

WOOLGATHERINGS

FROM AYLIN

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Upcoming Events

**WELCOMING
A NEW YEAR
AT
AYLIN'S
WOOLGATHERER
with
a fabulous
ANNIVERSARY SALE
Jan 2, 4, 5, and 6, 2010
10am-7pm: Sat-Tue &
10am-6pm: Wed**

**25% off on ALL yarns
and 15% off on
all yarn kits**

**EXTRA ADDED
SAVINGS
in our Sale Nook**

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Dear Friends,

Aylin has kindly agreed to let me write a guest editorial for this newsletter. I asked to do so because celebration of her 35th anniversary in business brought back some fond memories and is a cause for a huge toast to her.

When I approached Aylin in late 1999 about teaching crochet in her shop, she asked if I would be around in January for “our” 25th anniversary. My husband and I were observing our 25th anniversary in January 2000 and I wondered how she knew. Of course, she didn't. She was referring to her store's milestone. Here we are 10 years later, and Aylin is setting records for owning and operating one of the longest-lived and most successful yarn shops in the country.

Other establishments pop up during the boom years for yarn and disappear when times get tough. Aylin, however, has been there throughout. She adeptly handles huge crowds every time there's a rush to knitting and crochet, and she stays the course during the years when only diehard fiber-holics come through the door. She opened in Jan 1975, with just herself helping knitters and her small daughter playing quietly nearby. Her daughter is now a beautiful woman, and the staff has grown, from our beloved Joyce Vatis, who has worked for Aylin for 15 years to all the other superb helpers who make shopping at Aylin's lots of fun.

Aylin has an uncanny ability to select the most desirable yarns, patterns, and accessories. She loves each and every customer, and is the most masterful knitter most of us will ever meet. Plus, hers is the most crochet-friendly store around, which pleases me no end. She has fostered my crochet design business, and continues to have a wonderful selection of crochet books, patterns & implements. Her latest addition is the fabulous new Denise Interchangeable crochet hook kit.

So please join me in congratulating Aylin on 35 years of indispensable knitting and crochet service to the Washington metropolitan area and to the rest of the country via mail order. Her gift to all of us is a huge anniversary sale January 2, 4, 5, & 6, with all yarns at least 25%, and yarn kits 15% off. Your gift to her could (and should) be your continued frequent visits to this wonderful tucked-away shop and a big hug for our dear Aylin when you come in.

Karen

OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Aylin's will celebrate another milestone birthday.

We will commemorate it with another party to last 4 days, and you are all invited. Come in for the wonderful sale, enjoy the snacks, meet old and new friends and celebrate with us. **Celebrations will start Saturday, Jan 2nd; Monday, Jan 4th; Tuesday, Jan 5th and Wednesday, Jan 6th. Hours will be: Sat, Mon and Tue: 10 am-7 pm and Wed: 10am – 6 pm.**

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. **Read more on Pages 3 & 5** about the workshops for which we have already set up dates, 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 SPRING/SUMMER of 2010

By Dede Smith

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

ARAUCANIA: Rehue Multi, Panguipulli, Aysen,
CASCADE YARNS: Eco Duo,
CLASSIC ELITE: Giselle, Kumara, Waterlily (old favorite back), Chesapeake,
CRYSTAL PALACE: Mini Mochi, Panda Silk
ELSEBETH LAVOLD: Hempathy, Silky Wool (an old favorite coming back),
ELLA RAE: Kammelsoft,
KNITTING FEVER: Fez, Rialto DK,
NORO: Maiko,
SKACEL: Fancy Sock, Mosco, Royal,
STACY CHARLES/TAHKI: Dove, Gioiello, Sedona, Tweedy Alpaca, Zara,
SWEDISH YARNS: Alpakka, Duett, Eco Twin Wool
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, and our popular Turkish Bazaar Bags are back and in two new sizes
- Kinki Amibari exchangeable bamboo circular needle set called "SWITCH"— feels heavenly!
- Addi Turbo's NEW CLICKS, wonderful circular needle sets are finally here
- Great "Art Buttons" from Alice's Tapestries hailing from Santa Fe, NM
- 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 and Buttons, etc
- Absolutely beautiful needle lace necklaces and brooches out of silk thread, and washable, too
- 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, cont'd.

DEBRA LEE

SOCK ANATOMY: Sat, Jan 16 - 10am – 2 pm.

\$60.00/student for 4-hour workshop

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. Bring 75-100 yards of smooth, solid color worsted weight yarn, a corresponding set of double-pointed needles, a circular needle of same size, but any length, and a yarn needle.

Prerequisite: Must be able to cast on/off, knit, purl, increase, decrease and pick up stitches.

ENTRELAC BASICS: Sat, Feb 13 – 10 am – 1pm.

\$45.00/student for 3-hour workshop

Master entrelac knitting basics by creating a sampler in six easy steps and learn ways to incorporate this unique fabric into your one of a kind garment! Taken from the French work "entrelacer" meaning interlace or intertwine, entrelac knitting creates a fabric that looks like interlaced diagonal rectangles. It's a great way to use up that leftover or sale yarn you've been wondering what to do with, or worked in different yarn combinations, various color and stitch patterns, or in the same all-over yarn and/or stitch pattern, entrelac expands a knitter's imagination. Bring worsted weight yarn(s), corresponding double pointed or circular needles, plus a pair 2 sizes larger. **Prerequisite: Must** be able to cast on/off, stockinette stitch, increase, decrease and pick up stitches.

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

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 pm 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/crochet 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>

HUGS FOR HOMELESS ANIMALS: The snuggles project. – We are collecting Snuggles, warm and comfy blankets for homeless animals. They should be 14"x14" for kittens and small animals, 24"x24" for cats and small to medium dogs, and 36"x36" for medium to large dogs. They can be made out of acrylic yarn or cotton in any pattern or color that you choose. They are best when they are made thick for comfort and warmth. <http://www.snugglesproject.org>.

Join us at Aylin's on the 3rd Thursday of every month between 6:30 and 8:30 pm. 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.

KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

KNITTING CLASSES

Knit Along - Debra Lee

Saturdays - 10 am-noon

Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6;

Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13;

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10;

Apr 17, 24, May 1, 15.

\$20 per 2-hr. class

Knitting from Patterns

Debra Lee

Saturdays - noon - 2 pm

Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6;

Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13;

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10;

Apr 17, 24, May 1, 15.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

Knitting for Beginners

Debra Lee

Saturdays - 2 pm - 4pm

Jan 9, 23, 30, Feb 6;

Feb 20, 27, Mar 6, 13;

Mar 20, 27, Apr 3, 10;

Apr 17, 24, May 1, 15.

\$80/4 consecutive sessions

Harriet Twigg

Beginning/Intermediate

Knitting

Tuesdays 10:30 am-noon

Jan 5 - Feb 9;

Feb 16 - Mar 23;

Apr 6 - May 11.

\$95/6 consecutive session

Knitting Camps

Aylin Bener

Wednesdays 11 am-1 pm

Thurs 6:30 - 8:30 pm

\$20/per class

**You must call ahead to
sign up for Camps**

***Note:new day & time**

CROCHET CLASSES

Beginning/Intermediate Crochet

Karen Klemp

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

\$90/session of 6 classes

SESSION 1 - 2010:

Jan 5, 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9.

SESSION 2 - 2010:

Feb 16, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 30.

(no class on Feb 23)

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.

**Please watch for our periodic e-mail notices to announce exciting
new workshops and special events.**

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 2010, 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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**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
Thursdays: 10 am – 8:30 pm
Closed Sundays**

**Special discontinued
yarns continually at
great savings in our
SALES NOOK**