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Mid-Summer Greetings Fiber Friends,

Well we did it! Here we are in this bright cheery spot with tons of natural light and room to actually step back and see yarn and color. I can't believe we had all this yarn in that other space. It was like a rose waiting to bloom. Apologizes for the tardiness of this publication. I haven't had the mental space to focus on anything but unpacking and reorganizing. Moving is never easy! My amazing family has worked non-stop to make this all come together. This is most definitely a family business. Thank you Kenny, Maya, Chris, Yaxkin, Danny, Rachel, Aaron, Adam, Jeremy, and Corey. And of course the cutest granddaughters in the world, Arwen and Phoenix, were great.

Our Open House was an overwhelming success. Thanks all of you for celebrating with us and braving the heat and chaos of the evening. We couldn't have found a greater bunch of people to share the whole experience with. Thanks for all the "Shop Warming" gifts, cards and words of encouragement and support.

You can look for many exciting new things in the next couple of months. Maya and I are very excited about the beautiful things we found to offer you. To help us make room for the new arrivals we have expanded the 30% off "Blue Bargain" shelf and you can look for many "In Store Clearance Specials" to pop-up as we reorganize.

JUST IN – Crystal Palace Yarns' Puffin (fleece yarn), Maisy (corn sock yarn), Party Ribbon, & Taos - New Louisa Harding Colors, from Universal Yarns, Poems, Sonnet, Bulky Tweed, more colors of the popular Tapestry & Long Print, and sock yarn in solids and prints - Aurora Yarns patterns and lots of crochet cotton, sport sock yarn in solid colors from Steinbach Wolle, and fibranatura - Flax & Trellis. Magazines - Fall Interweave Knits & Rowan #42, and Books - Getting Started Socks, Twisted Sisters Sweaters and Knit Kimonos from Interweave

If you haven't started working on those Holiday projects now is a good time to start. Fingerless Gloves, Socks, Felted Toys, Hats, Slippers and Purses are great for gifts or how about a Tea Cozy or a one skein Baby Sweater. Let us help you find the right project for you. We've got lots of new things to choose from.

Classes for August 2007 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 August 7, 14 & 21

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

Wednesdays August 8, 15 & 22

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

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

Crochet all levels 5:30pm – 7pm fee \$40

Thursday August 9, 16 & 23

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

Saturdays August 11, 18 & 25

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

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

Babetta's Knitting Group Days August 4 & 18 10am – 2pm

Manos Block-of-the-month August 31 4pm - 5:30pm and 6pm – 7:30pm

Join our Great American Aran Afghan "Knit-a-Long"

Meetings will be the third Monday of every month beginning in Oct. and continuing for the next 19 months.

Times: 1pm – 3pm or 6pm – 8pm

Cost - \$20 per meeting due upon sign-up and each preceding month thereafter. Pattern book and yarn extra. Receive 10% off your yarn when you preorder the 20 balls needed to complete this project. Yarn suggestions; Plymouth Encore, Cascade 220, Lamb's Pride or Berroco's Comfort.

**Coming In September 2007
Twist and Loop Yarn Collection
Trunk Show from Sept. 24 - 29**

Free Pattern for August 2007 - Crocheted Linen Dishcloth

Materials – 1 hank *fibranatura* FLAX 100% Linen, 50 grams, size E crochet hook.

Ch 53. Row 1 - Skip first ch, sc across=52 sc

Row 2 – ch 3, turn. Dc across=52 dc

Row 3 – ch 1, turn. Sc across=52sc

Repeat these 2 rows 16 more times. Work 3 sc in last st.

Working down side, 4 sc in the side of each dc skipping the edge of the sc row. 3 sc in corner, turn and work hdc across, 3 sc in corner, turn, work as other side, 3 sc in corner, turn, work hdc across. Fasten off and weave in tail.

Linen makes an amazing face or dishcloth and this new 50 gram hank is a perfect size to knit or crochet one. If your kitchen has stainless steel or granite surfaces you won't believe how a linen cloth can make it shine.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

With the permission of designer Beryl Tsang, knitter Teresa Moraga has volunteered to teach a workshop on **Tit-Bits** hand knitted breasts as seen on knitty.com. For those of you who would like an alternative to other prostheses or those of you who need to express your support for a courageous loved one, sign-up to learn to knit a titty. You can check out Beryl's website – www.titbits.com.

This workshop is free so sign-up early to reserve a spot.

Tit-Bits Workshop October 6, 2007 from 1pm to 5pm at Babetta's Yarn and Gifts

You will receive a ball of Tal Mahal from Le fibre nobili and a pattern to knit your first titty.

Crochet Tip

When working the first row of a piece, if you go into the back ridge of the chain you get an edge stitch that matches the ending row and is easier to go when making an edge stitch.