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Beginning in August 2008 we will be open 7 Days a week! Sun. 11am to 4pm

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Autumnal Greetings Fiber Friends,

We have passed the equinox and we're on our way to the cool days and longer nights of fall in the valley. Yippee! It's time to get serious about those "Holiday Gift Creations". We've got tons of new leaflet patterns if you're looking for some inspiration. Our new pattern lines are Fighead Designs, Lisa Knits, Lucy Kneatby's Up North Fiber Art Supply, Jeane deCoster Designs and the lovely **Elemental Affects Shetland** that goes with it. In the yarn department we have Saphira is a chunky 100% superwash merino from SWTC that is ooh sooo soft and we got 4 boxes. Our fall Cascade order arrived last week and is almost all the way out of the boxes. The color selection of **Cascade 220** is now replenished with lots of tweeds added to the mix along with beautiful vibrant hand paints in this great basic knitting wool. **Lana d'oro** and **220 Superwash** are on the shelf in the same palette of deep jewel tone hand paints. Many of you have been asking us to carry Cascade's **Cash Vero** and we finally took the leap. It's 12% Cashmere and washable. **Greenland** is new and is a 16 stitch washable merino that you have to see to believe with its nice tight twist perfect for cables. If you know anyone looking for **ECO Wool** the windowsill is piled high. It's still the number one choice for the "Hemlock Ring". Have you seen our **Misti Alpaca** sock and lace hand paints yet? They're amazing. And last but not least, the unbelievable **Malabrigo Lace and Silk/Wool blend** finally arrived on the 23rd. The worsted will be coming next month. Check out our stunning new Lantern Moon display full of needles. A shipment of baskets will be arriving in 2 weeks.

Being open 7 days a week seems to be working out very well and sometime this month I will be opening earlier in the morning probably 8am. Watch for the e-mail with the new hours and October's drink special!

I need to make a personal aside here...

Happy Birthday Christopher, Daniel and Rachel! My three middle offspring turned 26, 23, & 21 over the weekend. We had a great party. Thank you for being such wonderful humans.

Next week Webmaster Ken will turn 50. "Happy Birthday Kenny" His continued recovery is slow but steady and he is beating all the odds associated with his type of stroke. I highly recommend the book My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte-Taylor to those of you who have been affected by someone in your life going through this debilitating brain injury.

Classes for October 2008 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 Oct. 7, 14 & 21

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

Wednesdays Oct. 8, 15 & 22

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

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

Crochet 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday Oct. 9, 16 & 23

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

Saturdays Oct. 11, 18 & 25

2 Socks at the Same Time on 1 Needle 2pm – 3:30pm fee \$50

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

Meeting date for the Great American Aran Afghan Knit-a-Long Oct. 20 1pm-3pm or 6pm-8pm

Come sit and knit with our knitting group on the 1st & 3rd Sat. every month. Oct. 4 & 18

Join the Fair Oaks Madhatters Knitting Group Meeting Date at Babetta's

The second Thursday of every month from 10am – 12pm upcoming date Oct. 9th

Spinning Workshop Series with Gustine

Advanced Beginning Drop Spindle Oct 28 from 6pm – 8pm

Class fee \$20 Bring your drop spindle and fiber.

Harvest Needle Felting Workshop

Learn the basics and make pumpkins, acorns, leaves and more.

Sept. 27, 2pm – 4pm fee \$30 materials included

Laminaria Lace Knit-a-long Oct. 7 & 21 from 6:30pm – 8pm fee & 15 per meeting.

Get lace-knitting instruction and create this beautiful Shawlette from

www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring08/Pattlaminaria.html. You'll have to print the pattern out yourself, as we are not allowed to do so. It only takes 437 yards of lace weight yarn. We suggest Malabrigo, Classic Elite Alpaca Silk or Misti Alpaca Lace. Pre-registration required.

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 September 2008 Maya's Felted Pumpkin

Materials: 1 skein cascade 220 in your favorite pumpkin color, a few yards of the same wool in a contrasting color for the stem, cotton thread, size 10 ½ 16" circulars and dpns, a marker and yarn needle for weaving in ends.

CO 10 sts and K 11 rows. Do not turn, PU and K 10 sts along side, 10 sts on cast on edge, CO 10 sts, pm and join in the round, 40 sts total. There will be an opening left on the last side of the base that will be used for stuffing your finished pumpkin.

R1 - *K2, P2 rep from * around

R2 - *K1, M1, K1, P2 rep from * around

R3 - *K3, P2 rep from * around

R4 - *K1, M1, K1, M1, K1, P2 rep from * around

R5 - *K5, P2 rep from * around

R6 - * K1, M1, K3, M1, K1, P2 rep from * around

R7 - *K7, P2 rep from * around

R8 - *K1, M1, K5, M1, K1, P2 rep from * around

R9 - *K9, P2 rep from * around

Repeat round 9 until piece measures 10" from picked up sts.

Begin decrease rounds. Switch to dpns when necessary.

R1 - *SSK, K5, K2tog, P2 rep from * around

R2 - *K7, P2 rep from * around

R3 - *SSK, K3, K2tog rep from * around

R4 - *K5, P2, rep from * around

R5 - *SSK, K1, K2tog, P2 rep from * around

R6 - *K3, P2 rep from * around

Change to contrasting color

R7 - *slip 2 sts knitwise, K1, P2sso, P2 rep from * around

R8 - K2tog all the way around

With remaining sts knit for 2", cut 6" tail and weave through remaining stitches. Make sure all ends are woven in or tied so they won't unravel during felting. Using cotton thread, sew up the opening left at the base. Place your pumpkin in a pillowcase or laundry bag and wash in hot water and high agitation on the lowest water level with a little woolwash or detergent for an entire wash cycle. Do not allow to spin as this makes it harder to block a nice round shape. Squeeze excess water out with towels and remove cotton thread to create an opening. You can stuff plastic bags or paper inside your felted pumpkin to help shape it the way you want it to look when it's dried. To finish stuff with your favorite batting and sew the opening closed.

End of Summer Sale!
September 27th and 28th
Save 20% on any yarn that
contains 50% or more cotton.

No other discounts apply. Sales final on discounted items.

Maya, Gustine and I would like to thank you fiber fanatics for your continued support and pledge to do what we can to help you find projects within your means.

Making your fiber dreams come true, Babetta