP TO TURKEY AND FILL OUT THE FORMS IN STORE SO WE CAN RUSH MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THEM TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS: Remember, you must pay in advance to sign up for any of the classes and workshops that we offer. Please stop by or call the store at 703-573-1900 to enroll. We regret that there are no refunds or make-ups for missed classes.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rita Hare

KNITTING CLASSES

With Debra Lee

Knit Along -

Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28;

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25;

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25.

Bring your own project

\$20 per 2-hr session

Knitting from Patterns

Saturdays 1 – 3 pm

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28;

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25;

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25.

\$80/4 sessions; \$25/new

student per single class

Knitting for Beginners

Saturdays 3 – 5 pm

Jan 7, 14, 21, 28;

Feb 4, 11, 18, 25;

Mar 4, 11, 18, 25.

\$80/4 consecutive session

Read about Debra's

Workshops

Knitting "Camp"

Louise Lighthart

Thursdays 6:30–8:30 pm

Drop-ins welcome; no
need to call ahead.

\$20 per class or \$90 for 6
consecutive sessions

Knitting "Camp"

Brigitte Reydam

Mondays 10 am – noon

Jan 9, 23, 30th.

Feb 6, 27th.

Mar 6, 20, 27th

Bring your own project

\$20 per class or

\$100 for full a session

Beginning/Inter-

mediate Knitting

Harriet Twigg

Tuesdays 10:15-11:45

Jan 10-Feb 14;

Feb 28-Apr 4.

\$90 for 6 sessions

CROCHET CLASSES

Beginning/Inter-

Mediate Crochet

Karen Klemp

Tuesdays 6 – 8 pm

1st- Jan 3-Feb 14 (no 1/31)

2nd- Feb 21-Mar 28

3rd- Apr 4-May 16

(no 4/25)

\$90 for 6-class session

Wednesdays 10 am-12

noon

1st-Jan 4-Feb 15(no Feb 1)

2nd-Feb 22-Mar 29

3rd-Apr 5-May 17(no 4/26)

\$90 for 6-class session

Read about Karen's

Workshops

LUSCIOUS TO THE TOUCH WINTER YARNS 2005/06

BY DEDE SMITH

Here is a glimpse of what's happening at Aylin's:

Artful Yarns: **Heavenly, Mystery**

Berroco: **Cleo, Bloom, Foliage .**

Elizabeth Austin: **Glamour** Muench: **Colorado, Almeria, Velour Lame,**

EuroYarns : **Smash-Irisee, Smash – Duo, Rush, Cocu, and Favoli.**

Louisa Harding: **Sari Ribbon, Kimono Angora, Kimono Ribbon, Fauve**

Nashua: **Wooly Stripes, Equinox Stripe** Plymouth: **Jelli Beenz, Parrot, Jungle.**

Reynolds: **Smile, Donata .** Royal Fibers: **Royal Platinum Alpaca .**

Southwest Yarns: **Fur Real** Swedish Yarns: **Bambino Ull, Iceland.**

Westminster Fibers: **Cashsoft Aran, Cashcotton DK and Soft Baby**

Lana Grossa: **Pep Lusso, Pastello AND MANY MORE...**

STORE HOURS:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat
10 am – 5:30 pm
Thursday 10 am – 8:30 pm

Closed Sunday

DON'T FORGET

**OUR BIG 31ST
BIRTHDAY BASH
SALE**

JANUARY 2-4, 2006

APPALACHIAN SPRING GETAWAY 2006

Please join us on a fabulous fiber-arts weekend in Virginia for a weekend in late May featuring Anna Zilboorg, Merike Saarnit, Aylin Bener, and Karen Klemp. We will settle into comfortable lodgings in a secluded area, and allow the peaceful beauty around us to inspire creativity that will flow throughout the weekend.

RETURN TO TURKEY IN 2006

We are again organizing a wonderful trip to Turkey in late September 2006. Trace the steps of the disciples and visit some world-famous Biblical sites and ancient ruins. Explore local yarn-dyeing and rug/kilim weaving cooperatives, museums featuring fine embroideries, needle lace, and a lot more. Sample delicious Turkish foods and buy great treasures to build memories on.

Full particulars will be available soon. If you are interested in more information, please call or email us and we will send complete details.

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