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Upcoming Events

WELCOMING FALL

AT

AYLIN'S WOOLGATHERER

with

A fabulous FALL/WINTER SALE

September 12-26, 2009

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

**EXTRA ADDED SAVINGS
In our Sale Nook**

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to think that we have already reached the end of August, the schools will open soon and we will go into Fall/Winter mode again. There is always an excited anticipation when waiting for the new fashion trends to appear, followed by special fibers, colors, textures and lots and lots of books, magazines and pattern leaflets. We see that European fashion is very knitting involved. We can't wait.

This year, again, fiber combinations enhance greatly the feel and performance of the yarns. For example, great combinations of wool, alpaca, silk, bamboo, linen, cotton make yarns that yield a lovely hand, and are a dream to work with. We are starting to get them in the door and they'll all be here soon to help you knit or crochet your gifts for yourselves and your lucky loved ones. We have also ordered many wonderful books, magazines, periodicals and patterns from our (and yours, too) favorite manufacturers and design houses.

I came back from my vacation in Turkey with another shipment of the wonderful bazaar bags in many vibrantly beautiful colors and designs. They are getting harder and harder to order anymore, but I was lucky to catch the manufacturer in a good mood this summer. They come in two sizes and are still very well priced.

I also would like to thank so many of you who took the time to fill out our questionnaire about our next Knitting/Crochet Retreat. Your input helps a great deal in deciding on a location, time of year and selection of classes to offer. We will send out another e-mail to all when we solidify our plans.

Aylin

HANNE FALKENBERG TRUNK SHOW !!!

September 18 – 28th

We are so excited to have this fabulous trunk show back again. It always is so wonderful to be able to see, touch and wear Hanne's great creations. It helps us to visualize her beautiful styles in all her offered color ways. I must caution you, though, that to make a decision about which color to choose is the hardest thing ever. We strongly recommend making several since most of us cannot stop at one.

CLASSIC ELITE TRUNK SHOW

We will be displaying wonderful garments from Classic Elite Yarn Co featuring their latest designs and fibers between Dec 17 & Jan 4.

WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

We are busy working on setting up exciting new workshops, and maybe repeat a few favorites, for the Fall. Read more on Pages 3 & 5 about the workshops that we have already set up dates for, check your calendars and register early. We will send e-mails later about more workshops later as we get more information about them.

NEW YARNS FOR FALL/WINTER OF 2009

By Dede Smith

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

ART YARNS: Synergy Shawl kit

ARUCANIA: Aysen, Panguipulli, Azapa

BERROCO: Blackstone Twd, Happy, Lanalux, Lustra, Sundae, Vintage Wool

CLASSIC ELITE: Chesapeake, Giselle, Kumara

CRYSTAL PALACE: Mini Mochi, Panda Silk

ELSEBETH LAVOLD: Hemptathy, Silky Wool (an old favorite coming back)

KNITTING FEVER: Fez

NORO: Maiko

STACY CHARLES/TAHKI: Dove, Gioiello, Sedona, Tweedy Alpaca, Zara

UNIVERSAL YARNS: Bamboo Sock, Bella 4 Ply, Cobblestone, Limerick, Sonnet, Spark,
Starlight

Many of our old favorites added new colors...

And many, many more new yarns 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

CRASH COURSE IN CROCHET: (for absolute beginners)- **Mon, Oct 12** – 10 am-4 pm (with lunch break). Here is your chance to learn all the basics in crochet in one day. We'll get you feeling comfortable and doing simple projects, six basic stitches, increases/decreases, understanding instructions, and finishing off. *Materials List **\$75.00/per student.**

CROCHETED EDGINGS: (must know basic crochet stitches) – **Fri, Oct 16** -10 am–1 pm
Learn how to add distinctive, beautiful edgings to your crochet/knit pieces, to make ruffles, hanging blocks, shells, scallops, loops, and crab stitch. Find out how to keep corners squared, and work in row ends. *Materials List and homework. **\$50.00/per student.**

CROCHETED FLOWERS: (must know basic crochet stitches) – **Fri, Oct 16** – 2 – 5 pm
Learn how to make leaves, berries, and the bullion stitch which makes gorgeous flowers. Use glitzy yarns and create beautiful embellishments to decorate hats, bags, scarves, make napkin rings, brooches, or floral arrangements. *Material list & photo. **\$50.00/per student.**

CROCHETED CABLES: (Intermediate level) - **Sat, Oct 17** – 10 am-5 pm w/lunch break
NOTE: Must know how to do front/back post stitches to make crocheted cables. We will begin with basic type cable and progress to complex (but fun) crocheted braided cables. Learn techniques to make cables stand out, and to plan our next project using crochet cables. Extensive handout with bibliography of Aran crochet patterns. Select a free pattern to select from 4 that will be offered. *Materials list & photo. **\$75.00/per student.**

CROCHET COLOR MAGIC:(Fun for all levels) – **Sun, Oct 18** – 1 pm-5 pm /lunch break
Learn techniques to work difficult looking color patterns easily, and how to handle different types of multi-colored yarns. Detailed handout teaches vertical stripes, bamboo stitch, 2-color checkers, dotted shells and more. *Materials list and photo. **\$60.00/per student.**

• **get information for materials/photos at <http://www.almostamy.com/8html>**
To register : Call Aylin's at 703-573-1900 or 1-800-775-9665.

DEBRA LEE

INCREDIBLE KNITTED CORD: **Sun, Oct 25** - 10 am-1 pm. \$45.00/per student.

The knitted cord, aka "idiot cord or I-cord", is an easy way to embellish, or give a tailored finish to your knitting. Learn to create a free standing cord, to knit the cord onto finished surface, or create a corded edge as you knit. Call Aylin's for materials/homework.

SOCK ANATOMY: **Sun, Nov 1** - 1 pm-5 pm. \$60.00/per student.

Want to knit socks but can't figure out the instructions? In this workshop, you will make a mini-sock using double-pointed needles to learn all the skills to make a pair of basic socks. MUST be able to cast on/off, knit, purl, increase/decrease, and pick up stitches. Call Aylin's for materials.

Please register early, call Aylin's at 703-573-1900.

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KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

KNITTING CLASSES

Knit Along

Debra Lee

Saturdays - 10 am-noon
Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 10;
Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7;
Nov 14, 21, Dec 5, 19.
\$20 per 2-hr. session

Knitting from Patterns

Debra Lee

Saturdays - noon-2 pm
Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 10;
Oct 17, 24, 31, Nov 7;
Nov 14, 21, Dec 5, 19.
\$80/4 consecutive sessions
\$25/session–new student

Knitting for Beginners

Debra Lee

Saturdays 2 – 4 pm
Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 10;
Oct 17, 24, 31, Oct 10;
Nov 14, 21, Dec 5, 19.
\$80/4 consecutive sessions

Beginning/Intermediate Knitting

Harriet Twigg

Tuesdays 10:30 am-noon
Sept 15 – Oct 20;
Nov 10 – Dec 15.
\$95 for 6 sessions

Knitting Camp

Aylin Bener

Mondays 10 am–noon
Thursdays 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
\$20 per class
*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
\$90/session of 6 classes
FALL 2009 Session 1:
Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct 6.
FALL 2009 Session 2:
Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17.

Continental Knitting

*Materials list

Tuesday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Sept 29, Oct 6, 13, 20.
Four 1-hour classes \$40.00

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. (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.

Workshops cont'd

SUE HANSEN: *Sue will be offering her two popular classes at two different dates and times.*

BEGINNING LACE KNITTING: Wed, Oct 14 & 21 at 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm AND 6 pm – 8 pm
Afraid of knitting lace? This class will help you forget your fears in the process of making a simple lace scarf. Learn how large needles work on lace yarn, how to manage a purl stitch after a yarn over, and many other tricks of the trade to make your first lace experience fun.
This is a two session class. Please call AYLIN'S at 703-573-1900 for supply list and register.
\$45.00/per student

CHARTS! OH NO!!!: Wed, Oct 28 at 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm AND 6 pm – 8 pm
Love to knit but afraid of those confusing charts? This class will teach you how to read a chart, how to transfer written directions into a chart or take that chart and write it out! We will not be knitting in this one session class, but have fun with pencil and graph paper. Pattern will be supplied. Please call AYLIN'S at 703-573-1900 for rest of supplies and register. **\$35.00/per student**

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
FALL/WINTER
SALE**

**Sept 12 thru 26, 2009
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 re-funds or make ups for missed classes.

STORE HOURS:

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

Thursdays: 10am – 8:30pm

Closed Sundays

Special discontinued yarns continually at great savings in our SALES NOOK

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