

WOOLGATHERINGS September 2011

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Upcoming Events

**AYLIN'S WOOLGATHERER
FALL/WINTER SALE**
Sept 24 – Oct 8
15% off ALL YARNS
**(except for season's
new arrivals)**

**EXTRA ADDED SAVINGS
in our Sale Nook**

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Aylin's
Woolgatherer
Has planned many
Exciting workshops:

**SOCK ANATOMY
SECRETS TO PERFECT
KNITTING**

& Special Events:
**HANNE FALKENBERG
TRUNK SHOW**
Nov 18 – 28 and beyond!

LET HANNE WOW YOU!

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Dear Friends,

We are leaving the summer months with an extraordinary show of force from Mother Nature; first our very rare experience of a respectable size earthquake, and then the fury of Irene!! Despite all these spectacular nature shows the seasonal yarns are starting to arrive. AND we are preparing a very exciting fall season for you.

We see the resurgence of textured yarns; some of the bubbles, and puffs started to appear on hand painted or variegated yarns. Furs, loops and frills are accompanied by huge chained or tufted yarns that you need to use broomsticks to knit with. Colors are warm autumnal tones, deep jewels as well as cool grays. Simple T-s, oversized vests and ponchos are back alongside shawls. Scarves are still the big story. Frills and flounces as well as beautiful lace patterns are taking center stage. Luxury fibers like cashmere, angora, silk and bamboo as well as combinations of all, or several of these make the yarns simply delicious and irresistible.

One unfortunate thing that is happening is price increases in the yarns across the board. Many of our distributors and manufacturers who were valiantly holding prices down have found that they must raise them. We, at our end, will hold our old prices until the 17th of September, or until our Fall shipments arrive.

Aylin's is also planning a wonderful sale to welcome the Fall knitting season. Starting the 24th of September, through the 8th of October we invite you to participate in our Fabulous Fall Sale. Beat most of the price increases and see what the new season has delivered.

Our much anticipated Trunk Show of the Fall season, the wonderful show from the talented designer Hanne Falkenberg will be at Aylin's starting Nov 18 to Nov 28 AND BEYOND! Please mark your calendars to save the date. As usual we will also send a reminder e-mail near that date. See you soon.

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Our Knitting Retreat at Hillsborough Vineyard in Purcellville last April was a huge success. We all had a great time and enjoyed wonderful classes taught by Beth Brown-Reinsel and our very own Karen Klemp. We will definitely repeat holding these events at Hillsborough Vineyard and certainly invite Beth & Karen to teach again. One time is never enough for such a special event. Please watch your e-mails for our announcements regarding another Hillsborough retreat and other workshops that we are working on. As we determine dates/places we'll let you know via e-mail.

Debra Lee has planned two of her most popular topics as workshops: Read about them on Page 3.

Aylin and Karen Klemp have also planned a wonderful workshop together...read more about it on Page 3.

Aylin and Claire Wudowsky have planned to teach several workshops and charity events together... read more about them on Page 3.

Our regular classes are again in full swing. Please read our new schedule on Page 4 and sign up for your classes as soon as possible, since our space is limited and these classes are very popular and fill up fast.

NEW YARNS FOR FALL OF 2011

By Dede Smith

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

CASCADE YARNS: Heritage Silk 150, Heritage Paints, Kid Seta Noir
CLASSIC ELITE: Pirouette, Silky Alpaca Lace Handpainted, Vail
CRYSTAL PALACE: Moonshine, Sausalito, Tutu
FIBRE COMPANY: Acadia, Road to China Light
KNIT ONE CROCHET TOO: Ty-Dy Super Kid, Ty-Dy Skinny Stripes
MANOS: Maxima
MARION FOALE: 3-Ply Merino
PAGEWOOD FARM: Artisana, Bouquet, Flora, Willow Creek
PLYMOUTH: Jeanne DK, Giada
STACY CHARLES: Moda Lame, Felix, Diamante, Boulder
SKACEL COLLECTION: Macaibo
SWEDISH YARNS: Kashmir Alpakka, Silk Mohair, Moa
TAHKI: Jackson Tweed, Melody
WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Colorspun, Kid Silk Haze Creation
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
- Our popular Turkish Bazaar Bags are back and in two new sizes
- The knit kit: a handy gadget that packs eight essential knitting tools is a must to take on your vacation
- StitchDots: smart new markers have a say and come with a "retro" coin purse they call home.
- Kinki Amibari exchangeable bamboo circular needle set called "SWITCH" – feels heavenly!
- Addi Turbo's NEW CLICKS, wonderful circular needle sets, in their classy SMALL case, are here
- A handsome kit of beautiful rosewood interchangeable circular needles from Plymouth.
- Great "Art Buttons" from Alice's Tapestries hailing from Santa Fe, NM
- Crochet hooks and/or double point needles cases from Afghanistan-benefiting a women's home industry
- Great shawl/sweater/scarf pins from Banzer and Buttons, etc
- Beautiful bamboo circular needles, unique accessories, gadgets and wonderful interchangeable needle sets from HIYA HIYA!
- 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.
- New kit and a couple of new models from Hanne Falkenberg.

WORKSHOPS PLANNED THIS FALL:

DEBRA LEE:

Learn to knit: Saturday Sept 24, Oct 29; and Dec 3, 2011. From 2:00 pm to 5:30 pm
\$55.00/student for 3 1/2-hour workshop

Never held knitting needles before but want to learn to knit? Learned to knit a long time ago but haven't picked up your needles lately? Get started by learning the basics through hands-on practice in this workshop. Learn to cast on and bind off, make knit and purl stitches, join new yarn and weave in loose ends. Take home a beginner scarf pattern that you'll be ready to make.

Bring *Knitting Illustrated for Beginners and Others*, by Virginia McGlynn, 300 yds of light to medium solid color smooth worsted weight (20 sts = 4") yarn, 9-10" straight knitting needles in the size indicated on the yarn band, yarn needle, and Susan Bates Knit-Chek that contains a ruler, scissors, and open/split-ring stitch markers.

Sock Anatomy: Saturday, Oct 8, 2011. From 1 pm to 5 pm.

\$60.00/student for 4-hour workshop

Want to knit socks but can't figure out instructions or their construction? In this workshop, you'll make a mini sock using double-pointed needles to learn all the skills to make a pair of basic socks.

Bring a yarn needle, 75-100 yds of worsted weight yarn and corresponding set of double-pointed needles and a circular needle of any length. Prerequisite: Must be able to cast on/off, knit, purl, increase, decrease and pick up stitches.

KAREN KLEMP & AYLIN BENER:

Secrets to Perfect Knitting: Saturday, Oct 8, 2011. 10:00 am-1:00 pm \$60.00/student for 3-hr workshop.

Would you like to relax and knit with easy confidence to turn out flawlessly knitted and finished projects? This workshop will teach you some very important tricks and techniques to help you achieve this goal, like making/measuring a swatch, reading your stitches, dealing with dropped stitches and/or mistakes, picking up stitches for perfect necklines/sleeves, solving the mystery of short rows. Call the store to register early and ask about materials and/or homework

Workshop information is continued on Page 4, after regular classes.

Please contact Aylin's Woolgatherer for more detailed information about prices, homework and supply list for each class.

We will be sending reminder e-mails near the times of the special events

All our classes are small due to our limited space. Please register early by calling the shop at 703-573-1900, or come in and secure your place.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OUR FABULOUS FALL SALE
Sept 24-Oct 8

Our hours:
10 am-5:30 Mon - Sat
Open til 8:30 Thurs.

COME AND ENJOY THE SAVINGS FOR YOUR FALL & HOLIDAY PROJECTS

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.

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

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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
Thurs: 10 am - 8:30 pm
Closed Sun

PLEASE REMEMBER!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

KNITTING CLASSES

Knit Along - Debra Lee

10:00 am - noon

Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1;

Oct. 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12;

Nov. 19, Dec 3, 10, 17.

\$80/session of 4 classes.

\$20/student per class.

Knitting from Patterns

Debra Lee

Noon – 2:00 pm

Sep. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1;

Oct, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12;

Nov.19, Dec 3, 10 17.

\$80/session of 4 classes.

Debra's special workshops are on Page 3.

Harriet Twigg

Beginning/Intermediate Knitting

Tues from 10:30–noon

Sept 27, Oct 4, 11

\$48/session of 3 classes.

Oct 18, 25, Nov 3, 15, 22, 29,

Dec 3, 13.

\$125/session of 8 classes.

Knitting Camps

Aylin Bener

**Wednesdays 11 am-1 pm
and/or**

Thurs 6:30 – 8:30 pm

\$20/per class

You must call ahead to sign up for Camps

CROCHET CLASSES

Karen Klemp

Beginning/Intermediate Crochet

**Tuesdays from 2:30-4:30, or
from 6 – 8 pm**

\$90/session of 6 classes

Fall/Winter 2011

Session 1:

Special 5-class session: \$75

Sept 13, 27, Oct 4, 11, 25

No class on 9/20 & 10/18.

Session 2:

Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13.

Private lessons may be arranged for a fee of \$35.00/hour. Please call Aylin's at 703-573-1900 or 800-775-9665 to register for any of these classes.

KNITTING & CROCHET - Perfect Partners: Sunday, Oct 16, 2011 – 11 am to 2 pm - \$50.

Aylin Bener and Claire Wudowsky will teach a class together to benefit Doctors Without Borders, where they will show great ways to spice up your knitting with crochet finishing and vice versa. All proceeds from the class will go to this wonderful organization. Doctors Without Borders is on the ground in Somalia and in many other countries around the globe. Our donations to them will help keep children alive all over the world. AND – you'll learn some great new knitting/crochet skills. If you cannot attend on that date and would like to donate to this amazing organization, you are welcome to send a check to the shop and we'll provide you with a copy of the handouts from the class. We raised \$810 in April. Let's shoot for even more in October!.

BUT WAIT... there is more! Aylin will open the shop that Sunday from 2 pm-6 pm. And 20% of sales of all regularly priced yarns will go to Doctors Without Borders. <http://www.doctorswithoutborders.com>.

Please join us for our annual knit/crochet holiday gift finishing get-togethers!

As the holidays approach, many of us are knitting and crocheting gifts for family and friends and need a little encouragement to finish these projects in time. Some of us need a place to finish where little eyes can't see what we are making. Come on in and sit and stitch with us at Aylin's on Sunday, November 6, 2011 and Sunday, December 4, 2011 from 11 am to 2 pm. You'll have those gifts completed in no time, and have fun doing them!

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 each month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Grab your hooks or needles, and join us as we stitch for charity .

We hope you'll join us at Aylins and help us create useful items for these charities. If you cannot join us, you can still drop off your finished items at the shop, and we'll deliver them.

COMFORT MONSTER CONTEST: Aylin is having a Comfort Monster Contest! We're helping Knitters and Crocheters Care collect 1000 Comfort Monsters; the first 500 will go to TAPS and the remainder will go to Fairfax Hospital, Alternative House and other organizations that help children in need of comfort.

So, what is a Comfort Monster? It's a friendly/creepy, cute, plush toy that kids can hug to give them comfort. It can be an elaborate stuffed monster or a simple soft or fuzzy square with funky eyes. You can find patterns and pictures on Aylin's Ravelry site: <http://www.ravelry.com/groups/aylins-woolgatherer>, Aylin's Blog: <http://aylinsblog.wordpress.com/>, and on Aylin's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/AylinsWoolgatherer/121754441189379?ref=ts>

We would like to fill the table in our classroom with Comfort Monsters – so we're having a contest! Please bring your Monsters to Aylin's and attach your name and e-mail address. On Halloween Day, we'll put all the names in a hat and draw two prizes: First prize will be a \$25 gift certificate and the second prize will be a \$10 gift certificate to Aylin's.

WHAT IS YOUR WISH? In a dream world, every knit/crochet class you ever wanted would be available when you want it. Here at Aylin's Woolgatherer we would like to make that dream a reality. Well, unfortunately, we cannot read your minds, so we need your help. Please send answers to the following questions to aylin@aylins-wool.com.

- What knitting and/or crochet classes would you like to see at Aylin's?
- Which visiting knit/crochet teachers would you like Aylin's to invite to teach a class at the shop?
- Which visiting or resident knit/crochet teachers would you like Aylin's to invite to teach at a retreat?
- If Aylin's scheduled classes during the evening or weekends, would you be able to attend? If so, please give us an idea of the days and times you'd like to see classes.

BRING YOUR FIBER-LOVING FRIENDS TO AYLIN'S AND GET A \$10 GIFT CERTIFICATE!

Aylin's Woolgatherer will give you a \$10 gift certificate when you bring to the store a new customer who spends at least \$10 in the shop. A new customer is anyone who has never shopped in Aylin's, or who has not purchased anything from Aylin's in the past three years. The new customer must bring ID, so we can enter his/her information into our computer system. All gift certificates are entered into our files as credits; therefore, the referring customer must already be in our computer system. Additionally, in order to get your certificate, you must be present at our shop with your friend when he/she makes his/her first purchase. This is our way of showing our appreciation for our amazing customers and thanking them for recommending us to their friends. Thank you for helping us be YOUR LOCAL YARN SHOP.

KNIT NIGHTS AT AYLIN'S :

SECOND TUESDAY of every month is designated as our Hanne Falkenberg Nights. Those of you who are working on your Falkenberg kits are welcome to come join us for a social evening. Since this is not a class, but a social gathering for Falkenberg fans, it is free of charge.

Then the FOURTH TUESDAY of every month we will keep the lights on for another social event; our **Knit and Visit Night**. Please come and spend a relaxing, fun night with us, bring your projects to show and share, visit with other stitchers, meet and make new friends. This is also free of charge. Come visit.

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