

WOOLGATHERINGS

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Upcoming Events

A RITE OF SPRING

AT

AYLIN'S WOOLGATHERER

is

A fabulous SPRING SALE

May 16 – 23, 2009

**15% off ALL YARNS
(except for season's
new arrivals)**

**EXTRA ADDED SAVINGS
In our Sale Nook**

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Dear Friends,

The Spring is struggling to come in the door, but we had a March that came in like a lion, and although it gave us a few gorgeous days, it pretty much kept on roaring to the end. When we think of all the extreme weather the rest of the country suffered, we still feel very lucky.

We are doing our best to encourage the season to come in, by bringing wonderful new yarns and beautiful fibers and colors. It really started to look like spring in the shop. Just when you think you have already seen every fiber you can think of made into luscious yarn, you are once again surprised with a new material used in yarn making. We put all our customers to test and nobody – to date – has been able to guess this new fiber: sugar cane! Come in and touch it and you will see why everyone loves it. The hand dyed effects, wide repeats still abound this Spring and they fill our bins and baskets with vibrant, happy bouquets. We see many variations of linens, cottons, silks and man-enhanced fibers, and organic fibers. Many of these great yarns are already in our shop, and we are still anxiously waiting for others to come.

Once again, it is time for our Spring/Summer sale to celebrate a new season. Mark your calendars for the dates. The store is chockfull of new yarns and bursting at the seams with color.

We are also trying very hard to find an exquisite spot to hold our 2010 Weekend Knitters' Retreat, and would like to ask for your help. Please read the segment below and fill out the little questionnaire on Page 5. You can drop it at the shop, cut it out and mail it, or cut/paste and e-mail it to us.

Aylin

WEEKEND GETAWAY

We have begun planning our next fabulous retreat for 2010. You could help us by answering a few questions in the questionnaire on Page 4 and return it to us. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated, it will help us choose the right spot, time frame, and class selection for another long weekend that so many of us will enjoy

WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

We are busy working on setting up exciting new workshops, and maybe repeat a few favorites, for the Fall. Those will be announced later via e-mail. Read more on Page 3.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SUMMER HOURS

JULY 1ST TO JULY 31ST:

Mondays through Saturdays: 10 am – 2 pm

Thursdays: We reopen between 6 – 8:30 pm

NEW YARNS FOR SPRING/SUMMER of 2009

By Dede Smith

To the list of many fabulous yarns that we have in our regular stock, we proudly add the following:

ARUCANIA: Ruca and Lonco Multi

ASLAN TRENDS: Class

BERROCO: Mica, Latitude, Pure Pima, Berroco Sox Metallic, Mikonos, Lucia, Panarea

CLASSIC ELITE: Solstice, Sprout, Allegoro

DEBBIE BLISS: Pure Silk, Prima

DUCHESS FIBERS: MeriCash Hand Painted Sport, MeriSoft Hand Pointed Worsted

J KNITS: Lacealicious, Superwash Me

JOJOLAND: Melody, Ballad, Cashmere

KATIA: Bombay, Linen, Colibri, Eco Cotton

STACY CHARLES/TAHKI: Bali, Sahara, Venezia, Sky, Sierra, Nova, Tigris, Ceylon, Superior

TRENDSETTER YARNS: Bollicina, Pandora Shadow, Merino Shadow

UNIVERSAL YARNS: Poems, Sea Song, Fresco, Bella DK Tapestry, Soleil,

WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Pure Life Organic Cotton

...And many more are still coming!

BOOKS - INSPIRATION STATION

We try to offer as many new books as possible, and would welcome hearing about books that we might have missed in our ordering process.

GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS or JUST BECAUSE!

- Fabulously smooth rosewood crochet hooks and circular needles with the smooth join from Asciano
- Many wonderful bags: Namaste's project bags in great spring colors, DellaQ bags, Lantern Moon bags, and a great line of clear plastic straight/circular/double point needle/hook cases
- Kinki Amibari exchangeable bamboo circular needle sets called "SWITCH"— feels heavenly!
- Addi Turbo's CLICKS, wonderful circular needle sets are finally here
- Silky smooth rosewood, blondewood, or ebony sock needles in pretty silk pouches
- Hand lotion bar, soap, or glass nail files to pamper the hands while they are working to pamper the soul
- Pretty jewelry to set off that special shawl or sweater
- Great shawl/sweater/scarf pins from Banzer
- New Starter Kits for kids and teens, with a teaching DVD
- Absolutely beautiful art buttons from Santa Fe, a great addition to our existing beautiful button selection
- Special ANNA ZILBOORG designs, exclusively at Aylin's, continue to attract attention. Anna and Aylin are collaborating in publishing 3 of Anna's patterns that have never been published before. These lovely patterns are available for purchase and we have several great choices of yarns that you can use to make them in. Models for these special garments are in the store, so please come in and see them, try them on, then decide which one to start.
- Another special new model at the store is a beautiful shawl that wears like a sweater and stays on the body effortlessly – all because of a simple split at the neck.

Workshops cont'd

KAREN KLEMP is inviting all of you to contact her with your suggestions about what day/time would be good for you if you are a crocheter who would be interested to learn to knit. Once we reach a consensus she will be happy to put together a special "Knitting for Crocheters" class for you. Please contact the store, or Karen.

CLAIRE WUDOWSKY is also in the process of arranging a suitable day/time for her workshops. We will be contacting you via e-mail once all these questions have been answered and we would have a timetable.

KNIT NIGHTS AT AYLIN'S

TOO MANY UFO'S (UN-FINISHED OBJECTS) HANGING AROUND IN YOUR CLOSETS?

Or, are you simply looking for a place to gather with friends, meet new ones and enjoy and share hobbies. Bring your unfinished knitting/crochet projects, and join many knitting/crocheting friends. Aylin will stay open to meet with you on the first Tuesday of the month, starting in February 2009, between 6pm and 8 pm. You are all welcome to come. Since space is somewhat limited WE ASK THAT YOU CALL AND LET US KNOW THAT YOU'LL BE COMING AHEAD OF TIME. It'll be a fun and FREE social gathering, not a class. If you miss a few, we would love to have you join us again. Just call the store and find out the correct date to resume.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AYLIN'S SPRING/SUMMER SALE

**May 16 thru 23rd
during our
Regular working hours**

**Watch for periodic e-mails
for additional events**

Registering for Classes & Workshops:

Please remember that you must pay in advance to sign up for any of the classes and workshops that we offer.

Stop by or call the store at 703-573-1900 to register early.

We regret that there are no refunds or make ups for missed classes.

STORE HOURS:

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

**Thursdays: 10 am – 8:30
pm**

Closed Sundays

Special discontinued
yarns continually at
great savings in our
SALES NOOK

KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

KNITTING CLASSES

Knit Along

Debra Lee

Saturdays - 10 am-noon

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16..

\$20 per 2-hr. session

Knitting from Patterns

Debra Lee

Saturdays - noon-2 pm

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

\$25/session–new student

Knitting for Beginners

Debra Lee

Saturdays 2 – 4 pm

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

Beginning/Intermediate

Knitting

Harriet Twigg

Tuesdays 10:30 am-noon

Apr 14,21,28,May5,12,19.

\$95 for 6 sessions

Knitting Camp

Aylin Bener

Mondays 10 am–noon

Thursdays 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Please call ahead to sign up for camps.

CROCHET CLASSES

Beginning/Intermediate

Crochet

Karen Klemp

Tuesdays 2:30 – 4:30 pm, or

6 – 8 pm

Apr 28 thru June 2;

June 9 thru July 14.

\$90/session of 6 classes

Private lessons may be arranged for a fee of \$35.00/hour. Please call the store to set up

Karen will then take a summer break until September 1. Watch for her new Fall 2009 Schedule later.

Debra Lee will be teaching at Knitters Connection on June 17 – 20, 2009 at the Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Check her out at www.knittersconnection.com. She will resume her regular weekly classes in September and offer Sock Anatomy and Incredible Knitted Cord workshops in the Fall.

CHARITY KNITTING & CROCHETING AT AYLIN'S - by Claire Wudowsky

Join Knitters & Crocheters Care for charity knitting & crocheting at Aylin's Woolgatherer on the 3rd Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Grab your hooks or needles and join us as we stitch for charity– either your favorite charity or one of the featured charities listed below:

TAPS – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (support network for the families of those who died in service to America. We are collecting knit/crocheted stuffed animals and memory pillows. (<http://www.TAPS.org>)

ALTERNATIVE HOUSE - Provides support to at-risk children, youth and families, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. We are collecting baby/toddler clothes and blankets.

(<http://www.thealternativehouse.org>)

CAPITAL HOSPICE – We are collecting chemo caps for this organization. (<http://www.capitalhospice.org>)

FAIRFAX HOSPITAL – We are collecting premie and baby hat and blankets for this organization.

(http://www.inova.org/inova_fairfax_hospital/services/inova_fairfax-womens-cent)

We hope to see you there. If you cannot join us, you can still drop off your finished items at the shop, and we'll deliver them.

We will be sending out interim e-mails as reminders for future upcoming events or to announce additional special events or workshops.

WEEKEND GETAWAY QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take a few minutes to fill out the below questionnaire so that we may plan our 2010 getaway appropriately. Return the questionnaire either to the shop or via email at: aylin@aylins-wool.com

1. Would you be interested in a Knitting/Crochet Getaway in 2010 (Check one)?
Yes _____ No _____

2. What timeframe would suit you (Check one)?
Early April _____ Mid June _____ October _____

3. Which part of the weekend would suit you (Check one)?
Fri, Sat, Sun _____ Sat, Sun, Mon _____

4. Would you be willing to travel 3 – 4 hours for a scenic setting?

5. Please give us your thought on what types of classes we should offer (Check all that apply):
 - a) Knitting Techniques - Cables, Entrelac, Button bands/Plackets, Intarsia, Slip Stitches, other

 - b) Crochet Techniques - Freeform, Cables, Color work, Tunisian, Crochet Lite, other

 - c) Make it and Take it project...a small project that you can almost finish during the weekend and take with you.
 - d) Bead crochet – spiral beaded bracelet (this can be finished fast)
 - e) Shawl Anatomy (crochet)
 - f) Yarn substitution
 - g) Other suggestions: _____

Thank you for taking the time to help us plan the 2010 getaway!
