

# Woolgatherings

from Aylin

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## Upcoming Events:

### OUR 32<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY SALE

Jan 4, 5, & 6, 2007  
ALL YARNS 25%  
REDUCED

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EXTRA SAVINGS  
To be found in our  
SALES NOOK  
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### SPECIAL WORKSHOP With

**MERIKE SAARNIT**

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Hello Dear Friends,

We are almost at the end of 2006, and it is nearly time to celebrate another anniversary, our 32<sup>nd</sup>. Aylin's Woolgatherer will be a year older, hopefully better and wiser, but still very friendly, helpful, knowledgeable and chock-full of great yarns with wonderful fibers, textures and colors. There are lots of books, magazines, buttons, bags, implements as well.

Please watch your mail for your postcard announcing our Birthday Sale in the beginning of January 2007. You may want to mark your calendars now, the dates are shown at left.

2006 turned out to be a very busy and challenging year. The Loehmann's Plaza management decided to renovate the center, making drastic changes in the layout and content. They moved several businesses to different locations within the plaza, including Loehmann's dress shop, and demolished that block completely. A new Giant grocery store is going to be built in its place. It is very disorienting, but we are still in our old location, above the 7-11 store and things are looking much better in the parking lot. We are counting the days when all the construction will be over, but in the meantime we thank you for patiently persevering, finding us and coming to see us.

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## WORKSHOPS AT AYLIN'S

**DEBRA LEE**, offering 2 workshops:

**NO SEW SWEATERS – Fri, Feb 16 – 1 pm to 4 pm - \$45/student**  
**Sun, Apr 22 - 2-5 pm -- \$45/student**

Love to knit, but hate to sew? Learn how to convert a sweater pattern knit in 4 pieces which will then be sewn together, to one that you knit from the bottom-up in one piece, without seams or steeks. Call store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

**See page 3 for more workshops from Debra Lee.**

**KAREN KLEMP**, offering 6 workshops

**CROCHETED SOCKS – Sat, Jan 6 – 9 am to 3 pm - \$75/student**

Learn to make wonderful, wearable, crochet socks. In class make a child's sock to cover all the techniques necessary to make adult socks on your own. Learn to turn the heel and shape the toe. Call store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

**See page 3 for more workshops from Karen Klemp.**

**CLAIRE WUDOWSKY**, offering a new workshop

**CROCHET FELTING – Sat, Feb 17 – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm –**

**\$45/ student.** Felting is HOT!! In this workshop learn to use swatches to demystify the felting process, by making a felted purse designed by the instructor, then design your own, with stripes, color work, and textured stitches. Call store to enroll and to find out about supplies/homework.

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## **LOEHMANN'S PLAZA RENOVATION**

By Denise Kelleher

Loehmann's Plaza renovation is progressing. The store-fronts are a medley of Southwestern Color; brown, rust green & yellow. The parking lot in front of Aylin's and the 7-11 store will be completed by early December. June 2007 is the current estimate for the opening of the new 24-hour Giant, coming to the end of the plaza next to 7-11 and Aylin's. The landmark for customers coming to Aylin's is the rust colored 7-11 toward the Graham Road end of the Plaza. We are still on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of this building. You may not see our sign, since the construction has disrupted signage for many stores. Please persevere! We would be delighted to see you and serve you as usual.

## **NEW YARNS FOR FALL/WINTER 2006/2007**

By Dede Smith

To the list of many fabulous yarns that we have mentioned in our August 2006 newsletter, we would like to add a few more names:

Aurora Yarns: A fabulous new alpaca from Drops, simply called ALPACA;

Classic Elite Yarns: CLASSIC SILK;

Crystal Palace Yarns: FJORD, and TAOS;

Colinette Yarns: GRAFFITI;

Feza Yarns: MANHATTAN, LAMA MOHAIR, TOKYO, and MESMERIZE;

Swedish Yarns: DREAM;

Mission Falls: 1824 WOOL (it's BACK!!!);

SouthWest Trading Co.: PURE SOY SILK;

Trendsetter Yarns: YOSEMITE...

## **BOOKS - INSPIRATION STATION**

By Elaine Cook

**The following are new books in the shop or ones that were out of stock for a while. 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.**

VICTORIAN LACE TODAY: Jane Sowerby;

KNITTING NATURE: Norah Gaughan;

BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO FELTING: Nicky Epstein;

SIMPLY BABY: Debbie Bliss;

KNITTING RULES: Stephanie Pearl-McPhee; and

KNIT FIX: Lisa Kartus.

These are just a few of the new additions to our extensive library of knitting and crochet books. We also have a wide array of magazines, publications by yarn manufacturers and designers. Fiber Trend patterns and a new line from Two Old Bags are always ready to offer new inspiration to creative minds and hands.

## **Debra Lee's Workshops (cont'd)**

### **Sock Anatomy-Sunday, Feb 25, 1-5 pm -- \$60/student**

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 the store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

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## **Karen Klemp's Workshops (cont'd)**

### **Crochet in Color – Saturday, Feb 3, 9 am-4 pm -- \$80/student**

Learn to crochet color patterns, like stripes, blocks, spikes, mosaic, intarsia, even entrelac; master the techniques of changing color, carrying unused colors along, making color and texture selections. Create swatches that will inspire you to make many different projects in the future. Call the store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

### **Chain Gang- Saturday, Feb 24, 9 am-noon -- \$55/student**

This workshop will demonstrate that the chain stitch has many uses beyond the dreaded beginning row of a project—chains for decorative stitch patterns, motifs, joinings, edgings, embellishments, etc. Learn how to begin projects without chaining. Call the store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

### **Woven Crochet-Saturday, Feb 24, 1-4pm -- \$55/student**

Learn three ways to weave in crochet, and find out how you can use certain "problem" yarns for weaving to achieve fabulous looks economically and with a minimum of effort. Call the store to enroll and find out about supplies/homework.

### **Crochet Edgings-Saturday, Mar 10, 9 am-noon -- \$55/student**

Learn to do many popular crochet trims like picot, crab stitch, shells, scallops, hanging blocks, loops, ruffles, popcorns, etc to give that professional look to your projects. Learn to work along the sides and to turn corners. NOTE: You must already know basic crochet to take this class. Call the store to enroll and to find out about supplies/homework.

### **Crochet flowers-Saturday, Mar 10, 1-4 pm -- \$55/student**

Learn to make a bouquet of different crocheted flowers that you can attach to hats, bags, turn into napkin rings, or pin on your coat. Learn how felted flowers are made, just spend a fun afternoon "playing" with crochet. Call the store to enroll and to find out about supplies/homework.

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## **REGISTERING FOR CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS:**

Kindly 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 with your credit card information to enroll. We regret that there are no refunds or makeups for missed classes.

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## MERIKE SAARNIIT

WILL HOLD A SPECIAL WORKSHOP AT AYLIN'S WOOLGATHERER

SATURDAY, May 19 & 20, 2007

WHERE SHE WILL OFFER 2 GREAT CLASSES:

1: Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm -- **MICROWAVE DYEING,**

2: Sunday, 10 am – 5 pm -- **KNITTING WITH HANDPAINTED YARNS**  
**\$100/STUDENT, PER CLASS**

Call the store to enroll and to find out about supplies/homework. Classes are limited to 10.  
Wouldn't this make a wonderful Mother's Day Gift?

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## KNIT AND CROCHET CLASSES

By Rita Hare

### KNITTING CLASSES

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

Saturdays 11 am – 1 pm  
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27;  
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 31, Apr 7, 14, 21;  
Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19.  
Bring your own project  
\$20 per 2-hr session.

#### **Knitting from Patterns**

##### **Debra Lee**

Saturdays 1 – 3 pm  
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27;  
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 31, Apr 7, 14, 21;  
Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19.  
\$80/4 sessions.

#### **Knitting for Beginners**

##### **Debra Lee**

Saturdays 3 – 5 pm  
Jan 6, 13, 20, 27;  
Feb 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 3, 10, 17, 24;  
Mar 31, Apr 7, 14, 21;  
Apr 28, May 5, 12, 19.  
\$80/4 consecutive sessions.

#### **Beginning/Intermediate**

##### **Knitting Harriet Twigg**

Tuesdays 10:15–11:45 am  
Jan 9 – Feb 13, 2007;  
Feb 20 – Mar 27, 2007  
\$90 for 6 sessions.

#### **Knitting "Camp"**

**Aylin Bener**-\$20/class  
Thursdays 6:30-8:30 pm  
Drop-ins welcome;  
Mondays 10 am-noon  
Must call ahead for Monday  
Camp.

### CROCHET CLASSES

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

##### **Karen Klemp**

Tuesdays 2:30-4:30 pm  
or, 6 – 8 pm  
Jan 30 – Mar 20  
(No class on 2/20 & 3/6)  
Apr 3 – May 15  
(No class on 4/24)  
May 22 – June 26.  
\$90/6 sessions.

#### **Drop-In Crochet**

##### **Clair Wudowsky**

Wed 6:30-8:30 pm  
\$20/session.

**Orphan Foundation Red Scarf Project – Claire Wudowsky**

Nearly 20,000 foster care teens “age out” of the foster care system each year. Once they reach 18, their state and foster families are no longer required to give them assistance. They are left to fend for themselves.

The Orphan Foundation provides opportunities for America’s foster youth to continue their education after high school, by raising funds directly, administering various states’ funding programs, mentoring, and care package deliveries. Less than 50% of foster children who age out of the system graduate from high school, and many end up on the street or in prison. The young people who do graduate from high school and go on to higher education are truly remarkable and deserving of support!

The Care Package Program is designed to show these youths attending colleges and trade schools that we care and support them in their efforts to better themselves. The Care Packages are delivered three times a year and they are chock-full of items designed to make life easier and more cheerful for these young people. Last year, for the first time, crocheted and knitted scarves were included in the Valentine’s Day packages – and they were a huge hit! This year the Orphan Foundation will be sending out 2500 Care Packages in February and they are looking for one scarf for each of these packages!

So...grab your hook or needles and crochet or knit a red scarf for the Orphan Foundation. If you need inspiration, there are red scarves hung up around the shop – and patterns for these are free with the purchase of a red yarn. You may drop off your finished scarf at the shop and we’ll deliver it to the Orphan Foundation.

**STORE HOURS:**

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat  
10 am – 5:30 pm  
Thursday 10 am – 8:30 pm  
Closed Sunday

Remember, each year we go on the following summer hours during the month of July:

Monday - Saturday 10 am – 2 pm  
Thursday evenings 6 - 8:30 pm

**Charity Day Event at Aylin’s**

**Join Knitters and Crocheters Care for  
A Charity Day Event  
At Aylin’s Woolgatherer  
Saturday, Jan 20, 2007  
1 – 4 pm**

We will knit or crochet red scarves for the  
Orphan Foundation Red Scarf Project.

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