

# Skeins & Such Things

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## Calendar



Join us & Be inspired

Date	Event
1	<b>Christmas Knitting</b> 6:30 – 8:30p
4	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
7	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
8	<b>Spinners</b> 10a – 12p
9	<b>Brioche Stitch Scarf Class</b> 6:30 – 8:30p
11	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
14	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
18	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
18	<b>Cardigan Class</b> 10a – 12p
21	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
23	<b>Open Knit</b> 10a – 12p
24	<b>Shop Closed for Christmas</b>
25	<b>Shop Closed for Christmas</b>
31	<b>Shop Closed for New Years</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Super Sale Day</b>

## 'Tis the Season for Giving

Please remember those less fortunate among us, especially at this time of the year. Most of us are blessed to have a warm home, food in our pantries and even a couple of extra dollars for that special yarn we want so badly, but there are many, through no fault of their own, who are not so lucky. As a shop and a knitting community we are putting together baskets for **Generations** to assist the less fortunate in our region with items for basic human comfort and survival. We welcome all donations and we will see that the items are delivered to those in need. For a complete list of the items needed, please refer to the article toward the end of this newsletter.

If you are not able to participate with the baskets for **Generations**, please then remember your own local community and seek to make the holidays a season of joy for all by assisting as much as you can.

## New & Fun Stuff

### Opal Sock Yarn Speaks for itself....loud & clear

Another new shipment of **Opal Sock Yarn** is here. This one is a sport weight. Not the previous DK weight. It recommends the size 2.5 needle. Would make great socks, mittens or baby items.



My shelves are bursting with so much yarn. If you haven't been in for a while you are in for a surprise! In the past month I have received several new yarns and new colors of old favorites.



**Cascade** has sent new colors of **Eco Wool**. They are some of the vibrant dyed colors and some of the natural grays and browns. I have some new alpaca blends from them as well. The **Ecoduo** is a slightly marled yarn in natural colors that is **soooooo** soft. I am currently making a present for someone special so you have not seen it at the shop. I am very pleased with how it is turning out. I also have a chunky marled alpaca from them. It will make wonderfully warm and soft hats and scarves. You could make a sweater if you are cold natured, but for those of us who run warm, we should stick with accessories. There are some shades of **Cascade 220** in the soft 100% wool. If you like this I will continue to bring in more shades. There are about 10 shades of the superwash sport. I also have a few new shades of **Lana D'Oro, Venezia, Lana Bamboo,** and **Heritage sock yarn**. I fear I am forgetting a couple yarns from this collection, so please call or email if there is a particular yarn you are looking for from these collections.



## Madeline Tosh

I have stocked the lace weight in 6 of their color ways and the fingering weight in 6 or 8 color ways. These are tone on tone and you must see to believe. I will be knitting the next pair of socks with this yarn. I am about done with a present. The **Misty Alpaca** is working up into a picot edge sock with such a soft hand. The bright pink color way is so pleasing to see while knitting. I love the depth of the colors in this yarn. Back to the **Madeline**, I think it is going to be difficult to choose a color for this, so when you are in the shop, look at the colors and tell me which one you would like to see knit up.





I have finally received the variegated **Liberty** wool from **Classic Elite** yarns and it is very nice. This is a superwash yarn that you can wash and dry. The booklet they put out has a wonderful scarf in it and there is a model here at the shop for you to look at and feel to see how soft the yarn is after just one washing. The sweater in the book is just my style and I can't wait to start on it. Hopefully after the first of the year. **A knit along perhaps...?**



## December Class

The only class being held in December is the Brioche stitch scarf. I have a few openings in the class for the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 6:30. If you are interested, please call or email. If you take the class then you would have time to complete the scarf for a Christmas present. There will be another class in January if you are interested in that one let me know. I think it will be held on a Saturday afternoon from 3-5. Remember to secure you place in a class the fee must be paid in advance.



## Ideas for Future Classes

I will be looking at changing up the groups and classes for the new year. Is there something you are interested in for a knitalong? Specialty group? Technique? Think about it and let me know what strikes your fancy. I will be offering beginning knitting a few times a month so if you know of someone who has expressed an interest in learning to knit, let them know or hook them up with the website. Do **YOU** have an interest in teaching? See me regarding any of these ideas or present some that I have not thought of...

## Current Events



I hope you are all making progress on your handmade Christmas presents. I have finished up several in the past week and plan to complete just a few more. I have kept the gifts simple this year, scarves, hats, mitts, felted clogs, socks, and a few other things not knitted. There is still plenty of time to make a gift or two to give this holiday. We will be meeting **December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30** to Knit for Christmas. This will be the last time this session will meet. To those of have come to these monthly gatherings I thank you and hope it has helped you make special gifts for those special people in your lives. Let me know if this is of interest to you for the coming year and I will place it back in the schedule. It will likely meet later in the month. Possibly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evening of the month.

## ***Basic Shaped Cardigan***



Our sweater classes have finished up. Several ladies are finished with their sweaters and they have turned out beautiful. I know that it was a big project to finish in the time frame and to those who are not finished you can come by anytime for assistance with your sweater. You are reminded that when you decide to make the next sweater bring in your papers from this class so we can apply them to the next sweater. We want all your sweaters to fit you beautifully. Thank you for taking your time to attend this class. I so enjoy helping you get a garment you can wear proudly.



## A Very Special Thank You

Thank all of you for your donations in exchange for Beth McCrary's stash. I sent the proceeds to her sister so that they may be donated in her memory to the Relay for Life. **We collected \$700.00.** Thank you to all knitters and to our Pastor George Ford and Anita Ford for the donations for the Memorial for Beth. She is missed very much.

## Charity Corner

**Ready**

**Set**

**Fill**

I would like to invite you to join us here at the shop on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10a to assemble the baskets for **Generations**. If you would like to participate, you can bring by items to place in the baskets all week long during business hours. Anything you feel would help a person on a fixed income can be included in the baskets. Then we will meet here on the 4<sup>th</sup> to assemble and complete the baskets. I appreciate all your help on this project and Cindy Bailey sings your praises for all the goods you donate throughout the year as well. We will deliver the baskets to Generations the first part of next week. Join us for a fun and rewarding time.

### Here is how you can help:

Tissue    Paper Towels    Dish Soap    Sponges    Germ X    Trash Bags    Body Lotion  
Shampoo & Conditioner    Deodorant    Laundry Detergent    Dyer Sheets    Bath Soap  
Toilet Paper    Toothpaste    Tooth Brush    Band-Aids    2011 Large Print Calendar  
Denture Cream    Bath Towels    Wash Cloths    Kitchen Towels    Hot Pads

**Miss Purl** would like to add dog and cat food or other necessities (treats) for pets to the above list. Many of the clients do have pets and in this tough economic time she thinks we should help them out also.

# I Want That!!

This is a monthly giveaway in which the featured item changes each month. This is something that you are sure to want to register to win. No purchase is necessary – just fill out your winning registration ticket the next time you are in the shop. Every month brings a new item and a new raffle so you must sign up each month to participate. The drawing is held the last Saturday of the calendar month and the winner need not be present.



## Mrs Claus' Choice

The Item for December will again be a very special gift chosen especially for you by none other than Mrs Claus herself – but different from the one she selected in November. Remember you have to register each month in order to be included in the monthly drawing.

The winner of the I Want That raffle for November is **Jan Hamilton**. Mrs Claus' surprise was a sparkling Swarovski® Crystal necklace and earring set perfect for the holiday season. Janine crafted a delicate Christmas tree from the crystals and placed them on stunning sterling silver. Congratulations Jan.

## Holiday Reminder

The shop will be open the weeks of December 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> for sales, however the Knitting Table and individual assistance will be very limited as it is inventory time – it's a big job to fondle and count all those wonderful skeins of yarn.

## Mark Your Calendars

I will again be hosting a day of fun, food and sales on **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. There is no better way to spend the first day of the year than with friends and yarn! Doors will open at 10:00 and close at 5:00. This is such a fun day so put it on your calendar now. Watch for more details on the website.

## Don't Forget

If you have not already done so, please let us know the month of your birthday and your telephone number. You want to be sure to receive your 10% discount coupon to be used during your birthday month. Please email this information to: **shopnews@atkinsonfarmyarns**

**Please check the website often...you never know what surprises may await you...**

**<http://www.atkinsonfarmyarns.com>**

### **Speaking of birthdays**

Did you know that in addition to receiving the 10% discount coupon, to be used during your birthday month, that by using that coupon you are automatically entered in a quarterly drawing to receive an additional \$20 in Birthday Bucks.