

Skeins & Such Things

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Want to Spin? This is the place to be
on the
2nd and 4th Wednesdays each month.

Photo Gallery

Nancy B



Isn't this just gorgeous?!

This is a quilt made by Nancy B
The picture simply does not do it
justice.

Carol W

Now into the
Cutest Ever Category...
Carol W has outdone herself



Laura L



The yarn for this breathtakingly beautiful Haurani Shawl was hand dyed and knit by Laura L

On Cheryl's Needles

I finished a ribbon summer shell that I love using **Classic Elite** yarn **Bangles**. I also finished the cotton hoddie using **Punta** cotton. It was fairly quick to knit and I love the hood. Currently I am up to the sleeves on Jarron's sweater out of **Remix** AND working on an afghan block AND a pair of blue **Madeline Tosh** socks. I continue to work on the modular tee from the spring issue of **Interweave** made with a blue green purple **Panda Silk** dk. I realize if I would just do one thing at a time I would finish projects quicker BUT I cannot help myself - today I fought the urge to start a lace shawl...

Sock Knitalong



I have finished 2 pairs of the footies for the May sock Knitalong. It is a **Churchmouse Yarns and Teas** pattern. The technique for this sock is very different than you would expect. It has a good fit and works up so quickly. These will make great gifts and require less than 200 yards of fingering weight yarn. Over the summer we will be teaching all the different ways to knit socks.

A new technique each month
REMEMBER KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!



Beginning Knitters Clinic

The response to the **Beginning Knitters Clinic** has well attended and continues to be well received. If you are a beginner and would like to understand your knitting better or learn some of the basic techniques please stop by. If you have not ever held needles but would like to try our wonderful hobby call me and we will get you going either in this group or at a time that fits your schedule. **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.

What do we do? We teach people to:

- Knit
- Cast On
- Bind Off
- Pick up dropped stitches
- Read a yarn label
- Read a Pattern
- Increase/decrease
- Understand your fabric

So if you have any questions about these things or other beginning techniques please join us for these sessions. You are a better knitter when you understand the basics. 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: May 10th or 24nd

6:30 – 8:00p

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

Afghanalong



Our Afghanalong class times are established; we've picked our blocks and ordered our yarn. We will be meeting the **2nd Saturday** 3-5p

or

the **3rd Tuesday** 10a-12p.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn new techniques such as chart reading and by only working one block a month you aren't pressured to hurry through your work. This will cover several different cable techniques, bobbles and other unique stitches. After this afghan is completed you will be proficient in all things cable. Call or email me to get involved - there is still time to join us if you'd like.

For those of you who have not participated in a KNITALONG, there is no class fee to participate with the group, but you must purchase or have purchased your yarn for this afghan from Atkinson Farm Yarns.

Brioche Stitch Scarf Class



If you didn't get in on the Brioche Stich classes last year and would like to learn this technique **and** have a beautiful scarf, please email me and we will set up another class. Lisa Blaize has been teaching these on Saturday afternoon from 3-5p. Want a private class with your buddies...just let us know and we can arrange it with a group of four or more!

The cost is 10.00 plus supplies

Want to learn to crochet?

Lisa Blaize and I have been talking about another Crochet Basics class for May. We are looking at **May 7th from 3-5**. This class will help the person who is new to crochet or would like to learn. . . Class size will be limited so let me know if you are interested please let us know so we may get you signed up. In addition, Lisa is also working up a class to teach granny squares since there is a new popularity with this crochet technique.

The fee will be \$10.00 per person

Colts Scarves



May 26th

5:30 - 8p

While it may be uncertain at this time if the NFL players and team management will reach an agreement any time soon, we are not losing faith and therefore will continue knitting the blue and white scarves for the 2012 Super Bowl.

8000 scarves are needed to be in the end zone of Lucas Oil Stadium for the 2012 Super Bowl no later than November 2011.

Approximately 5000 scarves have been received to date so that leaves just a few months to rally together to finish the next 3000.

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.



We had such a nice time tailgating thus far that we all decided to officially add **Colts Night** to our monthly calendar of events. So please join us on April 28th 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.

You will receive a 10% discount when purchasing this required yarn.

New Additions

**FIBER:**

64% Cotton 36% Linen

HANK WEIGHT:

1.75 oz / 50 g

HANK LENGTH:

114 yards

KNITTING GAUGE:

5 sts = 1" 20 sts & 26 rows = 4" (10cm)

NEEDLE SIZE:

7 (US) / 4.5 mm

CROCHET GAUGE:

4 sc = 1" 16 sc & 20 rows = 4" (10cm)

HOOK SIZE:

8(H) (US) / 5 mm

CARE: Hand wash. Lay flat to dry.

I have the new cotton linen yarn from **Berroco**.

It is worsted weight with beautiful tonal coloring. The booklet has some sweaters you can easily wear year round.

Cathy's Corner

Lookie what we have!!!!

Cathy is now able to embroider our logo onto bags, aprons, tea towels or pretty much any item you would like.

Now if only we she knew how to tattoo...could that be next?



Bits and Pieces



You all know we have many talented individuals who converge at Atkinson Farm Yarns to pursue their creative endeavors. **Terri G** has become completely enamored with wool appliqué penny rugs and all things of this nature. She now has offered some of these wonderful items for sale here at the shop. The prices are too good to be true as she just wants to support her habit! I have candle wraps, mats and had a couple runners. Be sure to look for Terri's pieces when you next visit the shop. She will be offering these as they are completed. The workmanship is totally Terri, need I say more? I think NOT!!

We were glad to spend some time with our dear friend **Robin S**. She came to spend the week with **Ellen M** and it was just like old times! We were able to spin with Robin and she also got to attend her beloved sock group night! Robin told me to tell everyone who came in and visited with her how much she enjoyed catching up! We also got to spend several days with **Dona S** this month which we all enjoyed!!

A Thank You from Janine

Janine wants to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. She is so grateful for all her "yarnie" friends. Knowing how much you care is a comfort.



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.



To honor our contributions **as mothers** and **daughters**
how about a **\$100.00 Shopping Spree**
as the **I Want That** item for May!!!!

Be sure to stop in and register **and** take a look around to see what you would buy
if you are the lucky winner!!

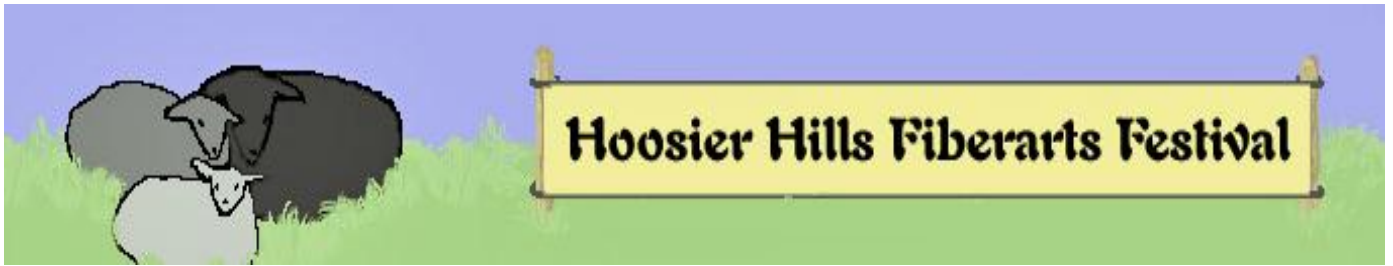
In April, **Julia L** was the lucky winner of the

I Want That

Lantern Moon Ring Tote Filled With Goodies



Out and About in the Fiber World



Friday, June 3rd 12:00p - 8:00p

Saturday, June 4th 9:00a - 5:00p

Johnson County Fairgrounds Franklin, Indiana

FREE admission!
FREE parking!

<http://www.hoosierhillsfiberartsfestival.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>

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.