

# Skeins & Such Things

January 2011  
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## Calendar

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Event

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**New Year Super Sale**  
10a – 5p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 3p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 12p  
**Beginning Knitters Clinic**  
6:30 – 9p

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**Spinners**  
10a – 12p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 3p  
**Brioche Stitch Scarf Class**  
3 – 5p

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**Lace Mobius Class**  
6:30 – 8:30p

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**Sock Knit-Along**  
6:30 – 8:30p

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**Lace Mobius Class**  
10 – 12p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 3p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 12p  
**Beginning Knitters Clinic**  
6:30 – 9p

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**Spinners**  
10a – 12p

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**Colts Scarf Night**  
5 – 9p

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**Open Knit**  
10a – 3p



Join us & Be inspired

## A Very Special Thank You

Your response and generosity were truly outstanding for those assisted by **Generations**. I know that our donations brightened the lives of the basket recipients, not just at the holiday season but for months to come. Early in December, here at the shop, **nine** baskets were filled to the brim with an assortment of goodies, personal necessities and cold weather gear.

**I received the following note from Cindy Bailey at Generations:**

You will never know how much your kindness has helped others this season. For many this will be their only gift. Some of our clients drug out the tissue from last year's gift that they had saved/treasured...of course all supplies was gone but they even treasured the tissue and ribbons. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND LOVE!!**

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Be sure to check out the photos on our website.

## Fun Stuff



By Pat Hale-Dorrell



Pat Hale-Dorrell of Loogootee is a woman of many talents. She knits, crochets, sews, is a gourmet cook and in her free time she dyes luxury yarns of natural blended fibers. Each skein is hand dyed using environmentally friendly low-impact dyes. The semi-solid collections are inspired from the colors of the earth. She has created a special color way series just for Atkinson Farm Yarns. The colors reflect the earthy feel one gets when visiting our shop nestled in rural farmland of Southern Indiana.

Along with her husband, Harold, they have a love affair with the 17<sup>th</sup> century. As re-enactors of this period in early US history, Pat's love and respect for authenticity is reflected in every aspect of her yarn dyeing and soap making endeavors. When you have a chance, please check out her website at <http://yarndaze.com>.

# Beginning Knitters Clinic

Let's start the year with a **Beginning Knitters Clinic**. If you know of anyone who has expressed a desire to learn to knit or would like to brush up on the basics of knitting, then let them know about this opportunity. **Any** level of knitter is welcome to attend no matter if they have never held needles or need to learn or refresh the basic skills. Discussions of yarns, label information, weights and types of fibers, basic cast-ons, bind-offs, how to pick up dropped stitches and correct stitches are some of the things that will be covered. If this pertains to you or someone you know, call the shop for more details. You don't have to sign up or register in advance for this clinic; you can just "drop in" as it works with your schedule. The clinic will continue as long as there is a demand and the sessions are well attended.

**Tuesday Evenings: January 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 8:00p**

Bring along your knitting tools, needles and light colored worsted weight yarn.



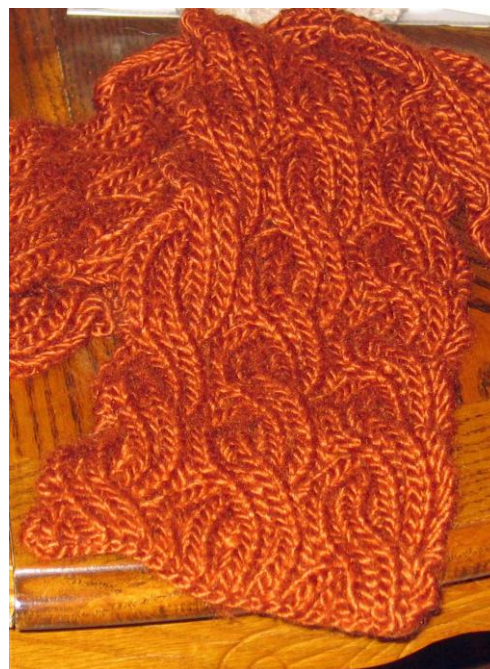
Even Miss Purl's friends are welcome to join us for the Beginning Knitter's Clinic

## Brioche Scarf Class

Back by popular demand, Lisa Blaize will be teaching another session of the Brioche Stitch scarf class. This has proven to be one of our most popular classes – once you learn this technique (and you will be amazed at how quickly you will discover the fun and ease of brioche stitch knitting) you will **WOW** and **AMAZE** all of your friends with your knitting talents.

**The fee for the class is \$10.00**

If you are interested, please call, email or register online. **Remember:** in order to secure your place in class, the fee must be paid in advance of the class.



**Saturday: January 15th  
3 -5p**

**Wednesday, January 19  
6:30-8:30p**

**Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
10:00a-12:00p**

**Lace Mobius Class  
with Jane**

A Mobius strip is a curious thing...and knitters have once again proven that geometrical shapes are more fun and interesting when made with yarn. In this two hour class Jane Campbell will share with you a lace pattern of her own design. It is a prerequisite for this class to have taken the Basic Mobius class taught by Jane as the unique Mobius cast on will not be taught during the Lace Mobius class. Register early as these classes will fill quickly.

**Required materials are:**

200 yards of a DK weight yarn  
40 " long circular needle US size 10

**The fee is \$15.00 and includes the pattern**

# Colts Scarves



January 27<sup>th</sup>  
5 - 9p



It may seem like a long way away...but in the knitting world, November 2011 is just around the corner. That is when the **8000** scarves will need to be in the end zone at Lucas Oil Stadium for the 2012 Super Bowl. This is such a great opportunity to promote the fiber arts of knitting and crochet AND show our support of the Colts at the same time. Just think of all the positive vibes that will be created as the volunteers for the Super Bowl and City of Indianapolis proudly wear the items we have made.

To kick off the first quarter, please join us on January 6<sup>th</sup> for a night of food and fun while we make scarves for the 2012 Super Bowl. I have received a poster from the 2012 Super Bowl Committee explaining their need and have posted it in the shop. For more information please check out the special Colts Scarf page on our website:

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

If you have a pattern you would like to share bring it, along with a simple snack food. I am happy to bring us together for this fun evening. We will decide that night how you want to proceed with this project.

I have yarn here that can be used and **you will receive a 10% discount** when purchasing this required yarn.

## Socks and Something New

I've made two changes regarding the Sock group for 2001. First, the night has been changed to the **third** Thursday of each month **AND** it will now be a knitalong. I plan to offer a simple ripple sock pattern for the first knitalong. If you are a sock knitter this is for you. We will start with a simple pattern and work on it for two months. Every two months we will start a new sock and increase the skill level. If these are the only socks you knit for 2001, you will at least have six pair at the end of the year. Working together tends to motivate us to accomplish more! So by participating in this you will have more socks for your drawer or some gifts for that special someone.

### Items to bring:

A skein from your stash in fingering weight and appropriate sized needles.

(This pattern works best in a light colored self-stripping or light solid color yarn.)

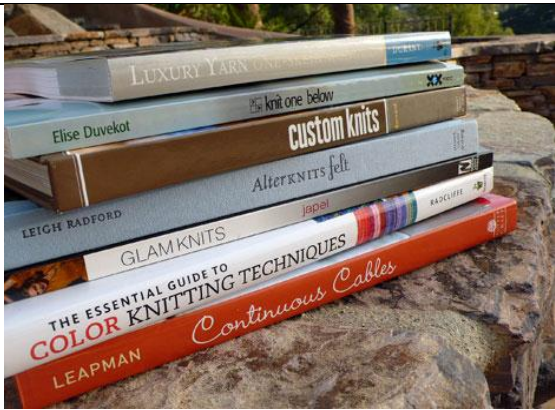
There will be no charge for this Sock Knit-Along.

## 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...

# 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.



What a great way to start off 2011...the item for January will be a book of your choice selected from the in-stock library here at Atkinson Farm Yarns. Cost is not an issue...any book of your choice, no matter the cost.

The winner of the I Want That raffle for December was **Joyce S.** Mrs Claus' surprise was a fantastic assortment of knitting goodies as well as a gift certificate.



## 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.