



THEELMWOODYARNSHOP

Newsletter

Store Hours	Monday, Thursday, Friday	10 am - 5 pm
	Tuesday	10 am - 7 pm
	Wednesday, Sunday	CLOSED
	Saturday	10 am - 3 pm
	Open Lessons	Monday
	Tuesday, Friday	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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I'm having a little trouble getting motivated to write about summer since we seem to still be waiting for spring! We have some really exciting yarns for summer knitting, many of which are truly all season yarns.

This April I was up in Northern New York where the Crowing Hen farm is located and there were 13 new lambs for me to watch. Ranging in age from a few hours to a few weeks, all but one was black! This is an Elmwood Yarnshop

exclusive yarn. Be sure to stop in and check out our samples. Instead of the black sheep of the family, there is the white sheep; he is actually sort of pink so they call him Pink Floyd. The lambs were gamboling around the barn and field just like a pack of neighborhood kids. They were quite a riot to watch and imagine what a sweater would look like made from their wool. We will be getting wool from some of them about a year and a half from now; this fall we will have their mother's wool.

For this summer, we are offering a very limited amount of classes to gear up for a fabulous fall. Our teacher will be retiring from her "day job" and hopes to have more time for shop classes. We are also planning a fabulous fashion show so mark your calendars: Sunday, September 25 starting at 2:00. This is always a great way to get a first glimpse of the new fall knitting trends and see samples for our classes.

New Yarns

From Tahki/Stacy Charles we have **Ripple**. This 100% mercerized cotton, thick and thin ribbon is the perfect yarn for a versatile cover up. Pattern support is very good and Roberta even made one for herself.

Berocco brings us **Linsey**, a cotton and linen blend marled yarn. Heather made a sweater for herself using the yarn doubled and a very fun Nora Gaughan pattern that incorporates Heather's recent passion; motifs.

Our newest sock yarn has a very unusual ingredient; sterling silver. This new yarn, **Sterling Silk and Silver**, from Kraemer yarns is comprised of wool, nylon, silk and silver and knits up beautifully. If you are not into sock knitting, one or two skeins will make a fabulous shawl that will stand out in any evening crowd.

Also in the sock arena, we have **Taiyo** sock from Noro. True to form, this yarn has all the colors we have come to expect from them in a light weight version of their cotton, wool and nylon blend. We also have a new book from Noro that is chock full of amazing designs using many different weights of yarn.

Open Lessons

During the summer, our open knitting lessons continue on Monday mornings from 10:00-12:00 and Tuesday and Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30, except on holidays listed. The cost is still \$5.00 and you do not have to sign up for these classes.

Store Closings

The Shop will be closed Saturday, May 28 through Monday, May 30. We will re-open on Tuesday, May 31. There are no open knitting lessons on Friday, May 27 or Monday, May 30.

We will also be closed from Saturday, July 2 through Monday, July 4. We will re-open on Tuesday, July 5. There are no open knitting lessons on Friday, July 1 or Monday, July 4.

Class Information

- ▶ Please remember that our class enrollment fees are very low compared to the industry average. We do this to encourage everyone to learn something new. To keep this cost as low as it is, we do require that you buy yarn for classes from the Elmwood Yarn Shop.
- ▶ If a class is labeled "all levels", anyone can take that class, all others will be labeled with the minimum level to complete the project.
- ▶ Patterns for all project classes will be provided on the first day of class.
- ▶ Class fees will be paid upon registration. Cancellations must be made at least 2 weeks prior to the start of class to receive a refund of class fees.
- ▶ When supply lists are available at least one week prior to class, all supplies must be purchased before the class date. When registering for a class, make sure to ask about the supply list for that class.

Skill Levels

Beginners—This knitter knows how to knit, but not necessarily how to purl.

Advanced Beginners—This knitter knows how to knit, purl and cast on and is comfortable with all.

Intermediate—This knitter has completed at least one garment from a printed pattern.

Experienced—This knitter has completed many projects from printed patterns.

Please make sure we have a phone number that can access you during the day of the class. If there are cancelations, chances are there will be little warning (i.e. blizzard).

Classes

Lace Scarf — Using a lace weight yarn, you will learn the basics of lace knitting, shaping in lace and adding cables to lace. This delicate piece is perfect for all season wear to spruce up any wardrobe.

Cost	Skill level	Dates
\$10	Intermediate	Thursday, June 16 & 30 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Basic Sock — For anyone who has never made socks to those who need a refresher course, Sue will teach you how to make a sock from the cuff to the heel to the toe. Use a double strand of sock yarn to make some quick and warm gifts for your whole family.

Cost	Skill level	Dates
\$30	Advanced Beginner	Saturday, June 25, July 9 & 16 from 10am to 12pm OR
		Thursday, August 4, 11 & 18 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Fairisle Knitting — In this class, you will be constructing a small bag using two colors of a lovely ribbon and the stranded color technique. This will make a perfect gift bag for someone special. Sue will teach you all about Fairisle knitting in the round and working with ribbon as well as how to line your bag when you are finished.

Cost	Skill level	Dates
\$30	Intermediate	Thursday, July 7, 14 & 28 from 6:30 to 8:30

Navaho Knitting — Learn this interesting technique that uses lace weight yarn, folded onto itself, to create a heavier strand. Very difficult to write about, very fun to knit. While you make this ruffled scarf, Sue will teach you the technique, along with its advantages and limitations, so you can add it to your knitting repertoire.

Cost	Skill level	Dates
\$10	Advanced Beginner	Saturday, June 18 from 10am-12pm OR
		Saturday, August 6 from 10am to 12pm

