

WOOLGATHERINGS

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Upcoming Events

AYLIN'S WOOLGATHERER

is 34 years old.
CELEBRATE!!!

ANNIVERSARY SALE

Jan 2, 3 **AND**
SUNDAY, 4TH

Special hours:

9am-9pm

Fri, Jan 2 & Sat, Jan 3

9 am-7 pm

Sun, Jan 4

ALL YARNS

25% off

EXTRA ADDED SAVINGS

In our Sale Nook

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Dear Friends,

I cannot believe that the Holidays are upon us and a brand new year is just around the corner. We are busy getting ready for another fabulous anniversary celebration: Aylin's Woolgatherer will be having her 34th Birthday. I cannot think of a better reason to celebrate. So much so, that we decided, for the first AND only time, to open Aylin's Woolgatherer on a **SUNDAY, the 4TH of January**. We will be closed on Monday, January 5th to breathe and restock.

The shop is chockfull of wonderful new yarns and return of many old favorites. A long and cold winter is predicted, but we have no fear as long as we have cozy projects to work on. There is still time to make a last minute gift. Bring out those large needles, take a fabulous, thick and luscious yarn and, voila, you'll knit, or crochet, a very special scarf for a very special person.

We had our usual Hanne Falkenberg Trunk Show several weeks ago and it was quite successful. The garments were very attractive and the styles, as usual, were stylish, timeless and classy. Although the garments have gone home now, we will again offer these wonderful kits at a special price during our anniversary sale. I also want to remind you about our Hanne Falkenberg Knitting Circle nights. We meet right here at Aylin's every other Tuesday nights and work on our Hanne kits and talk and share ideas, experiences with various Hanne patterns and form friendships. We are going to take a little break during the Holidays, but will resume again in 2009, starting January 13th.

All of us at Aylin's Woolgatherer wish you a wonderful Holiday season and a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Hope to see all of you very early in the New Year.

Aylin

WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

MARGARET FISHER

SUPERB SEAMS: SATURDAY, JAN 24, 2009 – 10 AM TO 1 PM

One of the most important finishing steps---seams. Master the techniques for making flat, invisible seams on stockinette, reverse stockinette, and ribbing. How to deal with selvage stitches, join shoulders, attach sleeves, to make your garments look like a million! \$65.00/student.

CREATIVE CLOSURES: SATURDAY, JAN 24, 2009 – 2PM TO 5 PM

Zip, Button and Tie: Learn to make attractive and functional closures for your garments. Techniques to fit and sew zippers, make I-cord buttons, drawstrings, ties to accent your work. \$65.00/student.

DEBRA LEE

SOCK ANATOMY: SUNDAY, JAN 25 - 1 PM – 5 PM

Want to knit socks but can't figure out the instructions? This workshop is offered again upon popular demand. You will make a mini-sock using double point needles and learn all the skills to make a pair of basic socks. Call shop for materials/homework, & register. \$60.00/student.

More workshop information on Page 3.

NEW YARNS FOR FALL/WINTER of 2008

By Dede Smith

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

ARUCANIA: Azapa and Rauco

BERROCO: Palace, Inca Gold, Geode, Ultra Alpaca Lace, and more colors in old favorites like Peruvia, Trilogy & Comfort, which now has DK, Baby and Chunky weights.

BLUE RIDGE YARNS: Bambi, Kaleidoscope

CLASSIC ELITE: Silky Alpaca Lace--simply heaven

CRYSTAL PALACE: Merino 5, Panda Silk, and Panda Cotton

DEBBIE BLISS: Luxury Tweed, Rialto and Astrakan

LOUET: Mooi—you just need to touch it.

MALABRIGO: Lace is back and flies right off the shelves

MANOS: Merino Silk

PAGEWOOD FARMS: Chugiah

PLYMOUTH: Happy Feet, Alpaca Lace, Bewitched, Eco Cashmere, Rain Shadow

REYNOLDS: Whiskey, Soft Sea Wool, Crickett, and Hopscotch

SWEDISH YARNS: Bris, Looy

TAHKI/STACY CHARLES: Superior—definitely divine

UNIVERSAL YARNS: Poems, Yummy, Sea Song, Fresco, Bella Tapestry, Soleil, Ditto, Classic Worsted Tapestry

WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Colorscape, Brushed Alpaca, Ivy, Wool Velvet, and Ecologie Wool

...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 circular needles and crochet hooks from Asciano, with a fabulous join
- 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!
- Silky smooth rosewood, blondewood, or ebony sock needles in pretty silk pouches
- Hand lotion, 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
- 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.

Workshops cont'd

MARGARET FISHER has written a great book titled “Seven Things That Can Make or Break a Sweater”. We do carry it in the shop. Please remember to pick up your copy and bring it in to have Margaret sign it. She had taught here last year where one of the classes she conducted was exactly this: “Seven Things That Make or Break a Sweater”. It was very informative and Margaret, as usual, was a very capable expert and teacher. Her book offers you the opportunity to always have her expert techniques and hints at your fingertips to refer to during every project.

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.

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

Bring your unfinished knitting/crochet projects to finally finish them with help and encouragement from Aylin and friends. We'll meet on every first Tuesday of the month, starting in February, between 6 pm and 8 pm. We'll send a reminder e-mail near that time. *It'll be fun and FREE!*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AYLIN'S 34TH ANNIVERSARY SALE

Jan 2: 9 am – 9 pm

Jan 3: 9 am – 9 pm

Jan 4: 9 am – 7 pm

**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 with your credit card information to enroll.

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

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31;

Feb 7, 21, 28, Mar 7;

Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11;

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16.

\$20 per 2-hr. session

Knitting from Patterns - Debra Lee

Saturdays - noon-2 pm

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31;

Feb 7, 21, 28, Mar 7;

Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11;

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

\$25/session–new student

Knitting for Beginners - Debra Lee

Saturdays 2 – 4 pm

Jan 10, 17, 24, 31;

Feb 7, 21, 28, Mar 7;

Mar 21, 28, Apr 4, 11;

Apr 25, May 2, 9, 16.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

Knitting Camp - Aylin Bener

Mondays 10 am–noon

Thursdays 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Please call ahead to sign up for camps.

Beginning/Intermediate Knitting - Harriet Twigg

Tuesdays 10:30 am-noon

Jan 6, 13, 27, Feb 3, 10, 17;

Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Apr 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19.

\$95 for 6 sessions

CROCHET CLASSES

Beginning/Intermediate Crochet - Karen Klemp

Tuesdays 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, or 6 pm - 8 pm

Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb 10, 17 – no class on 2/3.

Feb 24, Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

\$90/session of 6 classes

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

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)

Join us at Aylin's on January 15, 2009. 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.