

# WOOLGATHERINGS FROM AYLIN

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## Upcoming Events:

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**SUMMER SALE**  
**Jun 21 - 28, 2008**

**ALL YARNS 15%**  
**REDUCED**

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**EXTRA ADDED**  
**SAVINGS**  
**In our Sale Nook**

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**KNITTING/CROCHET**  
**RETREAT**

**In Harpers Ferry, WV**  
**May 30-June 1, 2008**

**Read more about it**  
**On Page 3**

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Dear Friends,

AT LONG LAST!!! The renovation project that took 2 whole years is finally finished. We do have our shopping center back and, I must say, the new Giant Superstore turned out quite nice. The traffic coming in and out as well as in the parking lot is also working very well. So, I am hoping that this will be the end of all our worries. Well, they are talking about re-landscaping the walkway in front of our building's entrance, but we won't even think about it yet, and just enjoy our new setting.

This year Spring is having a hard time making up its mind to settle in our area. After a couple of glorious days, it surprises us with a reversal to early March weather. We don't mind, fewer allergies and more knitting or crocheting, right?

The Spring/Summer yarns this year are specifically the kinds that are actually all season fibers. Organics are still very strong. New organic cottons, all manners of natural fibers are turning up as knitting/crocheting yarns. What started with silk, bamboo and linen, has spread to corn, soy, sea kelp, chitin, not to mention... STEEL!?! The new yarns made with these fibers and their combinations with silk, cotton and viscose feel wonderful to the touch and come in great colors that are very pleasing to the eye. Projects calling for light weight and lace weight yarns are very popular. Lace appears not only in scarves and shawl, but has moved into great summer shells, shrugs, and little cardigans.

We have received many new summer yarns in great colors and fibers, and continue to receive many more every week. We have many of our classes continuing into the summer and are accompanied by several exciting workshops. So, take a moment, relax and read about all the great things we have in store for you. See you soon.

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## WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

### KAREN KLEMP

**Crochet in Living Color:** Friday, June 20 - 10a – 12:30p & 1:30 – 4p

This 5-hour workshop will liven up your crochet through the use of fabulous color combinations. It will cover fascinating color patterns and teach you how to use different colors and multicolored yarns to their best advantage. It will explain different techniques used to make a multicolored project. Read more on pg. 3. \$60.00/student.

**Aran Crochet:** Saturday, June 21, 2008 - 10a – 12:30p & 1:30 – 4p

Now that you know all the basics of crochet, why not make an Aran project? In this class we will cover all of the stitches you need to design your own Aran project, learn how to follow an Aran-style pattern. Bonus free patterns will be available. Read more on pg. 3. \$65.00/student.

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**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:**

ARTFUL YARNS: Cliche

BERROCO: Naturlin, Lumina, Seduce, Bonsai, many new colors in old favorites

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

FEZA: Petra

FURNACE MOUNTAIN ALPACAS: Fabulous undyed alpacas in blended colors, sport and fingering weights, and all from a local farm!

IRONSTONE YARNS: Sunset, Cocoon

LOUET: Gems Sport Merino

MALABRIGO: Lace Sock

PLYMOUTH: Alpaca Grande, Boku, Royal Silk Merino, Royal Llama Silk, King George, Yardley, Buckingham

REGIA: Kaffe Fassett Sock collection, Silk

REYNOLDS: Top Seed Cotton, Cool Cotton, Rise & Shine

RIO DE LA PLATA: Merino Sock

SCHACHENMAYR: Arabella

SKACEL: New Trekking and Pro Natura sock yarns

WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Natural Focus, Ecologie Cotton, Creative Focus, Purelife 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.**

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**GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS or JUST BECAUSE!**

- Many wonderful bags: Namaste's great project bags in great spring colors, DellaQ bags, Lantern-Moon bags, and a great line of clear plastic straight/circular, or double point needle/hook cases.
- Silk trinket bags, nicely lined and ready for you to personalize it with knitting just 6-7 inches.
- Kinki Amibari exchangeable bamboo circular needle sets called "SWITCH"—silky smooth.
- 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, and
- Pretty markers of black lip shell or Swarosky crystal that are jewelry for your knitting or crocheting projects....and many more.

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**Workshops cont'd**

**DEBRA LEE:**

Debra Lee will be taking a little time off during the summer months, travelling, vacationing, and family obligations. She will be back in late September and we will announce her classes and workshops in our next newsletter.

**CLAIRE WUDOWSKY:**

**Crochet For Knitters:** Saturday, August 16, 2008 - 10a to 1p

Do you have a secret fear of knitting patterns that include a few crochet stitches? If so – this class is for you. In this class you'll learn basic crochet stitches and edgings. You'll also learn how to use crochet to embellish necklines, button bands and edges of garments. Once you try it, you'll never be afraid of crocheting again. \$45.00/student.

<p><b><u>CHECK THIS OUT!</u></b></p> <p>Aylin's new additional Travel website:</p> <p><a href="http://www.aylinstravel.com">www.aylinstravel.com</a></p> <p>Visit us to learn more about Aylin's customized tours To Turkey Discovering Arts &amp; History Along the Biblical Trail And much more...</p>	<p><b><u>Registering for Classes &amp; Workshops:</u></b></p> <p>Please remember that you must pay in advance to sign up for any of the classes and workshops that we offer. ***</p> <p>Stop by or call the store at 703-573-1900 with your credit card information to enroll. ***</p> <p>We regret that there are no refunds or make ups for missed classes.</p>	<p><b><u>STORE HOURS:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri &amp; Sat:</u></b> <b><u>10 am – 5:30 pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Thursdays: 10 am – 8:30 pm</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Closed Sundays</u></b></p>
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**OUR SECOND KNITTING/CROCHET RETREAT IN HARPERS FERRY, WV**

The date is set: we will be going back to beautiful Harpers Ferry, WV for another great weekend between May 30th and June 1st . We are looking forward to spending another fabulous weekend at this most beautiful venue knitting, crocheting learning, playing, laughing, eating, visiting with old friends, making new friends and connecting with nature.

Renown designer and teacher Merike Saarniit will offer a full day “Microwave Dyeing” class on Saturday. She will teach one or two additional 3-hour classes. Karen Klemp, another designer who is teaching nationally, but whom we are lucky to call our friend and resident teacher here at Aylin's, will also be teaching.. Merike is planning to teach a class for socks and Karen will offer a crochet class in making pretty flowers and another in making a pair of wristers, which may also be used as decorative sock tops.

One of our favorite designer/teacher friends Anna Zilboorg will join us in Harpers Ferry and will enjoy the weekend along with us.

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Special ANNA ZILBOORG designs, exclusively at Aylin's Woolgatherer are continuing to attract attention. Anna and Aylin are collaborating in publishing two of Anna's patterns that have never been published before. These lovely patterns are yours when you purchase the appropriate yarns of your choice to make the garments. A portion of the proceeds from these sales will be given to Anna's special charity: CPT (Christian Peacemakers Team).

## KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

### KNITTING CLASSES

#### **Knit Along - Debra Lee**

No classes during summer.

New dates will be announced later.

Bring your own project

\$20 per 2-hr session

#### **Knitting from Patterns - Debra Lee**

No classes during summer.

New dates will be announced later.

\$80/4 sessions;

\$25/session–new student

#### **Knitting for Beginners - Debra Lee**

Saturdays 2 – 4 pm

No classes during summer.

New dates will be announced later.

#### **Knitting Camp - Aylin Bener**

Mondays 10 am–noon

Thurs 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

*Drop-ins must call ahead to sign up for camps.*

#### **Beginning/Intermediate Knitting - Harriet Twigg**

Tuesdays 10:30 am–noon

Sept 16-Oct 21; Oct 28-Dec 2

\$95 for 6 sessions

### CROCHET CLASSES

#### **Beginning/Intermediate Crochet Karen Klemp**

Tuesdays 2:30pm-4:30pm

Or, 6 pm – 8 pm

May 27 – July 1;

Aug 5 – Sept 9.

\$90/session of 6 classes.

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

#### **Claire Wudowsky**

Fall classes will be announced later.

### 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.thealternative-house.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](http://www.inova.org/inova_fairfax_hospital/services/inova_fairfax-womens-cent))

**Join us at Aylin's on May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21 and September 18, 2008. 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.

### **VISIT TURKEY AGAIN IN 2008**

We are working on our next adventure in Turkey, following a small portion of the Biblical Trail and discovering the ancient arts that are still thriving in those areas. The program is again wonderful and it is being translated and getting ready to be presented soon after the New Year. Please call or e-mail and give us your information if you would like to know more about our trip to Turkey in the Fall of '08. **NOTE:** MSNBC's "Today Show" aired a wonderful segment on Turkey on May 1st. It was one of those "Where in the world is Matt Lauer" series. It covered a lot of Istanbul, but also several of the other wonderful spots in Turkey. Our itinerary covers all of those sites and more, but it would give you a glimpse of what to expect. You can view it on your computer by going to [www.todayshow.com](http://www.todayshow.com) and clicking on the icon with the Blue Mosque.