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

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Greetings Fiber Friends,

Spring is just around the corner and with it a new fiber season. We've got some exciting new yarns and patterns arriving everyday, new buttons and yes Square circulars and double points from Kollage Yarn. But the big news for March is...

Destination ART! This year's theme is

"SPRING into ART"

Join us for an inspiring expedition thru some of Sacramento's eclectic arts and craft shops, galleries and studios. Here a fabulous plethora of art, beads, book arts, unique papers, yarns, fabrics, art stamps and mixed media supplies await you inspirations and desires. Visit and let each destination shop show you what's new and cutting edge with demo's, sales, featured art and refreshments.

Travel dates and times:

Friday March 13th 10am to 6pm & Saturday March 14th 10am to 6pm

Participating shops are:

Cje's Art & Fiber Printing

J. R. Flamingo Fine Fabrics

Art Ellis Art Supplies

Piece of Mind Beads & More

The Stampe Art Shop, Inc.

and Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

Pick up your passport at any participating shop and have it stamped as you travel from shop to shop. Turn in your completed passport at your final destination and be entered to win 1 of 6 extravagant art baskets valued at \$300.

Last year's food drive was such a great success we're doing it again. Bring a canned food item(s) to any destination & receive a ticket that makes you eligible for a special grand prize basket worth \$900. You can enter at every destination with your food donation. Canned items only please.

Remember April 5th at noon Babetta's is hosting a book signing with our local knitting celebrity

Lorna Miser Founder of Lorna's Laces.

Lorna's new book "FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, Knitting" will be available and of course we'll be serving refreshments. I hope lots of you can make it to show Lorna our support and thank her for sharing her wondrous talents with us.

What's New?

Knitting patterns from **Knitting at Noon**, Lots of Shawl Pins and Buttons, **Kollage's** Square knitting needles & crochet hooks, Patterns and Spring yarns from **Tahki/Stacy Charles**, Hand painted Merino Lace from **Aurora yarns**, Lots of Crochet cotton, Afghan kits, Poems & Poems sock from **Universal** yarn, Flat Feet from **Conjoined Creations**, and wait until you see the new yarns from **Plymouth**. We've got Llama Cotton, Trabajos, Mushishi, Kudo, Encore sock, Baby Bunny, Ranch, Boku, Sockotta, and Fantasy Naturale. We've got lots of new Organic Yarns from all our companies.

Lace Knit-a-Long Night with Gustine from 6:30pm to 8pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday every month. March Dates are 3rd & 17th; April Dates are 7th & 21st from 6:30pm – 8pm. Fee \$15. Those of you working on the Laminaria are welcome and Gustine will be working on the Forest Path Entrelac Lace Shawl. Call if you'd like to join –916-965-6043.

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month from 10am – 2pm

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 dates are March 12 & April 9. You can drop off hats to donate if you can't make it to our meeting dates.

Classes for April 2009 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 April 7, 14 & 21

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

Wednesdays April 8, 15 & 22

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

Knitting Project 3:00pm- 4:30pm fee \$40

Thursday April 9, 16 & 23

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

Saturdays April 4, 11 & 18

Crochet 11am – 12:30pm fee \$40

Knitting Project 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$40

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.**

Free pattern for February 2009 Malabrigo Beret

Materials:

1 skein Malabrigo Merino worsted, size 8 16” circulars and DPNs.

Gauge: 4.5 stitches per inch

Sizes: 20” (22”)

Using 16” circulars, CO 84(96) stitches, PM and connect in the round being careful not to twist cast on. Work K2, P2 rib for 1”, knit 1 round. Increase rounds 1 – (k 14(16), m1) repeat around.

Round 2 and all even rounds knit.

Round 3 – (k 15(17), m1) repeat around.

Round 5 – (k 16(18), m1) repeat around.

Round 7 – (k 17(19), m1) repeat around.

Round 9 – (k 18(20), m1) repeat around.

Round 11 – (k 19(21), m1) repeat around.

Round 13 – (k 20(22), m1) repeat around.

Work even rounds until hat measures 5”(6”) from beginning edge.
Change to DPNs when necessary.

Decrease Rounds 1 – (k 18(20), k2tog) repeat around.

Round 2 – (k 17(19), k2tog) repeat around.

Round 3 – (k 16(18), k2tog) repeat around.

Continue in this manner working one less stitch between every decrease in every round until 4 sts remain, k these sts in the round for 1”, weave end in through all 4 sts, pull tight and weave in ends.

Once again many thanks to all our Fiber Friends new and old for your continued support in these challenging economic times. We are making every effort to keep our prices affordable and we will continue to offer a wide variety of products so you can continue to knit and crochet your way to happiness and relaxation.

Thanks for listening, Babetta, Maya & Gustine