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Hello Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first e-Newsletter. We know this will be a more efficient and sure way to reach you with our news. Please help us add your e-mail addresses to our records and remember to add Aylin's Woolgatherer to your list of friends that you accept e-mails from.

A HOT summer is coming to an end and we are looking forward to the new yarns that are starting to come in. They are wonderful new and old classic fibers with new twists and textures to start the creative juices running. Knitting is strong, but I am very happy to see that crocheting is coming up good and strong with more great yarns and patterns to support it. Aylin's continue to be a supporter of this art form and we have planned new workshops in addition to popular crochet classes. Please see our "Special Events" section for exciting workshops from Beth Brown-Reinsel, Debra Lee, Karen Klemp who are all great teachers with a long following and please act quickly because their classes fill very fast. We had a great time at Harpers Ferry where we had a 4-day retreat with designers/teachers Anna Zilboorg and Merike Saarniit. It was a very inspiring and informative 4 days in a beautiful setting. We all loved it, and we will gladly repeat it next year. Our second trip to Turkey will be another great journey full of fun, friendship and explorations into history and arts along the Biblical Trail. Read more about it on our link or call us at the store.

I wish all of you a great end of summer and hope to see you all soon. AYLIN

BETH BROWN-REINSEL, Sept 30-Oct 1, 2006

The Norwegian Fana Cardigan (a 2-day, 12-hour class)

A mini cardigan like those from the Fana region of Norway will be knitted to teach special construction techniques: circularly knitted body and sleeves, cut-and-sew armholes and front, self facings and band and 2-color knitting. Price: \$225./student for 12-hour workshop. Please call store to register and for supply list and other requirements.

DEBRA LEE, offering 3 workshops

No Sew Sweaters – Sunday, Nov 12th – 2-5 pm

We love to knit, but, many of us, hate to sew – that last finishing step. Learn a step-by-step approach to converting a sweater pattern knitted in four separate pieces, i.e., front, back, and two sleeves (which are then sewn together) to a pattern that you knit from the bottom up in one piece without seams and without steeks. Price: \$45/student.

See page 2 for more workshop from Debra.

KAREN KLEMP, offering 3 workshops

Shell Game – Saturday, Nov 11th – 10 am-1pm

This workshop was a sell-out at the Crochet Guild Conference in July. Here's your chance to take it locally. Explore the wonderful world of crocheted shells. Learn some of the easiest and most classic shell stitch patterns as well as some more esoteric ones. Find out how to use them in rows, in the round, and with mitered corners to form numerous shapes: squares, triangles hexagons, circles, half-circles. Find out how to decrease and increase effectively in shell patterns, and see examples of how they work in sweaters, shawls, ponchos, and other garments. Find out how to correct errors in shells without ripping back. Bring practice yarn in DK or worsted weight and appropriate crochet hooks. Price: \$65/student.

See page 2 for more workshops from Karen.

Debra Lee's Workshops (cont'd)

Sock Anatomy (New) - Friday, Nov 17 - 10 am-1 pm; Sunday, Dec 3 - 2 pm-5 pm.

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. Call store for supply list. Price: \$45./student.

Finishing First – Friday, Dec 8th – 1-4 pm

Find sewing or picking up stitches painful? The way you start and end a row can help ease or exasperate your pain. In this workshop, learn different ways to finish and shape a knitted edge for better finishing results. Bring smooth, solid color worsted weight yarn in 2 or 3 contrasting colors, corresponding needles, split-stitch markers and scissors to class. Price: \$45./student.

Karen Klemp's Workshops (cont'd)

Crochet Lite – Saturday, Nov 11th - 2-5 pm

If you think that crochet is heavy and clunky, think again. Done correctly, crochet can be as light and wearable as knitting, and you don't need tons of yarn, either. Learn how to substitute lighter-weight yarns to make crocheted items that are lighter and softer, more comfortable to wear. See examples of projects made with lighter weight yarns. Find out how you can use some truly fabulous yarns for crochet and how to minimize the amount of yarn you use, bringing down the cost of your project. Bring light-weight yarns of your choice (lace, fingering, or sport) and appropriate size crochet hooks. Price: \$65./student.

Continental Knitting - Saturday, Dec 2nd - 10 am-3 pm

For crocheters who hold the yarn in their left hand or for lefties who have not been able to grasp American-style knitting, this style of knitting is a natural. This is a workshop for real beginners – not for established knitters. We will cover casting on, knit stitch, purl stitch, increasing and decreasing, and binding off. Time permitting, we will talk about knitting language and add a few easy stitch patterns. Bring knitting needles (either 10" straights or 24" circulars in size 8), light-colored smooth worsted weight yarn, scissors and a ruler. Price: \$80./student.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS: Remember, you must pay in advance to sign up for any of the classes and workshops that we offer. Please stop by or call the store at 703-573-1900 to enroll. Registration for workshops closes one week before the class is held. We regret that there are no refunds or make-ups for missed classes.

OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

Rita Hare

KNITTING CLASSES WITH DEBRA LEE:

KNIT ALONG: Saturdays 11 am to 1 pm:

This class is offered in 4-week sessions, or you can come and register for one session at a time. Bring your own project/problems/questions. Price: \$80/session of 4 or \$20/session.

September 9, 16, 23, and 30;

October 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18 (No class on Oct 7, 14 and Nov 3, 25);

December 2, 9, 16, 23.

KNITTING FROM PATTERNS: Saturdays - 1 pm-3 pm.

No Drop-ins accepted for this class. It is offered in 4 consecutive sessions.

Price: \$80/4-week session.

September 9, 16, 23, and 30;

October 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18 (No class on Oct 7, 14 and Nov 3, 25);

December 2, 9, 16, 23.

KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS: Saturdays - 3 pm-5 pm.

No drop-ins accepted for this class. It is offered in 4 consecutive sessions.

Price: \$80/4-week session.

September 9, 16, 23, and 30;

October 21, 28, Nov. 11, 18 (No class on Oct 7, 14 and Nov 3, 25);

December 2, 9, 16, 23.

KNITTING WITH LOUISE LIGHTHART:

KNITTING "CAMP": Thursdays - 6:30 pm-8:30 pm.

New session in the fall will start Sept. 14th. Drop-ins welcome; no need to call ahead.

\$20 per class or \$90 for 6 consecutive sessions.

KNITTING WITH AYLIN BENER:

MULTI-LEVEL KNITTING/CROCHET - Mondays 10 am-noon.

Bring your own projects, problems, questions.

KNITTING WITH HARRIET TWIGG:

BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE KNITTING - Tuesdays - 10:30am-noon.

September 26 through October 31.

November 14 through December 19.

No drop-ins accepted. Price: \$90/6 sessions.

CROCHETING WITH KAREN KLEMP:

BEGINNING/INTERMEDIATE CROCHET - Tuesdays - 2:30-4:30 pm or 6-8 pm

August 29 - October 10 (No class on 9/26);

October 17 - November 28 (No class on 11/7).

Price: \$90/6 consecutive sessions. Private lessons may be arranged for a fee of \$35/hour.

CROCHETING WITH CLAIRE WUDOWSKY:

DROP IN CROCHETING - Saturdays - 10 am-noon (this class will be held except when there are other workshops offered at that time slot)

Bring your own project. Price \$20/student.

**CROCHET FELTING WORKSHOPS - Saturday, Oct. 28th - 10 am-1 pm;
Thursday, Nov. 16th - 5:30-8:30 pm**

Felting is totally HOT. In this workshop, you'll learn to use swatches to demystify the felting process. We'll start with the pattern for a felted purse and then each student will design their own unique purse using horizontal and vertical stripes and color work.

Price: \$35./student for 3-hour class.

**LUSCIOUS TO THE TOUCH WINTER YARNS 2006/07
BY DEDE SMITH**

Here is a glimpse of what our Fall/Winter season will look like at Aylin's Woolgatherer!

Berroco: Suede Lux, Trilogy, Keltic, Memoirs, Ultra Alpaca, Pure Merino, Smart Mohair;

Cascade: Lana Grande, Eco Wool, Fixation, Sprinkles, Malizia;

Classic Elite: Wool Bamboo, Water Lilly, Desert;

Claudia: Fingering Kid Mohair; Fingering Merino;

Frog Tree: Alpaca Chunky;

Ironstone Yarns: Flirt, Wink, Color Changes, Mohair Big Loop;

Jo Sharp: Alpaca Kid Lustre, Alpaca Silk Georgette;

Mountain Colors Yarns: Mountain Goat; Twizzle;

Plymouth Yarns: Oh My!, Patches, Tweed, Cashmere, Galway, Sockotta;

Reynolds: Reality, Heroes, Serenade;

Regia: Bamboo;

Southwest Yarns: Karaoke, Pure Soy Silk;

Tahki/Stacy Charles: Sempre; Santa Fe; Aura; **AND MANY MANY MORE.**

RETURN TO TURKEY IN OCTOBER 2006.

We are again organizing a wonderful trip to Turkey between October 3 and 17, 2006. Trace the steps of the disciples and visit world-famous Biblical sites and ancient ruins. Explore local yarn-dyeing and rug/kilim weaving cooperatives, museums featuring fine embroideries, needle lace, and a lot more. Feast on delicious Turkish food and buy great treasures to build memories on. Please call the store at 703-573-1900 or 1-800-775-9665, or e-mail me at aylin@aylins-wool.com to receive our fabulous itinerary.

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