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We are now open 7 Days a week at 8am!

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Greetings Fiber Friends,

Well this is the first newsletter of our sixth year. I'm really trying to get and stay organized into offering you more workshops and classes in new and exciting techniques and projects. Yarns just keep getting better and better out there in the knitting universe as do the designs for creating things with them. Many of our Companies have really gone to great lengths to offer free designs and ideas. If you haven't yet, take a look at these websites. Many of them have e-newsletters to subscribe to that seem to pop up just when you need some inspiration or just cheering up. It's sort of like a little fiber vacation at your desk.

www.berroco.com www.knittingfever.com www.mistialpacayarn.com www.plymouthyarn.com
www.cascadeyarns.com www.straw.com www.soysilk.com www.classicelityarns.com

And if you're not on Ravelry yet you should be... check out our group Babetta's Fiber Friends organized and moderated by our dear friend Cheryl.

Workshops Workshops Workshops

Lace Disasters

March 6 11pm - 1pm

Learn how to fix major accidents in your knitted lace. Taught by our resident lace addict Gustine who knit 11 lace shawls in 2009 and is hoping to do 10 in 2010.

Learn to Spin

March 20 11am - 1pm
Fee \$40 includes Drop Spindle and Fiber
Taught by Gustine.

Tunisian Crochet with Jennifer Tan

Sun. March 21 m class fee \$40

Basic crochet skills are helpful. Class members receive a 10% discount for materials on the day of the workshop.



Jennifer is a retired elementary school principal and University Professor and lives right here in Fair Oaks with her family. Among her many talents and interests she is an avid crocheter and spinner. You can check out Jennifer's work at www.goshyarnit.com.



Knit and Felt an Easter Basket

Saturdays March 6, 13 & 20 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

Includes pattern and instruction for 2 sizes & a 10% off coupon.

Tomten knit-a-long with Gustine

There will be 3 meetings on April 6 & 20 and May 4 from 6:30 – 8pm. Individual patterns will be available. Class fee \$40 and you will receive a 10% off coupon when you sign up.

Classes for March 2010 at Babetta's

In our project classes you can learn to knit anything from scarves to socks to felted purses to lace shawls to hats to sweaters. Pick your project and join in the fun. Our knitters inspire each other to try new things by sharing ideas and showing off their latest creation. Sign up for one of our classes and you will receive a coupon for %10 off your next purchase. If our class times aren't convenient we also offer private lessons in Knitting, Crochet, Spinning and Weaving by appointment.

*Pre-registration is required as class sizes are limited. Please choose your dates carefully. Because of scheduling conflicts and complications, make-up classes will only be allowed under special circumstances and individual consideration.

Tuesdays March 2, 9 & 16

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Wednesdays March 3, 10 & 17

Knitting Project 1pm – 2:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 3:30pm- 5pm fee \$40

Thursdays March 4, 11 & 18

Knitting Project 6pm – 7:30pm fee \$40

Saturdays March 6, 13 & 20

Knitting Project 4pm – 5:30pm fee \$40.

Private Lessons Knitting or Crochet \$15 an hour and Group Knitting or Crochet Private lessons \$10 an hour per person. Spinning or weaving \$20 an hour and group rates are \$15 an hour per person.

Would you like to make newborn hats to donate to area Hospital Nurseries?

Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group at Babetta's

The second Thurs. of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date Feb. 11. You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

Sit and Knit or Crochet Group Saturdays

Come sit and knit or crochet. Meet new Fiber Friends and share your projects. Every Saturdays from 8am to 6pm.

Free Pattern for March 2010 Triangular Waikiki Scarf

Materials: 2 balls Waikiki Yarn from Crystal Palace, size 10.5 needles. Finished measurements 48" from tip to tip, 14" from neck edge to point.

This scarf is a triangle knit from point to point width wise and this basic formula can be used for any yarn but Waikiki has a unique drape because it is thick and thin and is 68% vicose/38% cotton.

Cast on 3 stitches

Row 1 – knit

Row 2 – knit in the front and the back of the first stitch, knit across

Repeat these 2 rows until you use all but about a yard of 1 ball join new ball and begin the decrease half.

Next row – knit

Next row - knit first 2 stitches together, knit across

Repeat these 2 rows until you have 3 stitches and bind off.

Note - You might want to mark your increase and decrease edge with some scrap yarn to make it easier to keep track of which row you're on. I wet blocked my shawl but this is not a must.

Don't forget about the ongoing FOOD DRIVE here at *Babetta's*. Donate non-perishable food items and be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate. Drawings are done once a month.

See you in the yarn isles,
Babetta, Maya and Gustine