

YARN HARBOR

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Summer 2009
June—September

Summer Knitting

Here's to fresh produce, fresh flowers, and small portable projects! I love knitting socks in hand dyed yarns, each color run encouraging me to get to the next shade! And hats are so very satisfying with their endless possibilities! Try cables, Fair Isle, twining and double knit! All of these techniques, and more, await us, temptingly calling for us to hone our skills on their magical properties!

Mittens too... by the time I need them I'm always too busy to make a pair for myself. So, this year I'll knit mittens in the summer and be cozy and warm in the winter! And while I'm knitting mittens for me and mine, I'll whip up a few pairs for our July Mitten Drive for CHUM. We will be collecting mittens all month. Just think, if everyone brought in one pair of mittens, we could really make a difference!

And don't forget the little ones! I like to stock up on baby knitting in the summer for all the new arrivals throughout the year. Jean Christenson's "Can't Kick'em Off Booties" are definitely one of my favorites for newborns! It's a great way to use up all those small bits of leftover sock yarn. We'll be collecting baby booties all summer long for FLOCK'S Baby Bootie Call so knit up a pair or two!

I am very excited about a new Pure & Simple summer cover-up done in linen. I got the idea from Shaina and Adina Friedman from "The Skein Attraction" in Teaneck, NJ. This item is a nice little cover-up to wear over a tank top in the summer. With arms

that do not resemble Michelle Obama's, this little number has become a new favorite of mine.

Oh, the possibilities... knitting at the beach, camping, knitting on a hot summer night on the porch. I even knit on my roof some evenings to catch a cool night breeze! When Jennifer mentioned the idea of having knitters send in photos of themselves knitting on summer vacation, it certainly hit home with me. So, we're asking you to send us a photo for our "What I Knit on My Summer Vacation" blog. For me, a summer vacation is any time I am not working, so don't limit yourself to a planned holiday or an exotic location. After all, in this beautiful city with all its outdoor wonders, we have many good knitting spots! The Rose Garden? The Leif Erickson ship? Enger Tower? How 'bout the Lift Bridge? Take some pictures. We'd love to see them and post them on our blog! So be creative, be adventurous, and don't forget the camera!

Happy Knitting!

Kathy

Store hours in summer:

Sunday	12-5 p.m.
Monday	12-8 p.m.
Tuesday	12-5 p.m.
Wednesday	12-5 p.m.
Thursday	12-7 p.m.
Friday	10-5 p.m.
Saturday	10-5 p.m.

We will be closed for the following holidays:

Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day and Monday, September 7 for Labor Day.

Open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Summer store hours will continue through Labor Day weekend. Regular store hours will be back September 8.

HAVE YOU JOINED THE GUILD?

The Northern Lights Affiliate of the Minnesota Knitters' Guild (MKG) was formed in 2004 to better serve knitters of Northeastern Minnesota. The Affiliate holds their meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Portman Community Center (4601 McCulloch Street, Duluth). Visitors and prospective members are welcome to attend.



MID-SUMMER MITTEN MARATHON



Would you knit one pair of mittens for charity? CHUM, Damiano, and other local charities need

warm mittens, especially for adults (but all sizes appreciated). During the month of July, let's have a mitten marathon and whip up some warm ones for those in need. You can even make stripey mittens and use up some of your bits and pieces. If you want any assistance, the shop is open until 8:00 p.m. on Mondays and 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, the rest of the week until 5:00 p.m.. Mitten mentors are here to help you! Please drop off your mittens at Yarn Harbor. Thanks a million!

P.S. If you are a mitten maniac and want to make more than one pair, GO FOR IT!!!



ROAD CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The great news is, all those potholes on Woodland Avenue will be a thing of the past. In the meantime there will be detours starting May 26. There are several routes to get you to Yarn Harbor. St. Marie street will be open, and you can check the actual detour routes and get a map at www.saloeng.com (click on Woodland Avenue). Construction is scheduled to end on November 1.



Trunk Shows

June 6 - 30: NEEDLES, OLD AND NEW — Come see Carolyn's collection of knitting needles from far and wide. Modern and vintage designs. Beautiful!

June 25 - July 16: SOCK MANIA — Ten sock designs from Chrissy Gardiner and Gardiner Yarn Works.

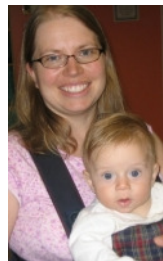
August 14 - Sept. 9: LOVIN' LACE — V-necks and raglans, shawls, scarves, and socks in lace designs from Gardiner Yarn Works.

Late August - early Sept. (dates to be announced): BETH BROWN-REINSEL DESIGNS

October 2 - 23: GREAT GIFTS — Dolls, bags, socks, hat/mitten sets, baby sacque, and hooded pullover from Gardiner Yarn Works.



SPECIAL EVENT



Join us for a book signing/trunk show/and workshop at Yarn Harbor in the fall. This is in celebration of Chrissy Gardiner's new book, **Toe-Up! Patterns and Worksheets to Whip Your Sock Knitting into Shape** which will be published this fall.

As part of this event, Chrissy will offer a six-hour workshop on Saturday, August 29, to learn to knit socks from the toe up. Limited to 12 participants, \$30. More details to follow. This should be great!



Pajama Parties

Friday, June 19 from 7 p.m.— midnight

Friday, July 17 from 7 p.m.— midnight

Friday, August 14 from 7 p.m.— midnight

Friday, September 18 from 7 p.m.— midnight

Join us for knitting, snacks and socializing in the store.



Scarf of the Month Club 2009

SCARF OF THE MONTH is going strong. There are two designs for you to choose from each month, and samples are on display for the entire month. Lots of pretty patterns have been selected using all sorts of fibers — substitute yarns are always OK, and we can help you pick just the right one for the job.





CLASSES

Save 10% off class supplies purchased at Yarn Harbor!

KNITTING 101

Wednesdays, June 3, 10 & 17

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



Learn to knit while making this classic hat. You will learn to read a pattern, cast on, knit, purl, increase, decrease, and sew a seam. Come join the fun!

Materials: Pattern provided by instructor, 14" size US 8 needles, 3 1/2 ounces of wor-

sted weight yarn, tapestry needle.

Cost: \$30 + materials

Instructor: Kathy Thomas

BLOOMING COTTON SCARF

Wednesdays, June 3, 10 & 24 (no class June 17)

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Do you love color but haven't learned two stranded knitting yet? Then make this colorful summer scarf with us using only one color per row! Slip stitches do all the work! And if you someday would like to steek a sweater but are afraid of those scissors, this is a good project to start with since the Blooming Cotton Scarf is knitted lengthwise in the round, then cut open and the ends raveled to create fringe! Take this class and add some color to your life! And never fear the steeking scissors again!

Materials: Tahki Cotton Classic 3 skeins Main Color and 1 skein each of 8 Contrast Colors (See Interweave Knits Spring 2009 for colorways or visit interweaveknits.com to view three bonus colorways. Shop sample used three skeins Dark Purple 3913; and one skein each of the following colors: Red 3997; Light Yellow 3533; Melon 3486; Lilac 3934; Dark Yellow 3553; Pink 3446; Orange 3401; and Lime 3722. You will also need a 40" circular needle size US 6, Blooming Cotton Scarf pattern from Interweave Knits Magazine Spring 2009 (available at Yarn Harbor), markers, tapestry needle.



Class Requirements: knit stitch, purl stitch.

Cost: \$30 + materials

Instructor: Sandy Tolene

RIVER ROCK SCARF

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 & 25

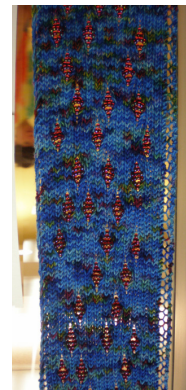
5 - 7 p.m.

Stained glass comes to mind when seeing the "River Rock Scarf." The rib pattern represents water flowing around the rocks created from beads. Knitters will enjoy learning how to string beads on yarn and place them in the knitting. Bead knitting will keep your summer knitting fresh without the added warmth of a large project in your lap.

Materials: Pattern: River Rock Scarf by Silvia Harding. About 650 yards fingering or sport weight yarn in the fiber of your choice (sample is Jitterbug). Beads: 1534 size 6/0 seed beads. Needles: 24" circular or straight needles size US 7 . Notions: big eye needle for stringing beads, tapestry needle. Note: beads and big eye needle may be purchased at Superior Beads at 4521 E. Superior St.

Cost: \$40 + materials

Instructor: Audrey Finch



FELTED MONKS SATCHEL CROCHET

Mondays, June 8, 15 & 22

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Everyone need just one more bag to carry their next project in, right? Well, here's another one. This felted bag is the perfect size for craft projects, books, laptop computers, you name it. Simple construction, the color possibilities are unlimited, no sewing seams, and the handle is all part of the bag construction. This class will be the perfect mix of relaxing crocheting, with just enough challenge to keep you motivated. Crochet goes so fast you will be amazed how quickly this all comes together. Some knowledge of crochet is helpful, but not required. We will do beginning chain stitch; double crochet and single crochet seams.

Materials: pattern, approximately 800 yards of worsted weight feltable wool (can be self-striping, multiple colors, or one color), crochet hook size J. Optional: buttons and or magnetic clasp

Cost: \$30 + materials

Instructor: Jo'Elle Galo





SPIRALUSCIOUS COWL

Tuesdays, June 9, 16, 23, & 30
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to knit lace with this gorgeous cowl—it's easier than it looks! The Spiraluscious cowl incorporates three different lace patterns including a hem edging. After finishing this cowl you will have the skills you need to try bigger projects like scarves, stoles, and shawls.



Prerequisites: experience knitting in the round on circulars (Knitting 102)

Materials: Anne Hanson's Spiraluscious pattern, 140-150 yards fingering weight yarn, 16" circular needle size US 3, stitch marker, small tapestry needle.

Cost: \$40 + materials
Instructor: Cheryl Read

KIDS' KNITTING

Wednesdays, June 10, 17 & 24
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

People 8 years old through middle school age will learn to knit or advance their skills in this workshop. Beginners will be introduced to knitting by starting a basic project chosen from samples on display. You may bring a current project, a project you would like to start, or an idea of what you would like to learn this week.

Materials (for beginners): One skein worsted weight yarn (Fantasy Naturale cotton is a good choice) and 10" single point knitting needles in US size 8, 9 or 10 (bamboo suggested). Knitters may bring in their current project.

Cost: \$25 + materials
Instructor: Jean Walters



KNITTING 103: FIBER TRENDS SWIRLS HAT
Fridays, June 12, 19, & 26
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Ready for some basic colorwork? Although a brief overview of Fair Isle knitting will be discussed, this class will focus mainly on the mechanics of knitting with multiple colors, one color in each hand or two colors in

one hand. This will provide you with the basic techniques of two color knitting in the round. From this foundation you will be in a position to focus more on the many nuances of Fair Isle Colorwork and explore the vast possibilities that knitting in color provide!

Prerequisites: experience with knitting in the round on circulars and double points (Knitting 102).

Materials: Fiber Trends Swirl Hat Pattern (AC-59), worsted weight yarn 80 yards main color, 20 yards color B, 70 yards color C. Needle size 5 and 6 16" circular needles and a set of double point needles size US 6, stitch markers.

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Sandy Tolene

FELTED MONKS SATCHEL CROCHET

Mondays, July 6, 13 & 20
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 3

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Jo'Elle Galo

KNITTING 101

Tuesdays, July 7, 14 & 21
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 3

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Kathy Thomas

SOCK INNOVATION

Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23 & 30
5 – 7 p.m.

Take your sock knitting to the next level with sock designer Cookie A's fabulous new book **Sock Innovation**. For this class you may choose any of the fifteen innovative patterns in the book, which range in difficulty but are consistently stunning. We will also discuss sock design, construction and fit. Knitting socks is always fun, but Cookie A's beautiful designs are truly addicting!

Prerequisites: you should have knit at least one pair of socks prior to taking this class.





Materials: Sock Innovation by Cookie A, yarn and needles for your selected sock pattern, tapestry needle

Cost: \$40 + materials
Instructor: Cheryl Read

SEVEN THINGS THAT CAN "MAKE OR BREAK" A SWEATER

Saturdays, July 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, & 22
1 – 2 p.m.

Take your knitting from homemade to handmade by learning the seven garment construction techniques that can "make or break" the look of your finished sweater. We will explore techniques from cast-on edge to button band by knitting a

sample baby cardigan as we progress through the book. Beginner and experienced sweater knitters alike will take something away from this class.

Prerequisites: ability to cast on, knit and purl (Knitting 101)

Materials: **Seven Things that can "Make or Break" a Sweater** by Margaret E. Fisher, 440 yards worsted weight yarn, straight needles size US 5 & 7, 24" circular needle size US 5, stitch holders, four 3/4" buttons, tapestry needle

Cost: \$40 + materials
Instructor: Cheryl Read

KNITTING 101

Thursdays, August 6, 13 & 20
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 3

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Cheryl Read

KIDS' KNITTING CAMP

Monday through Friday (5 days), August 10 – 14
11 a.m. – Noon

See description on page 4

Cost: \$25 + materials
Instructor: Jean Walters

FEBRUARY LADY SWEATER

Thursdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 & October 1
5 – 7 p.m.

This swingy lace cardigan was designed as a tribute to the genius of Elizabeth Zimmermann and is based on her "Baby Sweater on Two Needles" from **Knitter's Almanac**. A free pattern on Ravelry, the "FLS" has become an Internet sensation. Knit in one piece, this sweater will become one of your favorites!



Materials: February Lady Sweater pattern by Pamela Wynne (available free on Ravelry website — Yarn Harbor staff can help you find); worsted weight yarn (gauge 18 st/4 in); 32" circular needles size US 8; double point needles size US 8; straight or circular needles size US 10 for bind off. Markers and buttons: suggested to buy buttons after buttonholes are made.

Cost \$50 + materials
Instructor: Audrey Finch

TWIN SOCKS

Wednesdays, September 9, 16, 23 & 30
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

In this class, we will learn to knit two socks at the same time on double point needles. You may recall we ran a similar class in May courtesy of Mrs. A Reeder from Needlecraft Magazine, 1918, as explained by Jacqueline Fee, author of *The Sweater Workshop*. For those of you who missed that one, we now offer a worsted weight version courtesy of Big Lake Knits. If you suffer from second sock syndrome then this class is for you! Especially if you prefer DPs over circulars for sock making! As a lover of DPs I shied away from using circulars and multiple circulars to create a "pair" of socks simultaneously but longed for a technique that would enable me to work the elusive two-at-a-time magic as well. Come and join us and cure yourself of second sock syndrome forever!



Class Requirements: knit stitch, purl stitch, must have previously made at least one pair of basic socks top down.

Materials: One skein worsted weight sock yarn in TWO different colors, double point needles size US 5, one spare pair of double point needles, Twin Socks Pattern (available at Yarn Harbor), cable needle, tapestry needle. **IMPORTANT -- Pre-Class Homework:** Students will need to come to class



with two sets of completed ribbings. CO appropriate number of stitches for your chosen size in first color and work k2, p2 ribbing for 2 - 3 inches. Transfer these stitches to your spare set of double points. Set aside. CO same number of stitches in your second sock color and work k2, p2 ribbing for an equal number of inches. Leave these on the needle and bring both sets of ribbings to our first class. This way we can get started on the interesting stuff right away!

Cost \$40 + materials
Instructor: Sandy Tolene

KNITTING 103: FIBER TRENDS SWIRLS HAT

Fridays, September 11, 18 & 25
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 4

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Sandy Tolene

TUNISIAN CROCHET SCARF

Saturday, September 12
10 a.m. — Noon

This wonderful scarf is like a knitted and woven fabric all rolled into one. Tunisian crochet is also called afghan stitch. We will be using just a regular size N bamboo crochet hook to make this scarf. You can do it in any worsted or medium bulky weight yarn you want. You can do it in one color or in two colors to really make the pattern stand out. You do not need any crochet experience to easily learn this technique!

Materials: size N bamboo crochet hook, 100 yards of any worsted or medium bulky weight yarn for two color at least 50 yards each.

Cost: \$15 + materials
Instructor: Jo'Elle Galo

FELTED MONKS SATCHEL CROCHET

Mondays, September 14, 21, & 28
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 3

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Jo'Elle Galo

BEGINNING LACE: FOREST CANOPY SHAWL **Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6** **5 – 7 p.m.**

If you are ready to venture into lace knitting join us to make this Ravelry favorite. This pattern has an easy pattern repeat and is knit from the long neck edge to the point. You can make a small shawl or a large shawl like the sample on display in the shop. You must know how to cast on, knit and purl, increase and decrease. You'll learn lace making basics, how to read charts, set lifelines and block lace. Please check your gauge before coming to class.

Materials: 350 yards worsted weight yarn for a shawl (approximately 52" across the wingspan and 23" length at center back). Wool and wool blends will work best. Feel free to experiment and use lighter weight yarn if you like. Purchase additional yarn for a larger shawl or finer yarn. 24" size 8 circular needle or needle size to obtain a gauge of 22 stitches to 4". Tapestry needle. Markers. Pattern available in class.

Cost: \$40 + materials
Instructor: Meg Little

KNITTING 101

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, & 29
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

See description on page 3

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Kathy Thomas

BEGINNING SOCKS

Thursdays, September 17, 24, & October 1
5 – 7 p.m.

Handmade socks are one of life's guilty pleasures! Treat yourself to this beginners' class. You must know how to cast on, knit and purl, increase and decrease without assistance. You'll learn how to use double point needles, pick up stitches, and knit short rows.

Materials: Pure & Simple pattern #9728, double point needles size US 6, 230 yards worsted weight yarn and a tapestry needle.

Cost: \$30 + materials
Instructor: Meg Little



OOPS I DROPPED A STITCH

Saturday, September 19

10 a.m. - Noon

Even the most experienced knitters make mistakes. They're not so frustrating if you know how to fix them without ripping out large sections of a project. In this class you'll learn the basics of correcting the most common knitting mistakes. We'll work on swatches to simulate and correct mistakes. If you have a project with a mistake that has you stumped bring it along and we'll tackle it as time permits.

Please bring: Three 4" x 4" swatches in any weight yarn that you have handy: one in stockinette stitch (knit one side purl the other), one in garter stitch (knit every row) and one in 2x2 rib (K2, P2 rib). Do not bind off the stitches. Keep them on a needle or stitch holder, crochet hook, and double point needles in appropriate size for your swatches.

Cost: \$15 + materials

Instructor: Meg Little

STARTING AND FINISHING IN DOUBLE-KNITTING

Saturday, September 19 & 26

12 Noon - 2 p.m.

In this class we will explore various ways to cast on, cast off and finish a double-knitted item. Techniques will include, crochet cast on for double knit, Judy's magic cast on, crochet cast off, kitchener cast off. Finishing: braided edge, even edge, single fabric edging, applied I-cord etc. We will discuss the applicability and merits of each technique for different types of double-knit items in flat and circular applications.

Prerequisites: knit stitch, purl stitch; the knowledge of double-knitting technique is preferable.

Materials: Partial skeins of wool in two contrasting colors, sport or worsted weight and needles (2 sizes less than suggested for the yarn) in 10" straight or double points, crochet hook (size appropriate for the double strands of the chosen yarn). Little white hang tags, a pen or pencil.

Cost: \$20 + materials

Instructor: Irina Haller

PLEASE NOTE:

Class sizes are limited and the instructor reserves the right to cancel a class if a minimum number of students do not register for it. In case of an instructor canceling, you will receive a full refund. Every effort has been made to insure the class list is accurate. We apologize for any inadvertent errors.

To register for a class, stop by the store, register online, or call us; your payment in full will guarantee your place in class. We do maintain waiting lists for classes as needed; on occasion, a second set of classes will be scheduled if there is enough interest. In order to receive a refund for a class, cancellation must be made at least 48 hours prior to the class starting; no refunds or credits will be made after a class has begun.

We ask that all materials be purchased prior to the class start, and that all "pre-homework" and swatch assignments be completed before coming to the first class.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

A Conversation with Meg and Elizabeth

Calling all Zimmermann Fans! Come join us Tuesday, August 11, from 7 - 9 p.m. for a special presentation of select segments of **A Knitting Glossary** with Elizabeth Zimmermann & Meg Swan- sen, by Schoolhouse Press Presents.

Our tribute to EZ will include a special showing of an interview with Elizabeth, conducted by Meg, that takes place at the old Schoolhouse itself! We will display our collection of Zimmermann books and tapes, as well as single patterns and the newly released sock yarn from Schaefer Yarn's Memorable Knitters collection which celebrates "... women who have helped define the knitting arts" as we know them today. Bring along your favorite Zimmermann pieces as well as a cool drink. Since it's movie night we thought some popcorn would be in order! Please join us as we celebrate EZ's incredible contribution to our most beloved craft! See you there! No registration required.



"Knit on with confidence and hope, through all crises."
—Elizabeth Zimmermann



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New this summer at Yarn Harbor are Customer Appreciation Punch Cards. Fill up a card with \$200 in purchases (classes and sales not included) and receive \$20 off your purchase on your next visit.

WHAT I KNIT ON MY SUMMER VACATION...

Remember those reports in grade school? Well, we'd love a report on what you knit this summer, and pictures, too! Please take a snapshot of yourself knitting in Paris, or on the beach, or in the north woods, or wherever, and bring it to the shop... it will be a fun display on our bulletin board (and on our blog, if you want). And sometimes just knitting in your own backyard is the nicest summer vacation of all. Enjoy!

AND SPEAKING OF SUMMER...

We have so many pretty yarns for summer projects... bamboo cotton, bamboo silk, pure cottons, linen, and beautiful blends of all sorts. And, lots of us do our summer knitting with wooly yarns for the seasons to come (it's never too early to get a jump on holi-

day gifts and fall necessities). If you need patterns for cool knitting for warm weather, or warm knitting for cool weather, we are here to help!

AND SPEAKING OF FALL NECESSITIES...

Why not get started on something for those back-to-schoolers in your life? Is your little one going off to kindergarten? How about a special little cardigan or pullover for the first day of school... Is your child going off to high school? How about a scarf/hat/mittens in their new school colors... Is your teen going off to college? How about an afghan for the dorm room or a felted book tote, backpack, or cell phone/iPod cover? Lots of ideas and great patterns are available.



BABY BOOTIE CALL



This year we are uniting with Julie K's FLOCK group to fill and give "Baby Bags." Each bag will contain a baby blanket, booties, a bib, and any other goodies that you can

dream up. You may contribute a whole bag full of items, or any part thereof. So, if booties are your thing to knit or crochet, make a pair, or a bunch of pairs. Or if you like to make little blankets, please do! Please bring all donations to Yarn Harbor. Julie will gather coordinating items and create a bag of warm, soft, lovely things to be distributed at local hospitals to new mothers who have few of the basics for their newborns. Thank you!