

Anacapa Fine Yarns Newsletter

Proudly Promoting Fiber Arts in Ventura County

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Winter/Spring 2009

A new year is upon us, and it comes with a new political age. The news we've been receiving about the economy, the stock market, and the unemployment figures can really scare the bejeebers out of anyone. But we must believe that things can only get better (after a short continual downward spiral for awhile longer). It is exciting to think of what is ahead of us. 'What's behind door number 3, Monty?!?' With a positive attitude (and our knitting in tow), we can make it through anything!

Our Holiday Party and Food Share drive was quite a success; we brought Foodshare an overflowing barrel of food and \$150-\$75 from your donations and a \$75 match from Anacapa Fine Yarns. Thanks to everyone who participated in the drive; many less fortunate will have full tummies thanks to you.

Spring always brings us new life (and a new shipment of yarn). New yarns in lighter and brighter colors and fibers will be coming our way. Orders have already been placed with Rowan, Nashua, Tahki, Noro, Araucania and more. Also, a trip to the semi annual trade show in January will probably add to the goodies already scheduled. Most of these new yarns will be arriving in mid February and early March.

Don't miss our 5th Annual Super Bowl Sunday party on February 1st. Everyone always has a great time and it gets you away from that \$%^&* football game. More details follow later in the newsletter.

Also, you might want to mark your calendars now for our 5th Anniversary celebration, scheduled for June 27th. It's still awhile yet, but this has become our biggest sale of the year. We will once again be offering bags o' yarn at deep discounted prices. So don't make any other plans for that day!

I recently sat in on the Deb Jarchow's Rigid Heddle Weaving class here at the shop. I've done some weaving before on larger looms, but the rigid heddle loom is great for quick projects. It can be portable and it's so easy to warp up and prepare for weaving. If you've never tried it, you might want to give it a shot. It's a great way to whip up some beautiful scarves, table runners, place mats and more. This time around Deb is offering the Beginning Rigid Heddle class as a way to make Log Cabin designs. Traditionally a quilting design, Log Cabin has crept into weaving, knitting and crochet as you will see in our class schedule and we are offering Log Cabin designs in each of these fiber mediums.

We also have more entrelac classes from Jane Davis, a couple of new classes from Gloria Tracy which include two Tips and Tricks class (should be very informative), a new felted bag class from Karin Wilmoth which includes needlefelting embellishing, with an extra class from Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli teaching us how to sew in a lining to the bag. And, while everyone is teaching classes on how to make garments from the top down or side ways or just in one piece, I have brought back my Basic Garment class, just in case you want to make one in a more traditional way. Elisa Purnell and Anastasia Poland are bringing us more of their great ideas in crochet. Susie Meach will once again be offering her spinning classes with a new one on fiber preparation and color techniques. And, as mentioned above, Deb Jarchow will once again join us for a Log Cabin Rigid Heddle Weaving class. You'll also find many of your favorite classes from Barbara Selesnick, Karin Wilmoth, Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli, Gloria Tracy and me. Check out the schedule starting on page two. The schedule is also posted on our website for easy reference.

Let's all look to a lighter, brighter 2009 and start working on those brighter colors to add a little cheer to our days ahead.

See you all back in the shop very soon.

Happy Knitting,

Lois

Drop In Assistance

Don't understand the pattern? Need some help getting started with a new project? We can help. *Free Drop In Class with your yarn purchase at Anacapa Fine Yarns.* (\$8 Drop In Fee for projects not purchased at the shop). We want you to feel the satisfaction of having completed a beautiful project!

Friday Charity Knitting and Crochet Meeting

Get together to knit or crochet for a good cause! We are now working on hats for cancer patients; hats, gloves and blankets for the homeless; and baby blankets for babies of the girls at the Tender Life Maternity Home. Local hospitals and charities are the recipient of all of these projects. This group meets every Friday morning from 10 am to noon.

Thursday Night Get Together (KTOG)

Everyone is welcome to this informal knitting, crochet and spinning group (spinning meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays only). It's fun to get together with others that share your passion for fiber arts. Meet new people, get inspiration for new projects, and make new friends. Bring a project and join the fun. KTOG is from 6 pm to 9 pm, shop is also open during this time.

5th Annual Super Bowl Sunday Party

Sunday, February 1st, join us at Anacapa Fine Yarns for some non-football fun. If you need to escape from the frenzy at your own house, come hang out with us!!! We'll be playing our 'Pick A Card' Sale game once again. We've had great fun the last few years, come in and try your luck. The shop will be providing some munchies, but customers are also welcome to bring their favorites. We will be extending our Sunday hours for this one; store hours will be 10 AM to 5 PM.

Ravelry 101

You've joined the ravelry.com craze, you waited to get invited, you picked your ravelry name, you're logged on, now what? Where do you start? How do you navigate around the website? Come find out on Thursday, January 15th starting at 6 pm, when our Ravelry expert, Prieta Salyer, will show us all that ravelry.com has to offer. Limited to those that have already gotten their invitation to join ravelry.com.

Weaving night at Anacapa

Now that we've offered a few rigid heddle weaving classes here at the shop, we thought it might be a nice idea to have those weavers (and any others out there) come join us on our Thursday night. What a great way to meet up with other weavers and swap notes on warping, weaving, picking yarns and other little tidbits. The classroom space of the shop will be available to weavers beginning February 5th and every first and third Thursday after that. (Spinners are there every second and fourth Thursday-and they won't mind if you want to join them too).

Change in Frequent Buyer Program

Beginning January 1st our Frequent Buyer Program will change from the required \$275 in purchases to \$300 in purchases to receive a \$25 coupon. We apologize for having to make this change, however this is necessary at this time.



Stitches From the Heart - Knit & Crochet Get Together---January 6, 2009, (then every first Tuesday of the month), 10 am to noon. Come join **Kathy Silverton, president and founder of Stitches From the Heart**, for a fun morning of knitting and crocheting items for needy babies. Muffins, tea and coffee too. Meet other nice Stitches volunteers. Feel free to bring a friend and any items you wish to donate. Please clean out your yarn stash and bring your yarns to be donated. RSVP 805 985 9202

Class & Workshop Schedule-Winter/Spring 2009

*Please note: we expect classes to fill quickly. Register in advance to secure your space. Students must pay for their class when signing up. Unless noted, students should purchase all supplies listed before attending class, including any pattern or notions. Class participants receive a 10 percent discount on class materials. In the event you must cancel your reserved spot, we must be given at least five days' notice **before** the class date in order to refund your fees. If you do not, you forfeit your entire registration fee; however, if your place is filled by another student, we will refund your fee. Class samples are available to view at the shop. Also, please be **on time** for class.*

Skill Levels are described as follows:

Confident Beginner: Knitting-Know how to knit and purl confidently. Crochet- Know the chain, single crochet and double crochet confidently.

Intermediate: Knitting and Crochet-In addition to knowing the basic stitches, also are familiar with at least one increase and decrease as well as simple stitch patterns, color changes and finishing.

Knitting Classes Beginning Knitting

Three Sessions-Saturdays, Jan 17, 24 and 31, 4 pm to 6 pm, OR Wednesdays, Feb 18, 25 and March 4, 6 pm to 8 pm OR Saturdays, April 18, 25 and May 2, \$50, supplies not included. Skill level: No prior knitting experience. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli
This basic class will start you on your knitting adventure. Learn the basics: cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. Also learn several increases and decreases to add shaping to simple projects. Come see what all the fuss is about!

Block-a-Month Afghan-Beginner

Monthly-Every second Saturday. Next class: Saturday, Jan 17, 9 a.m. to noon. **Please note: For Jan only class will meet on Jan 17.** Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: K. Wilmoth
Learn a wide variety of skills as you work toward completing an afghan. You will learn how to read knitting patterns and charts. This will help you gain confidence in all your knitting projects.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Intermediate

Monthly-Every fourth Saturday. Next class: Saturday, January 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth
This class covers more intermediate level techniques than the beginning class. This is a continuing class but students at the appropriate skill level can jump in if space is available.

Sock Club

Monthly-Every first Saturday. Next class: Saturday, January 3, 9 a.m. to noon. Three classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. It is recommended that you either have

previously taken the Sock Knitting or Toe Up Sock class, or that you have knit a sock before. This is not a first sock class. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth
Socks, socks, and more socks! Toe Up, cuff down, socks with no heel, or toes; how many ways can you knit a sock? Let us count the ways. While we may not get through a sock every month, we will learn a different aspect and technique every time. Have you ever had a fitted arch? What about sideways socks? The possibilities are endless, and always rewarding. So set aside the first Saturday morning of the month, and join us as we expand our skills as sock knitters.

E. Zimmerman's-Baby Surprise Sweater

Two Sessions-Fridays, January 16 and 30, 6 pm. to 9 pm., \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli
Let's celebrate the 40th anniversary of this clever pattern from a knitting legend. This class will guide you through the magic of simple shaping techniques that turn a single piece of knitting into an impressive and attractive baby garment. This pattern lends itself well to self striping, handpaints, and oddments of stash yarn to create detail.

Dyeing and Knitting with Silk Fabric

One Session-Sunday, January 18, 10 am. to 4 pm. (with a break for lunch); \$60, plus a material fee of \$25 for silk fabric. Additional supplies are not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Breca Kralovic-Logan
Expand your repertoire as you combine luscious yarns with sensuous silk fabric strips to create a one of a kind scarf or shawl. Using a simple dye method you will create your own luscious colors to knit with. WE will dye batches of silk in the morning and as they dry we will explore the possibilities of knitting with silk fabric strips. You will learn how to tear and join silk strips of fabric for incorporating into your

projects. Silk fabric is provided for sample exploration and a scarf project.

Sock Knitting

Two Sessions-Wed, Jan 21 and 28, 6 pm to 9 pm OR Tues, April 28 and May 12; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: L. Varga

Once you make one pair of socks, you feel the need to make a pair for everyone in the entire family! Come and learn how to knit circularly and work the heel and the toe of the sock. You will learn the basics on either double-pointed or two circular needles.

Rib Warmer Vest

Two Sessions-Fridays, January 23 and February 6, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli

This classic and crisp vest is a playground for understanding how short rows can be used to shape a unique garment. This vest is a great place to use both self-striping and simple solid yarns. For the work involved in a garter stitch scarf, you will emerge with a beautiful, wearable addition to your wardrobe.

Introduction to Felting – Bucket Bag

One Session-Saturday, January 24, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth. This class is offered as a series along with ‘Painting with Fiber’ and ‘Sewing for your Knitting or Crochet’ to make a beautifully lined needlefelted oversized bag. Register for all three classes for \$75, or \$30 each.

Big bags are in, and you can create your own work of art with this wonderfully spacious bucket bag. This class will explore "Fulling" also known as knitted felting, and we will learn to knit in the round, and create simple increases with yarnovers.

50 Years of Tips & Tricks I

One Session-Sunday, January 25, 9 am to 4 pm (with an hour break for lunch), \$60, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: G. Tracy
While you knit a mini sweater you’ll learn long tail cast on; how to carry yarn up the side, how to add stitches to an existing row, a double decrease, a shortcut SSK, k2tog, three needle bind off, how to make a seam with a crochet hook even if you don’t crochet; plus final-edge bind off. You’ll also find out how to make a Tulip Scallop slip stitch to divide two colors, springy little dreadlocks and the easiest edge trim ever. You’ll discover what to do with mystery

yarn that has no label and why there are a few accessories you can’t be without. You’ll also be taught a formula for figuring decreases and increases.

Log Cabin Knit

One Session-Monday, January 26, 6 pm. to 9 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Log Cabin Knitting is a technique adapted from quilting. It is an innovative way to play with self striping yarns, color combinations, and scrap yarn. Come and find out the many applications of this fun process – everything from household accessories to wearable pieces. This class will be especially beneficial if you want to learn how to pick up stitches or want to practice that skill.

Multi-Directional Diagonal Scarf

One Session -- Sunday, February 1, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

This scarf looks complicated, but actually is fun and simple once you learn an easy method of short rows and increases/decreases. You will also learn how to add on a new ball of yarn, how to make and apply fringe, and how to weave in yarn ends. If you are interested in picking up a few more skills and ending up with a scarf that sparks conversation, this class is for you.

Mock Faroese Shawl-Knit

One Session-Monday, February 2, 6 pm. to 9 pm OR Saturday, April 4, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell and Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli
Knitters *and* crocheters can make this spectacular top-down, triangular shawl – the pattern contains instructions and diagrams for both versions – in almost any weight yarn. The easy-to-learn pattern is a great way to showcase some of today’s beautiful multi-color yarns. In this class you’ll learn how to read and follow pattern directions and stitch diagrams, and ways to increase your number of stitches to ‘grow’ your shawl while retaining its triangular shape.

Knit Fixes I

One Session-Tues, Feb 3, 6 pm to 8 pm, OR Wed April 22, 6 pm to 8 pm, \$25, supplies not included. Skill level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: L. Varga
If you are a fairly new knitter tired of ripping due to errors, this class is for you. Begin to understand stitch structure, learn how to unknit, and fix your knitting without ripping the whole thing out. This class can honestly make the difference between a frustrated

knitter and a happy knitter. We want YOU to be a happy knitter with a beautiful, completed project!

Entrelac in the Round

One Session-Sunday, February 8, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Jane Davis

Entrelac in the round is a great technique for making bags, hats and even sweaters. It's easier than flat entrelac because you don't have to make any side edge triangles. It's also a great way to use up scraps, or showcase color changing yarns such as Noro's Kureyon. Learn entrelac in the round while making a small bag or glasses case.

Simple Hat

One Session- Friday, February 13, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Interested in making something in the round? Want to make something to match your tons of gorgeous scarves? Need a quick gift idea? In the Simple Hat class, you will learn the magic and easy formula for nearly any yarn and stitch. You will also learn how to work with both circular and double pointed needles.

Intro to Cables -- Cable Scarf

One Session-Sunday, February 15, noon to 3 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick.

Cables are really quite *simple* and fun to make. In class you will learn the ins and outs of cables, how to keep track of cable patterns as you are knitting. You will also learn some interesting history about this traditional technique. Learn the basics by knitting a beautiful cabled scarf. This technique can be applied to various garments and knit items – even purses and pillows!

Continental Converts

One Session-Monday, February 16, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Do you currently knit the English or American method by throwing your yarn with your right hand? Would you like to increase your knitting speed by nearly double? Continental knitting, where the yarn remains in an easy to access spot in your left hand, is an alternative to holding the yarn in the right hand (throwing). In a very fluid movement, your knitting moves along in a most efficient manner. Come try this alternative and complete your projects in less time!

Introduction to Steeking

One Session-Monday, February 16, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Want to knit everything in the round!?! Steeking, or cutting your knitting, is the key to working most sweater patterns in the round, ensuring that patterns for fronts and backs always match and adding speed to your knitting process. We will work on machine sewn steeks, crocheted steeks, and hand stitched steeks. We will also discuss how steeking can be used to adapt patterns in the round.

Fits You to A Tee

Six Sessions-Wed, Feb 18, March 4, 18, April 1, 15 and 29, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$175, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: G. Tracy

Have Gloria teach you the basics of a first garment. In this class, you can choose from two patterns simple enough for a first project, but with a sufficient amount of interesting details to intrigue experienced knitters. Each pattern can be adapted to any size requirement. All are worked in the round to the underarm so have minimal finishing and all patterns can be adapted to a variety of yarn weights. You will learn: how to figure gauge from a swatch; how to adapt a pattern to a different weight yarn than called for; working in the round on circular needles; use of markers; how to count rows and stitches; casting on additional stitches to an existing row; 3-needle bind off, and more.

Fake Isle

Intro to Two Color Stranded Knitting

One Session-Friday, February 20, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner, it is helpful to have taken Continental Converts. Knowing both how to throw (right hand) and to pick (left hand) can help with stranded knitting. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli

Welcome to the fun of two color knitting! Using a background color and a main color of self striping or multi yarn, you will follow your choice of two charts to create a striking, warm beanie. The faking it happens while using the carefully chosen main color to create a shaded design within a simple, easy to follow chart.

Toe Up Sock

Two Sessions-Sundays, February 22 and March 1, Noon to 3 pm \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

Whether you've made a sock the traditional cuff down way, or never made a sock at all, you'll enjoy learning to make your socks from the toe up on two circular needles. In this class we will learn how to measure

and design a sock that will fit exactly as you want it to, while leaving the toe seam free.

Log Cabin Tomten

Four Sessions-Mon, Feb 23, March 9, 23 and April 6, 7 pm to 9 pm; \$75, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli
Based on Elizabeth Zimmerman's Tomten, Log Cabin motifs are used in an innovative position to create the foundation for a classic sweater design. Take your knowledge of this technique to a fun and flattering knitting project that can be adapted to fit the whole family after they shower you with compliments on your garment.

Knit Fixes II

One Session-Tuesday, February 24, 6 pm to 8 pm, \$25, supplies not included. Skill level: Intermediate. Instructor: Lois Varga
This class takes off where Knit Fix I left off. Included will be how to correct a cable gone astray, and other co-mingled stitch patterns that have misbehaved. Unknitting lace patterns will also be included and more.

Slipped Stitch Kimono Jacket

Six Sessions-Wednesdays, February 25, March 11, 25, April 8, 22 and May 6, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$175, supplies not included, Skill Level: Intermediate. Instructor: Gloria Tracy
The magic trick up this sleeve is that you knit four fun slip stitches up the arm and right on across to the middle of the chest, then do the same on the other side. The hidden aces are great benefits: fabulous fit and minimal finishing - you work it in two pieces, fold it in half and seam it up; the dimensions can be easily adapted to any width or length. You'll also learn a great in-seam pocket and stacked beaded buttons. You have your choice of two sets of four slip-stitches. One set is perfect for an advanced beginner, the other four slip stitches will be a happy challenge for a more experienced knitter.

Top Down Baby Sweater

Three Sessions-Fridays, Feb 27, March 13 and 27, 7 pm to 9 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli
This baby sweater is sized to fit 6 mos., 12 mos., and 18 mos. The top down construction, casting on at the neck edge, leaves little to no finishing at the end of the game. The fun, simple stripe pattern allows for some spice with color play. You will explore raglan shaping created by increases, striping, knitting in the round, and picking up stitches.

Top Down Cardigan

Four Sessions-Mondays, March 2, 16 and 30, 7 pm to 9 pm and April 13 6 pm to 9 pm; \$75, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli
Here comes another chance to work a lovely cardigan from the neckline down. This pattern has rounded neckline and endless design options once you cast on. The pattern includes striping options, as well as, the usual ability to vary sleeve and body length. An example of a design choice includes a striped yoke and play with Fibonacci numbers. Come play with a very customizable garment that enjoys minimal finishing. For those who steek: the pattern will be written to be knit in the round and steeked or to be knit back and forth.

Adult EZ Surprise Jacket

Four Sessions-Fridays, March 6, 20 and April 3 and 17, 7 pm to 9 pm; \$75, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. **Prerequisite:** EZ Baby Surprise class is strongly recommended, helps a ton in understanding how this magical garment comes together. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli
Want a stash busting project? This one piece sweater is the perfect project for anyone who knows how to make the knit stitch. This fun garment is customizable both to the yarn and to the knitter. Worked in garter stitch, you will work on your understanding of gauge, working increases and decreases, and picking up stitches. One of the best joys of this jacket is the very simple finishing - one seam across each sleeve.

Intro to Lace-Shetland Bead Washcloth

One Session-Saturday, March 7, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth.
Learn all the stitches that are foundational to lace knitting in a simple lace washcloth project. We will explore a little bit of the history of lace knitting and learn to decipher charts; and once mastered, you will be able to knit all kinds of beautiful lace objects from scarves to heirloom quality shawls.

Intro to Color Knitting-Intarsia

One Session-Sunday, March 8, noon to 3 p.m.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick
Learn to work from a graph to combine different blocks of color to create a design. You will learn the basics of knitting intarsia, tools that make things easier, tips and tricks for success. We will also create a graph of your own design for a second project.

Leaf Motif Scarf

Two Sessions-Tuesdays, March 17 and 31, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$60, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Gloria Tracy

This scarf is made in separate motifs picked up as you go, you can combine scraps of project leftovers with multi or solid yarns for a fabulous coordinated look. Learn how to make the motif and how to build one motif onto another, also how to join the two halves of the scarf with a two-color twisted cable.

Curvy Tailoring--Waist Shaping

One Session-Wednesday, March 18, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

We are all made up of three measurements – bust, waist, and hips. To accentuate these shape makers, this class will teach you how to fit a garment to both your hip measurement and to your waist with some easy arithmetic and strategically placed shaping. You can choose to insert this technique into one of two patterns (Ann Norling's Basic Drop Shoulder or the Perfect Tank Top) or you can practice it in mini during class.

Intro to Moebius

One Session-Saturday, March 21, 9 am to noon, \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

What is MOEBIUS? A Moebius strip looks like a three-dimensional infinity symbol. This magical way of knitting creates a wonderful never-ending twisted loop that can be turned into a bowl, scarf or purse strap. Join as we explore this technique, while using this unusual shape to knit up a scarf with a 180-degree twist.

Entrelac Lace

One Session-Sunday, March 22, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: Intermediate. It is strongly recommended to take the Entrelac in the Round class prior to this, or to have done entrelac knitting before. Instructor: Jane Davis

If you know how to work entrelac knitting but want to try something different, come learn to make a beautiful lacy scarf. Learn how to cast on and bind off squares to create points along the sides of the scarf, while creating alternating rows of stockinette stitch and lace squares of entrelac. It's a new challenge and lots of fun!

Top Down Seed Stitch Beret

One Session- Wednesday, March 25, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner, although this is not a first hat class. It is strongly recommended that you have taken the Simple Hat class or have knit a hat before. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Hats, Tams, Berets, Oh My! Want to get the shaping of a hat crown with double points out of the way quickly? Come learn how to shape a hat crown from the top while making a popular hat style, the beret. Also learn a super stretchy bind off to keep your hat brim elastic. The seed stitched body of this hat lends itself well to the drape of this classic hat style.

Aspen Leaf Lace Scarf

Two Sessions-Saturdays, March 28 and April 11, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate, Intro to Lace class is strongly recommended. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth
Having learned the basic lace knitting techniques in the Intro to Lace class, this class will expand your chart skills as you knit a beautiful lace scarf, using the wondrous drape of bamboo yarn to create a classic large leaf motif.

Knitting Your First Garment

Four Sessions – Tuesdays, April 7, 21, May 5 and 19, 6 to 9 p.m.; \$100, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: L. Varga.

Ready to move on from making basic knitted items? Want to tackle a sweater, but reading the pattern seems daunting. In this class, you will learn the basics of knitting a sweater constructed in a traditional way. Learn to knit to gauge, read patterns, sew seams and pick up stitches on edges. We will read through all pattern instructions so you clearly understand them. You'll also get simple tips along the way to make your sweater knitting easier.

Curvy Tailoring--Bust Shaping

One Session-Wednesday, April 1, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli

Come and learn how to shape your sweater to accommodate your womanly charms, aka your bust line. Learn how short rows can be added the front of a sweater so that you can tailor your garment to fit your unique figure. By carefully inserting the perfect combination of short rows into your sweater, you will become a master of the mystery of short row shaping. You can choose to insert this technique into one of two patterns (Ann Norling's Basic Drop Shoulder or

the Perfect Tank Top) or you can practice it in mini during class.

Mystery of Gauge

One Session-Sunday, April 5, Noon to 3 pm.; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Barbara Selesnick

Unlock the mystery of knitting the item that you've envisioned by learning the facts about gauge. In this class, we cover what a gauge is and why it is *extremely* important to knitting, along with essential information that a swatch can tell you about your finished item. You will learn how to read ball-band information, learn about the properties of different yarn weights, along with washing symbol information. Finally, learn how to use your gauge to create patterns in Sweater Wizard, the easiest computer knitting program on the market.

Ojai Sweater-Top Down V Neck Sweater

Three Sessions-Fridays, April 10, 24 and May 8, 7 pm to 9 pm, \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: A. Lecrivain-Cozzoli
This sweater is a flattering v-neck cardigan that can be worked in many sleeve and body lengths – short sleeves and short bodice for spring or long sleeves and long bodice for damp winter mornings. The cardigan is worked from the neckline down in one piece and is both a snap to knit, as well as, to sew up in the end. The bodice is worked in ribbing and will look nice on any figure flaunting it.

Cast On/Bind Off

One Session-Wednesday, April 15, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anne LeCrivain-Cozzoli
Ever wonder if there was a world beyond the long tail cast on or what the heck a provisional cast on is? Ever wonder how they got that bind off edge to stretch so nicely? Come learn six each of different cast on and bind off techniques, as well as, when and where you might use them.

50 Years of Tips & Tricks II

One Session-Sunday, April 19, 9 am to 4 pm (with an hour break for lunch), \$60, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: G. Tracy
While you knit a darling little bag you'll learn crochet cast on to leave live stitches for later use; how to make pairs of eyelet openings for a pull cord; how to carry yarn up the side; how to pick up the crocheted cast on; what to do with those short tails; how to make a seam with a crochet hook even if you don't crochet; how to make a contrast-color corded bind

off; plus final-edge bind off. You'll learn a fabulous formula to make stripes that look random but that use yarn in equal amounts; you'll make electric mixer cording and how to add fringe to a finished piece of knitting.

Toe Up-2 Socks on 2 Circulars

Two Sessions-Saturdays, April 25 and May 2, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Intermediate. This is not a first sock class, it is recommended that you have previously knit a sock. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth

In this class we will learn how to make two socks at the same time, while using the same two circular needles, based on your gauge. We will learn how and where to measure your foot, and how to work a short row heel.

Crochet Classes

Beginning Crochet

Three Sessions-Wednesdays, Jan 21, 28 and Feb 4, 6 pm. to 8 pm OR Saturdays, Feb 21, 28 and March 14, 4 pm to 6 pm, \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior crochet experience. Instructor: E. Purnell

So you want to learn to crochet? You've come to the right place! In this series of 3 classes, you'll learn basic crochet stitches – chain, single, double, half double and treble; how to make granny squares; and how to work in the round. In addition to the samples you make in class, you'll have a 'homework' project each week - Week one: cotton washcloth. Week two: granny square. Week three: hat with scalloped edge and optional flower.

Beginning Crochet-Level 2

Three Sessions-Saturdays, March 21, 28 and April 4, 4 pm to 6 pm, \$50, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

You've learned the basics – single and double crochet; granny squares; working in the round. Now what? Take your skills to the next level with this series of three classes. In *Class One*, you'll learn to use 'raised' stitches such as front and back post double crochet to make intricate looking (but easy to do) cables. *Class Two*, will demystify bobbles, popcorns, and berries; what are they and which one should you use? In *Class Three*, we'll practice increases and decreases and color changes while learning the ever-popular ripple pattern.

Block-a-Month Afghan-Crochet

Monthly-Every third Tuesday of the month. Next class: Tuesday, January 20, 6 pm. to 9 pm. Three

classes \$75 or \$30 per class; supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: E. Purnell Ready to take your crochet to the next level but not sure how do it? Crochet Block-a-Month is for you. Each month you'll learn a new technique or stitch pattern that can be applied to other projects - scarves, hats, blankets, you name it. Upcoming classes include colorwork (Intarsia), lacy stripes, color shading and more.

Perfect Spring Shawl

One Session-Tuesday, January 27, 6 pm. to 9 pm OR Saturday, March 21, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

Be prepared for those chilly spring and summer evenings with this easy to crochet wrap. The Perfect Spring (or Summer) Shawl sits lightly on the shoulders and tapers slightly at the edges for a touch of elegance. The pattern is easily adjustable for a shawl that fits you perfectly.

Driftwood Crochet Hat

One Session-Saturday, January 31, 9 am to noon; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland

Baby, it's cold outside, and you need a little something-something to keep you (or some loved ones) warm! This handsome beanie fits the bill – and won't take you days to make. Worked in the round, and using several types of front-post stitches (easy-peasy to learn if you don't know already), this cap is perfect for the confident beginner wanting to move beyond scarves and blankets.

Mock Faroese Shawl-Crochet

One Session-Monday, February 2, 6 pm. to 9 pm OR Saturday, April 4, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell and Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli Knitters *and* crocheters can make this spectacular top-down, triangular shawl – the pattern contains instructions and diagrams for both versions – in almost any weight yarn. The easy-to-learn pattern is a great way to showcase some of today's beautiful multi-color yarns. In this class you'll learn how to read and follow pattern directions and stitch diagrams, and ways to increase your number of stitches to 'grow' your shawl while retaining its triangular shape.

Hexagon Baby Sweater

One Session-Saturday, February 21, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm OR Wednesday, April 22, 6 pm to 9 pm; \$30,

supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

This could be one of the easiest, and cutest, baby sweaters you ever make. We'll make two 6-sided granny squares (hexagons), fold them, seam them, then add ribbing, buttons, and we're done! Size is adjustable from newborn to toddler (or bigger with modifications you can do.) If you can 'granny', you can do this sweet jacket.

Filet Crochet Scarf

One Session-Saturday, February 28, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland

Have you been intrigued by the beauty of filet crochet, but intimidated by the charts and seeming intricacy? This class will bust through all those barriers and teach you how very simple filet can be. You'll learn to read a chart and make an elegant scarf!

Entrelac Crochet

One Session-Saturday, March 14, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

Entrelac is a technique used to create textured diamond patterns in crocheted fabric. This complex-looking but easy-to-do (once you know the tips and tricks) technique can be used to make a wide variety of unique items, from scarves to purses to baby blankets. Entrelac also looks great felted. You'll leave class with several swatches, as well as lots of ideas for future projects. Knowledge of Tunisian crochet is helpful but not required for the class.

Beaully Crochet Dress

One Session-Sunday, March 29, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, \$30, supplies not included, Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Anastasia Poland.

You know that special little girl in your life – the one who loves to pick out her clothes "my SELF" and has those very large opinions about every outfit? Here's a loose-fitting dress that will satisfy that little lady and will match every thing you want to put together with it. And, the bonus is that the dress is very simple to make, worked in one stitch (half-double crochet) from the top down, with very little seaming. If you're a confident beginner who is comfortable reading a pattern, this is a fabulous garment to try your hand at.

Log Cabin Crochet

One Session-Saturday, April 18, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginner. Instructor: Elisa Purnell

Knitters and quilters do it – and now crocheters can too! In this technique class, we'll explore the 'rules' for designing log cabin squares (rectangles too), as well as potential stitch patterns from single and double crochet to granny squares. You'll leave class with a variety of swatches and – hopefully – lots of ideas for future projects.

Other Fiber Classes

Intro to Spindling

One Session-Saturday, Jan 17, 6 pm to 9 pm., \$30, plus a material fee of \$5 payable to the instructor (for fiber). Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior spinning experience required. Instructor: Susie Meach

Learning to use a handspindle is a practical and portable option for producing your own yarn. We will discuss types of handspindles, fibers suitable for handspindling, spinning and plying techniques. Next you will be introduced to -and practice- the techniques of hand spindling.

Paint with Fiber-Exploring Needlefelting

One Session-Saturday, January 31, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: No previous needlefelting experience required. Instructor: Karin Wilmoth. This class is offered as a series along with 'Intro to Felting' and 'Sewing for your Knitting or Crochet' to make a beautifully lined needlefelted oversized bag. If you register for all three classes cost is \$75, or \$30 each.

This class is an expansion of the bucket bag class, but is open all who would like to learn how to use fiber to create art on their felted items (knitted, crocheted or other felt). Using the proper tools and other resources, we will 'paint' designs using colored yarn and fiber on our felted 'canvases'.

Sewing for Your Knitting or Crochet

One Session-Saturday, Feb 7, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm; \$30, supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior sewing experience required. Instructor: Anne Lecrivain-Cozzoli. This class is offered as a series along with 'Intro to Felting' and 'Painting with Fiber' to make a beautifully lined needlefelted oversized bag. If you register for all three classes cost is \$75, or \$30 each.

Want the perfect finishing touch to your fabulous felted, knitted or crocheted bag? Bring a finished bag and learn how to add a customized lining. No sewing experience necessary. Prerequisite: Please have a

finished bag (including felting, if applicable) to work with in class.

Spinning Essentials

One Session-Saturday, February 14, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm., \$30, plus a material fee of \$5 payable to the instructor (for fiber). Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: No prior spinning experience required, although the Intro to Spindling class may be helpful. Instructor: Susie Meach

This class will introduce you to spinning on a spinning wheel. We will discuss fiber preparation for both spindle and wheel spinning. Types of spinning wheels and their advantages will be discussed as will spinning fibers and their uses. Techniques for preparing your own fiber from raw fleece to blending with commercially available roving will be presented and practiced.

Fiber Preparation and Color Techniques

One Session-Sun, March 15, Noon to 3 pm., \$30, plus a material fee of \$15 payable to the instructor (for fiber). Additional supplies not included. Skill Level: Confident Beginning Spinner. Instructor: S. Meach
Would you like to go beyond purchasing commercial rovings for your spinning pleasure? Would you like to buy a raw fleece but don't know what to do next? Then, this class is for you. We will talk about fleeces and washing, easy preparations for the handspinner, fiber and color choices for making your own unique and incredible blends

Log Cabin on the Rigid Heddle Loom

Two Sessions-Thursdays, April 2, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm and April 16, 6 pm to 9 pm, \$60, plus materials. Skill Level: No prior weaving experience required. Instructor: Deb Jarchow

Make a scarf or table runner in the beautiful log cabin pattern using a rigid heddle loom. You can create a wonderful woven piece that looks complicated, but is really very easy. If you've taken beginning rigid heddle weaving, enhance your skills. If you still haven't tried this exciting fiber technique, now is the time to begin. This type of weaving is portable, easy and fun!

Needlefelted Flowers

One Session-Sunday, April 26, Noon to 3 pm, \$40, plus materials, Skill Level: For all levels of needlefelters. Instructor: Jane Davis

Make three dimensional life-like or fantasy flowers to adorn a spring hat, a knitted bag, or to decorate a room. Learn techniques for needle felting while creating these lovely items