

Skeins & Such Things

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Do you realize that there are **ONLY 12** more weeks until Christmas?!?

Have you started your gift knitting yet? I've got loads of new soft yarns for hats, scarves and mitts. You should see the new glitzy yarns that are perfect for holiday accessories and the new lace weight yarns are must-haves for that special scarf or shawl.



Colts Scarves



The scarves have been received by the 2012 Super Bowl Committee in Indianapolis. Thank you all for your support and be sure to watch for your scarf on TV.

Sock Knitalong

For the month of October, Sock Nite will be moved to the 4th Thursday, October 27th at 6:30p. We will be starting the

Christmas Argyle sock.

You will need to bring fingering weight yarn and appropriate sized needles.

Gearing up for Generations

Again this year we will assemble holiday baskets for **Generations**. All items are greatly appreciated. While shopping, please look for those bargains to help us stock the baskets. Personal items that are always appreciated are:

**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 2012 Large Print Calendar
Denture Cream Bath Towels Wash Cloths Kitchen Towels Hot Pads**

Any knitted scarves, hats, mitts, and dish clothes are all nice additions as well. I thank you for remembering and helping the less fortunate than ourselves in our communities. **Miss Purl** would like to add dog and/or cat food or other necessities (treats) for pets to the above list.

For those of you not familiar with Generations, please take a few minutes to view their website <http://www.generationsnetwork.org> to learn what a valuable contribution this organization makes to our area.



Spring Semester 2012 Classes

Class 1: Honey Baby

I am very excited to announce a lace class that will start in January. Several of you have asked for an intermediate to advanced lace class and I think I have found just the project. **KnitSpot** (http://www.knitspot.com/knitting_pattern) is a new series of patterns that I am carrying and I have, and I think you will as well, fallen in love with Anne Hanson's patterns. These patterns are some of the most well written patterns that I have ever seen...they even tell you when to place the markers so as to break the complicated-looking pattern into very manageable baby steps.



The pattern that we will be using for the lace class is **Honey Baby**. This item can be worked as a baby blanket or shawl depending upon the yarn you choose. I have plenty of patterns in stock and the several of the new yarns for fall 2011 are ideal for either a baby blanket or a shawl. In fact, what a great Christmas gift for you to suggest to Santa this year...Santa's shopping will be made easier and you will receive both the gift you desire and a family heirloom to create.

Class 2: Aran or Gansey Sweater

I have also had requests for an Aran or a Gansey sweater class series. This would be very similar to the Basic Cardigan class that was offered last year in that YOUR sweater will be tailored to your body. We will learn how to adapt the unique Aran/Gansey pattern stitches to conform to your gauge, yarn and your measurements. We can start with a Gansey sweater and then for those more adventurous advance to a traditional Aran sweater.

Class 3: Beyond the Basics Techniques Class

For intermediate and even advanced knitters this class would be a good way to review and even learn new techniques. We all have our favorite cast ons/cast offs...but are they always the best technique for our project? Did you know that there are as many as 100 different casts on...? Would you use the same cast off for a sweater as you would for a lace shawl?

This would be a four part class series in which we would expand on the basic techniques of knitting and learn the best technique to use to make our items stand out with a truly professional look. The four topics would be:

Cast Ons, Cast Offs, Button Holes and Finishing.

Class 4: You Tell Me

Have you ever wanted to learn **Twined** knitting or true **Bohus** knitting or true **Fair Isle** knitting or **Guernsey** knitting or **Orenburg Lace** knitting? Each of these techniques have their own ethnic history and were used as a means for women (and men too) to support their families. What a great way to expand our knitting skills as we explore each of these techniques. If there is a particular technique that you would like to learn, just let me know OR we could learn each of them while creating a project unique to the given technique.

Future Classes that will be offered by Lisa Blaize



If you are considering taking the Felted Granny Square Bag class and don't know how to crochet, you will need to take the Crochet Skills class before tackling the bag class later!



Crochet version of the Elizabeth Zimmerman's Baby Surprise Jacket

Class Specifics

Information regarding the exact dates, times, cost and number of sessions for the Spring Semester 2012 classes will follow on the website. If you are interested in in these classes or would like to suggest a class topic, please either send me an email or call the shop.

Photo Gallery

The photos that normally would appear in the newsletter are now being profiled on the website. This will allow for easier access in locating YOUR photos without having to remember which newsletter they appeared.

We would like to offer each of you a personal "photo album" within the Atkinson Farm Yarns website if you wish. This would be a repository for photos of your individual work, similar but not quite the same way as **Ravelry** allows you to show your projects. As always, last names will never be used, only your first name and initial of your last name if you wish.

Please let Linda Ellis (webmistress) know if you would like to have your own photo album OR if you would prefer that your photo NOT be showcased on the website. You may contact Linda via shopnews@atkinsonfarmyarns.com.

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: October 11th or 25th

6:30 – 8:00p

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

The Great American Aran Afghanalong



Anna Marie's blocks



Janet W's blocks

Our Afghanalong class times are established

We will be meeting the **2nd Saturday** 3-5p

or

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

If you think you would like to join us let me know in advance of the scheduled class time.

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.

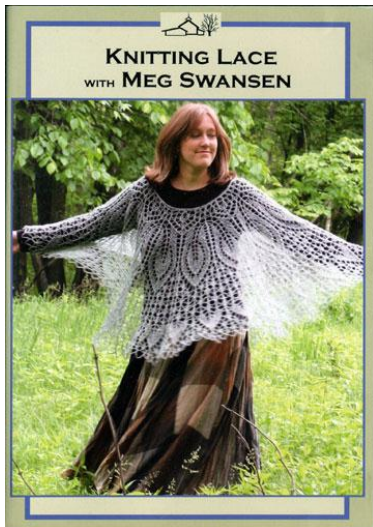
I Want That!!

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.

Stop in to sign up.

No purchase is necessary but to be fair to all, there is only 1 entry per month please

The **I Want That** item for October



The giveaway for October is the **Meg Swansen Lace Knitting DVD**, **Skacel Lace Yarn** and an **Atkinson Farm Yarns Bag**

Our winner of the **I Want That ChiaoGoo** needles,
Two balls of white angora and a skein of the new **Holiday Lights** yarn
for September was **Dianna O**

Out and About in the Fiber World



The poster features a green background with a gold border. At the top, the text 'BLOOMINGTON Spinners & Weavers GUILD' is written in a gold, serif font. Below this, the title '26th Annual Fiber Art Show & Sale' is prominently displayed in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The dates and times are listed: 'Friday, November 11 · 5 PM — 9 PM' and 'Saturday, November 12 · 10 AM — 5 PM'. The location is 'First United Church · 2420 E. 3rd Street · Bloomington', with a note 'west of the College Mall between St. Charles and IU Credit Union'. It states 'FREE ADMISSION' and lists 'All Hand Crafted Goods' including woven clothing, shawls, scarves, knitted sweaters, socks, hats, mittens, scarves, rugs, runners, dish towels, tapestries, dolls, pillows, stockings, yarn, fiber, roving, quilting, felting, needle felting, and spinning. The website 'bloomspinweave.org' and contact information are provided at the bottom.

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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.

The most recent winner of the Birthday Bucks is Kathie F