

# WOOLGATHERINGS FROM AYLIN

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## Upcoming Events:

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**OUR 33RD  
ANNIVERSARY SALE  
Jan 3, 4 & 5, 2008**

**ALL YARNS 25% REDUCED**

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**EXTRA ADDED  
SAVINGS**

**In our Sale Nook**

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**KNITTING/CROCHET  
RETREAT**

**In Harpers Ferry, WV  
Spring of 2008**

**Read more about it  
On Page 3**

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Dear Friends,

I don't know where the whole year went, but here we are, almost ready to welcome 2008. We are making plans for our 33rd anniversary this year, and as usual, we will be celebrating with a great Birthday Sale and invite all of you to come and enjoy it. Please watch your mail for a reminder postcard. You may want to mark your calendars now, the dates are shown at left.

Our 2007 was a little improvement over 2006. The construction project that started in March of '06 is still continuing. However, they have cleaned it up considerably and contained it behind fences, so we no longer have to compete with huge construction vehicles for the right of way, or a parking space. The rumor has it that the real completion will be in April 2008.....Can't wait!!!

We have decked the walls with lots of new yarns, fabulous fibers, exciting gift ideas and many books. You will find us ready to help you with all your projects and inspire you for more. Our new class schedules are ready and you'll find them on Page 4. Please sign up early as they are quite popular and fill up quickly. We have established a "Hanne Falkenberg Knitting Club", which meets every other Tuesday evening, and are having lots of fun working on our Hanne projects. Call us about it; get your project; and join the fun.

I have started working on the details of another wonderful Knitting Retreat in Harpers Ferry in the Spring. Read more about it in this newsletter. We are also putting together another exciting adventure in Turkey, exploring the arts along the Biblical Trail. Look for more information on Page 3 and Page 4.

We are all wishing each and every one of you the best of Holidays and thank you for your continued friendship and patronage. Hope to see you all soon.  
Aylin

## WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

### MARGARET FISHER

#### **Advanced Finishing: Sat, Feb 9, 2008 - 10 am to 1 pm**

A great class to take you beyond the basics. Learn provisional cast on, tubular cast on and bind off, short rows, grafting, duplicate stitching. Advance your knitting & finishing skills with a potpourri of useful techniques. **\$50.00/student**

#### **Buttonholes and Bands: Sat, Feb 9, 2008 - 2 pm to 5 pm**

This class focuses on a very important finishing step—your bands and buttonholes. Master the techniques for picking up stitches to make your bands lay flat and smooth. Learn to space buttonholes evenly, practice several different buttonhole techniques and how to work them on ribbed or seed stitched bands. **\$50.00/student**

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**NEW YARNS FOR FALL/WINTER of 2007**

By Elaine Cook

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

ARTFUL YARNS: Old Western

BERROCO: Jasper, Peruvia, Pure Merino Nuance, Ultra Alpaca Light

CRYSTAL PALACE: Maizy, Merino 5

FEZA: Fiona, Cyprus Mohair, Super Cozy, Fanatic

IRONSTONE YARNS: Sunset, Cocoon

LOUET: Gems Sport Merino

MALABRIGO: Lace Sock

MISTY MOUNTAIN FARM: Jubilee

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

REYNOLDS: Cottontail, Playtime

RIO DE LA PLATA: Merino Sock

SHIBUI YARNS: Baby Alpaca DK, Sock, Silk Puff, Silk Cloud

TRENDSETTER YARNS: Cashwool (an old favorite coming back)

VITTADINI: Lisa

WESTMINSTER FIBERS: Kid Silk Aura

**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 THE HOLIDAYS or any other time:**

- A great line of clear vinyl bags of various shapes and sizes for your projects. All with our own logo on them.
- Incredibly beautiful crochet hooks and knitting needles, hand turned in rosewood.
- Silk trinket bags, nicely lined and ready for you to personalize it with knitting just 6-7 inches.
- Little scarf or knitters' survival kits, chock-full of gadgets for every knitter
- 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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Special **ANNA ZILBOORG** designs are exclusively at Aylin's Woolgatherer. 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).

## **Workshops cont'd**

### **DEBRA LEE:**

#### **Shadow (Illusion) Knitting: Friday, Feb 15, 2008 – 2 – 4 pm \$30/student**

It's as if by magic – you look at the shadow knit fabric one way and it's all stripes. Look at it from another angle and you see an image like a hologram. You'll never see any knitting like this. And it is so easy to make. In this workshop, you'll learn how to read a shadow knitting chart by making a multi-color sample. The images and stripes are made using one color yarn at a time in a combination of knit and purl stitches. After taking the workshop, you'll be ready to knit designs from Vivian Hoxbro's *Shadow Knitting* book. Bring smooth, solid, color yarns of the same weight in at least 2 contrasting colors of sport or worsted weight yarns, corresponding knitting needles and split ring stitch markers. Must know how to cast on/off, knit and purl.

### **CLAIRE WUDOWSKY:**

#### **Crochet Felting Workshop: Saturday, Feb 16, 2008 – 1 – 4 pm \$45/student**

Felting is totally HOT. In this workshop, we'll demystify the felting process while designing a unique felted bag. You'll start with a basic crochet felted purse pattern, designed by the instructor – then each student will design her own unique purse using stripes, color work, funky fibers, and textured stitches.

#### **CHECK THIS OUT!**

Aylin's new additional  
Travel website:

[www.aylinstravel.com](http://www.aylinstravel.com)

Visit us to learn more about  
Aylin's costumed tours  
To Turkey  
Discovering  
Arts & History  
Along the Biblical Trail  
And much more...

#### **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 with your credit card  
information to enroll.

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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**

## **OUR SECOND KNITTING/CROCHET RETREAT IN HARPERS FERRY, WV SPRING 2008**

In the Spring of 2008, we will be going back to beautiful Harpers Ferry, WV for another great weekend. When we offered this retreat a couple of years ago it was so successful that we knew we wanted to do it again. Here 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. The 3-hour classes are still somewhat in the planning stage and we will confirm them at a later date.

If you are interested in receiving more information about this wonderful retreat, please call the store or send Aylin an e-mail at [aylin@aylins-wool.com](mailto:aylin@aylins-wool.com) so that we can mail them to you as soon as they become finalized and available.

## KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rema Lisenby

### KNITTING CLASSES

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

Saturdays 10 am – noon

Jan 5, 19 26, Feb 2;

Feb 16, 23, Mar 1, 15;

Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 19;

Apr 26; May 3, 10, 17.

Bring your own project

\$20 per 2-hr session

#### **Knitting from Patterns**

##### **Debra Lee**

Saturdays noon – 2 pm

Jan 5, 19, 26, Feb 2;

Feb 16, 23, Mar 1, 15;

Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 19;

Apr 26, May 3, 10, 17.

\$80/4 sessions;

\$25/session–new student

#### **Knitting for Beginners**

Saturdays 2 – 4 pm

Jan 5, 19, 26, Feb 2;

Feb 16, 23, Mar 1, 15;

Mar 22, 29, Apr 5, 19;

Apr 26, May 3, 10, 17.

\$80/4 sessions.

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

Mondays 10 am–noon

***Must call ahead to sign up for Monday camp***

Thurs 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Drop-ins welcome; no need to call ahead.

\$20/class

### CROCHET CLASSES

#### **Beginning/Intermediate Crochet**

##### **Karen Klemp**

Tuesdays 2:30pm-4:30pm

Or, 6 pm – 8 pm

Jan 22 – Mar 4 (no class on Feb 26)

Mar 11 – May 13 (no class on 3/28, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22)

May 27 – July 1

\$90/session of 6 classes.

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. (<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, hats, scarves, hats, gloves/mittens for ages 1-18. (<http://www.thealternativehouse.org>)

FOOD AND FRIENDS – Provides meal delivery to clients with life-challenging illnesses. We are collecting scarves, wool/cotton potholders. (<http://www.foodandfriends.org>).

ORPHAN FOUNDATION OF AMERICA – Helps youths who age out of the foster care system, helps finance a college education and support services during their college years. We are collecting red scarves for these young people. (<http://www.orphan.org>).

**Join us at Aylin's on January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17. 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.