

# Skeins & Such Things

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## Calendar



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## A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

Old Man Winter seems to have brought his entire luggage and is staying for a long visit. I know this is the time for knitting and indoor hobbies and I appreciate this but enough is enough.

When it hinders you all from coming to play I don't like it one bit! I hope you are taking advantage of the indoor time to work on your projects, either finishing up some things or starting new things. I went through a week of starting several different things. Of course only one is complete but I do hope to finish the others.

As you finish up things take a picture of it and send it in so we can enjoy your handiwork. Linda is planning to post these as we do them to the website. There is something so satisfying about taking that picture of your work. No one better understands the work and pride you have in it than your fellow knitters. Let's celebrate together!

For everyone who stopped in for the January Sale, I thank you for joining us. It was a great day. I am restocking the staples so if you were looking for needles or notions, please drop by because I have them in. I am restocking the yarn brands I carry as well. I will start meeting with the yarn reps around the first of February to look at the Spring yarns. I know most of you prefer to knit with wool but I just cannot resist some of the warmer weather yarns.

## Fun Stuff

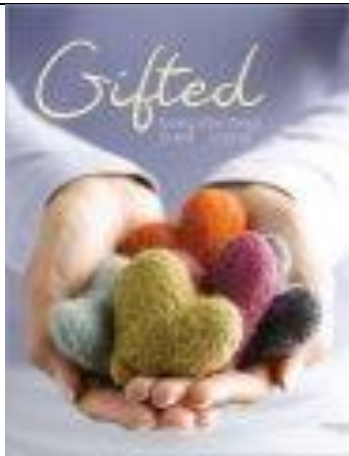


Mountain Colors River Twist



Classic Elite Yarns

I just finished a cowl in the **Mountain Colors River Twist** and I love it. The colors are vibrant and unexpected. I have used some of this yarn and **CEY Fresco** to make some matching fingerless mitts. It is a simple fair isle pattern from **Drops**. It was fun to do and in just a little bit of time I have a nice set for spring. Stop in to see the other colors and pick out a small accessory piece to knit for spring. I always need something around my neck in spring with the brisk winds but I like something different that doesn't remind me of the winter I am trying to forget.



I am working on some oven mitts to felt from the Knitting Daily website. They are very simple to make and you could use up leftover wools to make some really neat ones. I found many felted items in the book **Gifted by Mags Kandis**. I am crocheting some trivets and coasters now. I figure it is a good way to practice my crochet and in the felting my irregularities will be hidden. I plan to get them completed and felted this week. When they are dry you can then take small bits of roving and needle felt designs on them in other colors. Several of you have commented that you prefer the wool coasters for drinks over even the stone ones available.

## Beginning Knitters Clinic

The response to the **Beginning Knitters Clinic** has been great. 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: February 8<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**6:30 – 8:30p**

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

## 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...

## Lace Mobius Class with Jane



**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00a-12:00p**

**Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30-8:30p**

Jane has once again worked up a beautiful pattern with her attention to detail that has perfected this lace Mobius. You will not be able to tell where it begins or ends! 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. This will be offered in March and will make a wonderful accessory for your Spring wardrobe. You will welcome this light neck wrap for those brisk Spring days. You can sign up by email, the website registration form or by coming into the shop. Your paid fee secures your spot.

**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**

## Brioche Stitch Scarf Class

We had such a good response to the Brioche Stitch Scarf Class taught by Lisa Blaize. For those of you who missed the class we would be happy to offer another session. If you are interested in attending please email me and when we have five or more students we will schedule a class with Lisa. The class would be offered on a Saturday afternoon from 3-5p.

## Tip of the Month

Be sure to carry a list of the needles you have on hand and include all the lengths in straights, circulars and double points. That way if you get inspired to buy you will know if you have the needles on hand to start the project when you get home. It is great when you are shopping in a yarn store and you may not have found the yarn to buy, you might then consider buying the needle you need. I know some needles I don't mind having more than one on hand (we all know I have many!!!) and in the larger ones I don't need extras as I don't knit a lot of chunky things.

# Colts Scarves



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.

February 24<sup>th</sup>

5:30 - 9p

We had such a nice time tailgating in January that we all decided to officially add **Colts Night** to our monthly calendar of events. So please join us on February 24<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.

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 changes regarding the Sock group for 2011. The night has been changed to the **third** Thursday of each month **AND** it will now be a knitalong. Every two months we will start a new sock and increase the skill level. Working together tends to motivate us to accomplish more! There will be no charge for this Sock Knit-Along.

The Sock knit along for January was snowed out. Many of you have the Fan and Feather Pattern and have started this sock. If you would like to work this sock with us I can email you the pattern. I wrote the pattern without too much detail to the basic heel and toe instructions so it is not a beginning pattern. You can use any method of knitting it from the top down. We will work on this until March when we will start a lace sock for spring. You do not need to sign up for this group, just come on in and bring you current sock if you choose. Looking forward to seeing you on **February 17<sup>th</sup>**!



# 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 could be more scrumptious and luxurious than Cashmere?

The **I Want That** item for February is two skeins of cream colored

## Jojoland Cashmere

52% Silk, 48% Cashmere.

Lace weight yarn.

440 yards per 50 gram skein

U.S. #1-#3 needles. 2.25mm -  
3.25mm,  
7-9 sts = 1 inch



# Out and About in the Fiber World

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 1p - 7p

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 9a - 5p

Putnam County Fairgrounds  
Greencastle, Indiana

FREE admission!  
FREE parking!

<http://www.thefiberevent.com>



Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 12:00p - 8:00p

Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00a - 5:00p

Johnson County Fairgrounds Franklin, Indiana

FREE admission!  
FREE parking!

<http://www.hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.com>

## Seeking Photos



We would love to feature your fiber photos on the AFY website. For security reasons, Linda does **NOT** include last names on the website and can even edit out identifying images if you prefer only to have your knitting showcased. She is able to edit and optimize your digital photos to make them web friendly and will return an edited copy of your image to you if you desire. Please email photos to: **shopnews@atkinsonfarmyarns.com**

## 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.